

The FramingHAM Circuit

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

The next FARA meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday May 7th, in the Guard Room of Framingham Police Station on Union Avenue, immediately down the street from the Danforth Museum. The change of venue is due to new security arrangements at the Danforth Museum introduced after some incidents of vandalism, which prevent us from having access to the meeting room. We can still reach the club station area and those who wish can meet there prior to the meeting. Following the business meeting, we will have a discussion of Italian ham (and pepperoni) affairs, chaired by I8PZA.

See you there.

Presidents Column

It's May and my term is nearly over. We've done some wonderful things this year and it has been fun to lead as good a bunch of folks as you. Just what have we accomplished in the last 12 months? With your assistance, we have:

Upgraded the station with the addition of a new TS-850S, amplifier, 220 MHz rig, computer equipment and cable

Renovated the club shack

Established a bona fide club lending library

Participated in many public service events, including Public Awareness Day (a little late, but still worth it), Flag Day Parade, the Marathon, WalkAmerica and a number of other races and walks

Provided primary emergency communications during Hurricane Bob.

Had a bunch of great speakers and activities; supported our scholarship program; conducted more exam sessions than ever; began a re-write of the by-laws with a view to re-incorporating; participated not only in Field Day, but also the DX and 10 meter contests, and established a new club service award to honor the memory of Jim Boates.

Yes, it was some year and I could not have done it without a dedicated group of officers and committee chairmen. Actually, they made my work quite easy and it was a privilege to serve with them. I would list everyone who contributed here, but I won't, just in case I leave someone out. I would just like to say thank you to all for a job well done.

Actually, I had planned to serve another term or two, but, given some health limitations, I am not able to serve. The MD's did say that I could serve again in the future, but, that's another time.

One last note, for the first time in some years, FARA will be meeting at a new site. Because of some problems for our hosts in the Danforth Museum, security has been tightened. The result is that we have lost access to our meeting room. We will be meeting for the next several months in the Guard Room at the Police Station. We have been able to obtain it thanks to the good offices of our newest member, Patrolman Ralph Moore of

the Framingham PD. Ralph is waiting for his call, having passed his Technician license at the recent flea market.

Meanwhile, thanks to all for a great year.

73,
Marc, WA1R

Silent Key : Jim Boates WA1UEH

It is with great regret that we must record the death in late March of Jim Boates WA1UEH.

Jim became involved in FARA in the early 70's, shortly after he became licensed (with Elmering from Lew Nyman, whom he had met through his involvement in the Civil Air Patrol).

At that time, the FARA organization was faltering, and he very quickly became Club Vice President, in which position he served for a number of years. He, and the then Club President Lew Nyman, rebuilt interest in the club. Throughout this time, Jim edited the Club Newsletter.

During the late 70's he taught many of the FARA Novice classes, providing many present day club members with their first exposure to ham radio.

Jim's contributions to FARA were many and varied. His truck carried gear to Field Day and tables to and from the Flea Market (in the days when it was held at the Drill Shed). He was one of the founders of the Pizza parties, and it was his SB-102 that was used at the first club station, set-up in the mid 70's.

Jim's role in the club was recognized by the conferment of Life Membership.

In Jim's memory, the Club has established the Jim Boates Memorial Achievement Award, to be given annually to the club member who has made the most significant contributions to the amateur radio community during the previous year.

Flea Markets

Saturday May 16	Yarmouth Radio Club	8 am	Admission \$3
	Yarmouth HS Take Main St exit off Rt. 1 West to W Elm St to top of hill		
	Talk-in 147.69, 147.735, 147.99	Info: Jeff K1JW	(207) 846 0700
Saturday May 16	RI FM Repeater Service	8 am - 3pm	Admission \$1
	VFW Post 6342 Take Forestdale exit off Rt. 146, left at ramp end, Post is on left side		
	Talk-in 146.16	Info: Rick K1KYI	(401) 725 7507 (7-8 pm only)
Sunday May 17	MIT Amateur Radio Society	9 am - 2 pm	Admission \$2
	Albany and Main Street, Cambridge		
	Talk-in 146.52	Info: (617) 253 3776	

Country Profile : Clipperton Island FOØ

Many of you will have heard or worked the recent expedition to Clipperton Island.

Lying off the west coast of Mexico, at 10°17'N 109° 13'W, it was discovered in 1705 by guess who, Captain John Clipperton, during a voyage in which a crossing of the Pacific, to Macao (XX9), was made in a 10 ton vessel.

It is a land ringed atoll, posing a hazard to navigation, since the rim is only 5 - 14 feet above sea level. Inside the 3 mile wide lagoon, the water is up to 330 feet deep. Since there are no openings to the lagoon, the water is very brackish and sea birds are beginning to build-up deposits of guano. This leads to a strong smell of ammonia during the dry season (Dec to May). DXpeditions have to put-up with the strangest problems:

The highest point on the island, Clipperton Rock (shows very poor imagination!!) is 62 feet high.

FIELD DAY : June 27 -28

The 1992 FARA Field Day will be held at a brand new venue. Thanks to the efforts of Marc Stern we have received permission to operate from Bose Mountain. Improved elevation, plenty of space to create an antenna farm and greater separation from WKOX should make the day both more enjoyable and successful. As in previous years, a 3A effort appears likely. We will set up early on Saturday morning, June 27th and operate from 2 pm Saturday to 2 pm Sunday

The first planning meeting will be held at my QTH, on Monday May 11th, 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.

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

Martin W1/G4DZC

CIS Corner

Attention FARA members and families around the ages of 13 - 16! Would you like a penpal in Belarus? (Formerly the Soviet Republic of Byelorussia) My friend Serge, the station manager at UC1AWZ, is trying to find penpals for local students who are studying English.

If you're interested, you can send an initial letter to me by May 5, and I will send it to a ham in Connecticut who will be traveling to Belarus. Or you can send a letter directly to Serge Shkor at Box 208, 220086 Minsk, Belarus, explaining that you are a member of W1FY and that you would like to start corresponding with one of the students there. However, hand delivery will be a lot more reliable at the moment.

The Odukhov-625 Jubilee Award is in honor of the first radio contact between the USA and USSR. You may get the award for confirmed QSOs (any band any mode, since Jan 1987) with five UB5 stations, at least one of which must be in Odukhov. Please send 10 IRCs or \$5 to the US Award manager W18R, Bill Aspen, 188 N Mieliens Road, Munger, MI 48747

Sharon KC1YR

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	"
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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 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.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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4	5	6	7 FARA Club Meeting	8	9 CQ MIR Contest	10
11 Field Day Meeting: QTH W1/G4DZC	12	13	14 2304 MHz Sprint	15	16 Armed Forces Day	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 50 MHz Spring Sprint	24
25 Memorial Day	26 FARA Board Meeting	27	28	29	30 CQ WW WPX	31 CW

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