

The FramingHAM Circuit

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

The next FARA meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday June 4th, in the Senior Center, immediately adjacent to the FARA Club Room in the basement of the Danforth Museum. The principal business for the evening will be the election and installation of club officers for 1992-93. See you there.

Presidents Column

There's a saying that TV folks -- and more than a few writers -- like to use which goes like this: "It ain't over until the Fat Lady sings." So, what does that have to do with me and FARA? It's simple: the Fat Lady is beginning to belt out the lyrics to "It's Been a Wonderful Year."

I guess you may know by now that I am not running again for President of FARA. As I said last month, there were health considerations in that decision. It wasn't an easy decision to make, given all of the great folks who have made my year easy, but, it was one that I had to make.

Yet, even though I am handing the gavel to another person, all I really will be doing is trading places and moving to the "other side of the front table" for a change. Oh, I will still be wearing my other hats, so you will still have to listen to me give my appeals for operators for this or that, or help with antenna maintenance at the CD.

So, before my term winds down -- it'll be gone before the June meeting's over -- I'd like to say thanks to all of you for letting me serve you as President. I hope that in some small way FARA has benefited from my leadership. I know I have had fun, for the most part, although there were more than a few less than smooth moments, too.

Now, before Ye Olde Editor cuts me off, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those people who I relied on this year:

Marjie, KA1HIA, my activities officer, XYL and best friend
Without her support and aid, the year would have been impossible.

Lew, K1AZE, a good friend and advisor

Bob, N1BRM, treasurer and friend

Martin, W1/G4DZC, vice president, and strong right arm in FARA

Lee, KA1USL, friend, and all about good person

Henry, KB1PE, secretary and able librarian

Klaus, WB8RUN, ARES member and strong right hand in emergency work. Though not a club member,

Klaus is there when we need him.

Bob, WB1FHT, ARES member, and Red Cross Disaster Communications Chairman

Dick, WA1KUG, leader of our testing

Ed, W1NXC, and Wayne, W1EWL, education specialists

All of these folks helped in visible ways. A few of the behind the scenes workers included:

Burt, N1DDO, and Toby, N1DDS; Sharon, KC1YR; Marsha, KA1JIR, Mary, KA1HGL; Rick, KA1UTI; Brian, N1JFO, Bev, N1LOO, and Christy, N1JFP.

Well, that about wraps up my list, but, most of all I would like to thank you all for making my year as good as it was.

73 es God Bless,
Marc, WA1R

Nominations for Club Officers 1992 - 1993

The Nominating Committee have submitted the following slate of candidates for the 1992 - 1993.

President : Martin Bayes W1/G4DZC

Vice-President : Lee Gartenberg KA1USL

Treasurer : Bob Gettys N1BRM

Secretary : Beverly Lees N1LOO

Activities Steve Haynes KD1FF

Further nominations may be submitted, prior to the time of the Elections, to either myself or at the Club Meeting.

Lew Nyman K1AZE

Sail Boston 92

Between July 10th and 16th, over 140 tall ships and 40 warships will visit Boston as part of the commemoration of the 500th anniversary of Columbus's first voyage to the New World. Estimates of attendance are as high as 12 million people !!

There will be a comprehensive Ham Radio support effort, involving up to 150 hams on a given day. Elaine Chase N1GTB, of CEMARC, will be sending a documentation package out to all members of local clubs, to seek support for this effort. Questions may be addressed to Bob Salow WA1IDA, the event coordinator at (508) 650 9440

FIELD DAY : June 27 -28

The next planning meeting will be held at my QTH, on Tuesday June 9th, at 7:30 pm. Those needing directions may call me at work (617) 969 5500 x 2809, or home (please note the new number !!) (508) 435 0564. Everyone who interested is very welcome to attend.

Present plans (based on a visit to the Bose site several weeks ago) are for 3 - 4 beam antennas, mounted at relatively low elevations, at the western end of the hill. With the slope effect, they should be the equivalent of 100-150 feet off the average terrain.

Make a note in your calendars and don't make any other plans.

Martin W1/G4DZC

FARA INFO UPDATE

Version 2.0 of DIDAH Publishing's FBTO Database is now installed on the club station's computer. Much new information has been added, according to Chaya Rosen of DIDAH Publishing, whom I spoke with at the Deerfield "Hoss Traders" Flea Market in October 1991. If you have any comments or suggestions for this database, please call Chaya at (603) 878 3628 (9am -9pm EST); they are very cooperative

Also, the FARA library now has most QST magazines, and several other titles, so stop by from 9am - 12am Saturdays or come to the General meeting on the first Thursday of the month and browse through what we have. I am also in the process of putting all our library holdings onto the club computer, so we'll have a comprehensive list available. Thanks for your assistance.

Finally, as of April 7, 1992, the FARA Technical Interest Net is underway. Topics invited include "DC to Daylight" DX and any matters of a technical nature.

When: Every Tuesday at 1930 local

Where: W1FY repeater

JULY FARA MEETING

The July FARA meeting will be held on the second Thursday, July 9th. This will keep the meeting away from the long weekend of July 4th, and also allow us to welcome a guest from the former Soviet Union, specifically from Belarus, Serge UC2AKP.

CLUB INFORMATION 1991-92

President	Marc Stern	WA1R	879 2087	Before 9 pm
Vice President	Martin Bayes	W1/G4DZC	435 0564	"
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	"
	Gartenberg			
Emergency Coordinator	Marc Stern	WA1R	879 2087	"
Scholarship Cte Chairman	Dick Cosma	KD1BF	879 1381	"
Newsletter Editor	Martin Bayes	W1/G4DZC	435 0564	"

Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month, in the Guard Room of the Framingham Police Station, on Union Avenue. Business meetings take place two Mondays before each regular meeting, 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.