

# The FramingHAM Circuit

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## EDITORIAL

As the newly "appointed" editor of the club newsletter, I would like to take a moment to recognize the fine efforts of my predecessors.

I very much welcome any contributions to the newsletter from members, technical or otherwise, that they would like to share. Items should be in my hands by the third weekend of the month before publication.

Please contact me at (508) 435 1278(h) or (617) 969 5500 x2809(w) for further information (or see me at the meetings or at the club station on Saturday am).

## (NEWS) COVERAGE

A recent article in the Middlesex News (Nov 25th 1989) provided excellent Ham Radio public relations.

Quotes from Dick Landau W1IBN, Al Kunian KA1AL and Scott Bulloch N1CLX, described ham operations ranging from repeaters to DX and disaster assistance. The article was illustrated with an excellent photo of W1IBN and his shack.

Congratulations to all concerned !!

## QUIZ

DATONG is:

- 1) Someone's name.
- 2) A city, in China, where the last factory in the world manufacturing steam locomotives is located.
- 3) An excellent brand of audio filter

(Answer over the page)

## FARA ANNUAL BANQUET

Arrangements have been made for the 1990 Club Banquet. The date will be Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March (circle the date on those calendars folks!!), the menu to be buffet style.

The cost and other arrangements are expected to be similar to last year, A more complete announcement will be made in next months newsletter.

## FARA January Meeting

The next FARA meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday January 4<sup>th</sup>, in the basement of the Danforth Museum. Ed (W1NXC) Weiss will be doing his "Safety Lecture". For those of you who haven't seen it, Ed makes safety both interesting and a lot of fun. Oh, as a new part of the lecture, Ed will be

demonstrating how a ham who is NOT careful can get electrocuted. We will be needing a volunteer, if you are interested, see me just before the meeting (p.s. a completed last will and testament might be useful)

73 Dick (W1IBN)

## NOVICE TESTS

A special presentation of completion certificates will be made at the January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to the following students, who have satisfied the requirements for Novice Amateur Radio Licences:

Albert McManus	Framingham
Cheryl Deckert	"
Sharon Gartenburg	"
Lee Gartenburg	"
Sarah Weiner	"
Joseph Lynch	"
Drew Harvey	Hudson
Dan Turner	Millbury
Elizabeth Lindell	"
Rick Hoyte	Natick

Some of their licences have already been received, the remainder should be arriving soon.

We hope that they will all be at the Tech class, which will be starting on Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup>, in the Danforth Museum basement (registration 9.30-12.00 Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup>, same location).

(QUIZ ANSWER : All three are correct !!)

## NEWSLETTER LABELS

At the bottom of your newsletter label you will see two sets of characters/#s. The first of these signifies the last year for which you have paid club dues and the second the same for repeater dues. Naturally your Club Treasurer will be only too happy to take your check and convert these numbers to 90, 90 on next months label !!!

## DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting was given the results of the October Flea Market. The excellent outcome was helped by the very generous donation from the estate of W1RVA.

The Scholarship Committee needs volunteers, to help decide the areas in which the clubs assistance would be appropriate (those interested should contact Dick (W1IBN)).

Following the business meeting, those presentations were given on a number of interesting items.

These included a Touch Tone Decoder, an Ultrasonic Detector, a Station Grounding system, a Japanese WWII military Tcur, a mini frequency meter, a crimping tool for "non-crimpable" connectors and a custom callsign display.

I was at the club station; it was about 1 pm and I had just finished the last of the donuts (French Crullers are my favorites).

Ed(WA1LGO) and Henry(KB1PE) had gone over to the public library book sale. I was feeling lazy, so I put my feet up on the desk, and started to leaf through some of the old magazines the club has acquired from W1RVA's estate. It was great looking at ads for gear that I'd lusted after as a kid. Some of the Christmas issues showed the ham family

curled up around a Dad, who was operating an "S" line (Collins "S" line was, and still is some very fine gear).

What really surprised me was how relevant some of the technical articles from the 50's still are today. One that I found really interesting was an article on how to connect two 750 w amps together for 1500 watts out. Boy, now I'm sorry I sold my other amp (hmm, 1500 x 2 is .. I was just thinking out loud!!).  
(W1IBN)



## ARRL EVENTS : JANUARY 1990

## This Months DX ?

Jan 3 West Coast Qualifying Run  
Jan 6-7 RTTY Roundup  
Jan 10 W1AW Qualifying Run  
(35-10 WPM)  
Jan 13 Hamfest : Westboro Senior  
High School 9.30 am : \$2  
Talk in 146.01/61  
Jan 14 Hamfest : Richmond VA  
Jan 20 Hamfest : Cape Coral FL  
Jan 20 Hamfest : Greenwood SC  
Jan 20 Hamfest : Crystal Lake FL  
Jan 20-21 HA-DX Contest  
Jan 20-21 North Dakota QSO Party  
Jan 20-21 Texas QSO Party  
Jan 20-22 VHF Sweepstakes  
Jan 21 Hamfest : Yonkers NY  
Jan 25 W1AW Qualifying Run  
Jan 26-28 CQ WW 160 CW Contest  
Jan 27- Novice Roundup  
Feb 4

3Y5X Bouvet Is: till Jan 15  
8Q7 till Jan 7  
KH8 Jan 26 for 2 weeks  
J8 all month (VE3CPU)  
3WØJA till Jan 5 (JA's)

**HAVE FUN !!!!!!!!!!!!!**

The weekend of March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1990 is the first "big" phone contest of the year, the ARRL DX Phone. A semi-serious effort is planned from the club station. This is defined as :

- : Operating the whole contest (if possible)
- : Fun more important than points
- : Food will be a central theme

Those interested in being part of a multi op single transmitter effort contact W1IBN.