

The FramingHAM Circuit

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FARA February Meeting

The next FARA meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday February 7th, in the basement of the Danforth Museum, Framingham. Following the business meeting, Martin Bayes W1/G4DZC will give a presentation on Amateur Radio in Europe. See you there.

Presidents Column

In this column, I'd like to report on my meeting with Tom Frenaye, K1KI, the ARRL New England Division Director. Tom had called the meeting to get input from hams in the New England area before the January meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors. It was held in Andover on Saturday, January 12th. That date proved to be an unfortunate choice, as the region was blasted by a severe storm Friday night. Only eight of us managed to reach the meeting (does this indicate that Pete has polar directivity? Ed.).

We spent the first half of the meeting discussing the recent FCC ruling which created the "codeless" Technician class license. This subject turned out to be the main focus of the meeting. The overall feeling of the group was that the FCC had done the right thing and it was now up to the ARRL to "enthusiastically endorse" the FCC NPRM and "take steps to exploit" the opportunity it presents. It was mentioned that the ARRL is being watched, especially because of ARRL President Larry Price's cautious comments regarding the addition of six and two meter privileges to the ARRL's proposal and the league's debate about the filing of a petition for reconsideration. The group felt that Price was being needlessly conservative in not supporting the FCC's action wholeheartedly. His apparent displeasure with the granting of six and two meter privileges to the new Technicians was viewed as regrettable as it did not present the ARRL as a progressive organization.

It appeared to me that those at the meeting (and the New England section as a whole) would be considered more liberal than the ARRL Board of Directors. I remember noticing in QST, during the ARRL debate on the codeless class of license, that Tom had made a motion to include two meter privileges in the Communicator proposal. He did not get a second from anyone else on the Board.

We went on to discuss the FCC's action on 13 and 20 wpm code test waivers for handicapped applicants. The group felt that this was a "done deal" and that the

only concern was that the VE teams not be called upon to pass on the merits of the waiver request or the genuineness of the medical certification presented by the applicant. Overall, the sentiment was that the FCC had decided that handicapped waivers was a "good thing" and it was up to the VE teams to collect documents and give tests. It was felt that the FCC bore the ultimate responsibility for verification of the individual's qualifications for the waiver.

Tom mentioned HR-73, a bill before the United States House of Representatives, limiting the reallocation of Amateur Radio spectrum. He urged all of us to write our representatives urging their support of this bill. It seems to be a response to the "UPS grab" and the group's feeling was that we should do our best to get our elected officials to support it.

Luck Hurder, KY1T, mentioned that he's coordinating a ham radio booth at the Big E, the Eastern States Exposition, this fall in Western Massachusetts. Apparently, ARRL has been authorized a 10 foot booth in the public service area and is planning on setting up a traffic handling operation. Plans are still sketchy, but Elaine N1GTB, is looking for donations and bodies to man the booth. You can contact her on K1UGM BBS or her own PBBS on 145.09.

Pete KA1AXY

NEW ARRIVAL

Lew Nyman, K1AZE, announces the arrival of a Kenwood 220 MHz FM rig at the club station. There's also an antenna, Lew says, but he's waiting for a day with suitably poor weather before he installs it.

Flea Markets

16 February (Saturday): Marlboro MA (Sponsored by Algonquin A R C)
Times 10:00am - 3:00pm
Admission \$2
Location Marlboro Middle School
At Thresher St, off Union Avenue, or off Bolton St - Rt 85
Marlboro
Talk-in
146.01/61 222.34/223.94 444.925/449.925
Info KA1PON (508) 481 4988

14 April (Sunday): FARA Spring Flea Market
Times Doors open 9:00am
Location Framingham North High School
Info Call Lew at 879 7456

WANTED FOR THE CLUB STATION:

FREE OR CHEAP A LARGE 2-DOOR METAL STORAGE CABINET (AS FOR OFFICE SUPPLIES) -WILL PICK UP

VOLUNTEER TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ORGANIZATION OF THE GROWING FARA TECHNICAL LIBRARY . SEE PETE KA1AHY FOR INFORMATION ON BENEFITS PACKAGE.

In connection with the club library, FARA would like to express our appreciation to Dave W1AFP, for his generous donation of a complete set of back issues of QST. These are available for reference in the Club station. Dave's donation was improperly credited in a previous edition of this newsletter. We deeply regret the error.

FARA would also like to express our appreciation to the many club members who donate items to our club table at the flea market. although your numbers are such that it would not be possible to thank you all individually, your donations are much appreciated and help to support the club's activities and equipment purchases.

INFO

Association of North American Radio Clubs net meets Sunday morning at 1500z (10am EST) on 7.240 Mhz.

ANARC BBS	(913) 345 1978
Pinelands SWL BBS	(609) 859 1910
Cul-de-sac BBS	(508) 429 1784 (Holliston)

Listen to MARS traffic to the Gulf on 20.994, 19.532, 14.650 and 14.665 MHz.

John WN9T is looking for quantities of Z-80 CPUs, I/O modules and 27128 D-RAMS for an emergency packet radio network. Upwards of 50 are needed. Donations or CHEAP availability necessary. Will desolder from boards if necessary. Phone messages to (617) 648 2523 or packet mail

CENTRAL MASS AMATEUR RADIO COUNCIL

Lee Gartenburg, the FARA rep on CEMARC reports the following items from the January meeting:

- 1) A vacancy exist for Assistant Section Manager for Eastern Mass
- 2) FARA member Bill Ledder KA1NOI is the new CEMARC Bulletin Manager
- 3) Hams with 2 meter rigs will be needed for the following Boston area events:
April 7 Beantown Walk for MS May 5 Walk for Hunger May 20-24 Tour De Sol
Solar Car Race June 21-23 Mass Special Olympics July 9-14 Bay State Games
- 4) Contact Gene Hastings W1URK to get involved in Boxboro '92 organization.
- 5) Following the success of Public Awareness Day, another will be held in Sept 91
- 6) A 2 meter repeater map is planned for issue this year, advertisers are needed