

The FramingHAM Circuit

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The Monthly Newsletter of The Framingham Amateur Radio Association
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FARA February Meeting

The next FARA meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday February 6nd, in the basement of the Danforth Museum, Framingham. Following the business meeting, a presentation on Colinear Antennas will be given by Dick Austin.

Please bring goodies for the post meeting social. See you there.

Club Station Update

Since the last newsletter, the FARA station has been upgraded with the addition of a TS-850. All those who have used the rig so far have indicated that it is far superior to the 430.

A copy of the operating manual is available in the shack for browsing and anyone who is unfamiliar with the operation of the rig is encouraged to ask for a "crash" course from one of those who knows it better.

The arrival of the rig has been complemented by the production of a new club QSL card (thanks Marc), and efforts to use up the card supply have been initiated.

7Q7, UJ8, 3B6 and ZA were all worked this past week, so come on down and help FARA on its way to working a lot more exciting DX.

10 Meter Contest Log

The W1FY 10 meter contest log was sent to Cary Oler at the Solar Geophysical Forecast and Warning Service. Scientists there will be using the data to get a better understanding of propagation conditions. "I was rather surprised to see so many contacts," Cary Oler wrote upon receiving our log (we better not send him copies of any P4ØV logs !!), "Give my thanks to your club members and those who were responsible for compiling that list". (You may remember that Cary contributed a piece in our newsletter a few months ago, about understanding solar numbers).

So, not only did we do rather well in the contest -- and have a lot of fun -- , but we have made our contribution to science as well.

Sharon KC1YR

Flea Markets

Saturday February 15 Algonquin Amateur Radio Club 10 am -2 pm \$2
Marlboro Middle School Thresher (off Union Avenue)
Talk-in 146.61, 223.94, 449.925 Info : KA1PON (508) 481 4988

Excerpts from the Naval Air Communications Handbook

QCY I am working on a trailing antenna
QNS Your speech is unintelligible
QID Your ---- is faulty
QWM Do not forward this message by radio

QBT You are missing your dots
QCM There seems to be defect in your signals
QFL I'm about to send up pyrotechnics
QQU Give me your message, I will dispose of it

They take a little getting used to, but really help clear up confusion on crowded repeaters and during mobile operation

Pete KA1AXY

Foundation for Amateur International Radio Services

I enjoyed speaking to our club last year about ham radio in the Soviet Union, and was especially gratified by the interest people have shown about my friends --- and all our colleagues -- in the then USSR. Several people seemed particularly interested in the terrible problems (ex) Soviets have getting equipment that is easy to buy and relatively affordable in the West.

I want to let them (and everyone else) know about an organization called FAIRS. They are working to send equipment to the ex-USSR (they've also sent some medicine, and were invited to the recent U.S.-sponsored conference on aiding the Commonwealth of Independent States! They also do good work elsewhere in the world). They've already set up some packet/AMTOR stations over there, and have gotten some donated computers they hope to bring over in May. If anyone is interested in finding out more, you can contact them at Box 341, Floyd, VA 24091. They request a \$10 donation to join.

Incidentally, one of the donated PCs they have acquired is hopefully going to club station UC1AWZ, which is managed by a very dear friend of mine. He runs classes for school children there, and I thought it would be wonderful if they could have the digital modes at the station. I now need to come up with a multi-mode TNC for them. If anyone has any ideas, please let me know!!

My friend Serge knows about W1FY, since I've told him a lot about our club (after my talk, some people signed a letter to him). He is hoping that once he gets packet, his club and our's could exchange messages (I didn't bother telling him that, at the moment, we were not exactly set up to send packet ourselves) Serge has also offered to help W1FY members with cards to and from the ex-USSR/CIS states. If you have any cards that you would like forwarded, let me know and I will send a package in a couple of weeks. Serge is planning to visit the US this summer and hopes to have the chance to meet hams from W1FY during that time. As plans become more definite, I'll keep everyone posted.

73 Sharon KC1YR

CLUB INFORMATION 1991-92

President	Marc Stern	WA1R	879 2087	Before 9 pm
Vice President	Martin Bayes	W1/G4DZC	435 1278	"
Secretary	Henry Lee III	KB1PE	881 7662	"
Treasurer	Bob Gettys	N1BRM	620 1836	"
Director	Lew Nyman	K1AZE	879 7456	"
Training Officer	Ed Weiss	W1NXC	881 2301	Before 6 pm
Director of Testing	Dick Marshall	WA1KUG	877 0563	Before 9 pm
Activities Coordinator	Marjie Stern	KA1HIA	879 2087	"
Publicity Officer	Sharon Machlis	KC1YR	877 6692	"
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Emergency Coordinator	Marc Stern	WA1R	879 2087	"
Scholarship Cte Chairman	Dick Cosma	KD1BF	879 1381	"
Newsletter Editor	Martin Bayes	W1/G4DZC	435 1278	"

Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month, in the basement of the Danforth Museum, in downtown

Framingham. Business meetings take place two Mondays before each regular meetings, at 7.30 pm, all are welcome.

The Club Net meets on Sunday evenings at 7:30 pm, on the W1FY repeater, to practice emergency use of the repeater and to pass on news of the latest happenings. Club Repeater 147.15/147.75 MHz.

DINE OUT WITH FARA

at

Bella Costa Restorante

147 Cochituate Rd. (Rt. 30)

Colonial Shopping Center

Framingham, MA

Saturday, March 28, 1992 at 7:00 PM

Appetizers, Crackers, Cheese & Vegetable Tray

Your Choice from 3 Entrees

1. Veal Parmigiana with Ziti

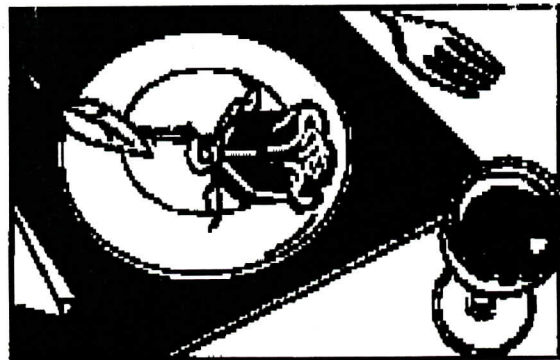
2. Chicken Divan with Broccoli,

Cheese & Ham Stuffing, Topped with Supreme Sauce

3. Broiled Scrod

Chicken & Scrod Meals include Potato & Vegetable

*All Meals Include Bread & Butter, Salad and Dessert of Ice Cream Topped with Hot Fudge.
Tea or Coffee*



\$14.00 per Person, Tax and Tip Included

Reservations Must Be Made by March 23rd

Make Checks Payable to FARA Dinner

Send to Burt Shaffer, 73 Russell Rd., Framingham, MA. 01701



Name: _____ FARA Member?: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Choice of Entree (s): 1 2 3 Amount Enclosed: _____

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FIRST CLASS

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5	6 FARA Club Meeting	7
8 EA RTTY Contest PACC Contest	9 NA Sprint (phone)	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 ARRL International DX Contest CW	23	24 FARA Board Meeting	25	26	27	28
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