

The Framingham Circuit

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Since the last Circuit in March (yes I am slow with these things and would accept any help or articles at any time), let me mention our most recent club meetings, the officer elections, Field Day planning and the actual event, and some Hot Dog Happenings.

We had regular monthly meetings in:

- April 7, 2022: Tom Frenaye, K1KI, presented on the New England QSO Party,
- May 5, 2022: We started discussions of Field Day and had nominations for the officers
- June 2, 2022: We voted on the new officers as noted below. We also had further discussions about where we would have Field Day and looked at a map of Crow Island Airpark.

Regarding the elections, we now have a new Clerk Secretary, Richard Whalen, KC1NXT. Thanks Richard for stepping up, and to Andy, KC1DMM for acting in that position (among other tasks) this past year. Thanks to Steve Moro and Ron Rothman for continuing in their roles, and to Sumner for taking another three year term as Director to provide additional "institutional memory" and continuity for the club.

The officer positions now are:

- John Iwuc, KB1VXY, for a one year term as President.
- Ron Rothman, WO1E, for a one year term as Vice President.
- Steve Moro, N1MH, for a one year term as Treasurer.
- Richard Whalen, KC1NXT, for a one year term as Clerk/Secretary.
- Sumner Weisman, W1VIV, for a three year term as Director.

The Club unanimously elected the entire slate.

Well, Field Day has come and gone. We had at least two preparation meetings, one in May on Zoom and a face to face meeting at the library in June. That was our first face to face live meeting in over two years! It was hybrid so we had the big Zoom screen up too. Thanks to Steve and Andy for coordinating our use of the library and operating the AV equipment. We are learning about the best ways to use that equipment. We hope we can do more live sessions at the library. The police stations appears to be out of the question now due to the equipment they have in the presentation room. The September meeting is also scheduled at the main library. We can't use it every month though.

Many thanks to our new member Ron Lahti, N1CNG, for offering the Crow Island Airpark as a Field Day site. A number of us met a week or so prior to the Field Day date for breakfast followed by an excursion to the site, including instructions about exactly where and when to stop to allow incoming aircraft to move in and out of the field, speed limits, etc. We figured we could easily use sloping dipoles fed in the middle with one end in the trees and the other out to the south west in the field, which is basically what we ended up using. When we arrived on Field day (see separate photos on the webpage) we were accompanied by many small aircraft that had flown in for a special breakfast. They left soon after we arrived and we were able to set up a 40 meter CW station run by Sumner, a 20 meter (mostly 20) SSB station run by John, KB1VXY and Bruce, W1HNZ, and a digital station mostly on 20 meters run by Ron, WO1E, for the FT modes. Members of the Algonquin club also participated for some time as a 40 meter station so in the end we operated as a 4A - Alpha. We operated about 2 to 6 pm, and had some excellent food courtesy of the Algonquin Club. We got to watch

some trapeze activities also as a bonus. I collated the results and submitted them to the ARRL. Again, many thanks to Ron Lahti!

We had a couple of Hot Dog Gatherings at Zippity Do Dog in Framingham that were well attended. I may extend future invitations to other local clubs.

Minutes: The minutes of past meetings are available for members on our website. You will have to do a search by clicking on the magnifying glass in the upper right corner and typing "minutes". Thanks to Andy, KC1DMM, for writing them up., and to Steve, N1MH for making them available to members.

Odds and Ends.

- Sumner points out that we are entering our 90th year as a club! I just noticed that this is volume 89 of the Circuit too.
- Carl Hartwig has a new call sign, W1EP. The old call sign was KC1JRO
- We submitted a half page ad for the HamXposition coming up August 26-28m, 2022. See copy at end of this newsletter.
- Silent Key, 7/31/22, Guy Richard (Dick) Elliot, Jr. N1JET, world traveler and regular on the W1BIM repeater and the George's Old timers Net. Dick was known by many in the area.
<https://www.telegram.com/obituaries/pneo0268851>
- ARES Drill, Operation Whirlwind was held Saturday August 6, 2022. I was able to get in on 75 and 60 meters, also through the MMRA repeaters, and by HF Winlink to the net control on the cape and to NWS. (AB1PH is giving a talk at the HamXpedition on Winlink and also for us in November!). The next drill will likely be in November. These are a good chance to test out your station for emergency communications. See <https://ema.arrl.org/2022/08/01/eastern-massachusetts-ares-exercise-operation-whirlwind-saturday-8-6-22-1000-am-1200-pm>
- New England Division Cabinet Meeting - August 13, 2022 10 AM-12:30 PM. John, KB1VXY and Richard, KC1NXT attended this two and a half hour meeting.

Upcoming events and meetings:

- NAQP SSB 8/20 to 8/21/22. Operates 2 pm to 2 am, max 10 hours operating as solo station. Can register multiple stations as a team about a week ahead. I will send out an email about a week ahead of it so see who wants to enter as part of the FARA team. <https://ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf>
- HamXposition 2022 coming up August 26-28, 2022 to Marlboro. <https://hamxposition.org/> Schedule is up and tickets are available. Talks on Winlink and emcomms on Saturday am. End fed antennas on Sunday.
- Big E, West Springfield, MA September 17 - October 3, 2022. Will have amateur radio activity booth. <https://nediv.arrl.org/2021/01/10/amateur-radio-booth-proposed-for-the-big-e-in-2022/>
- September 1, 2022: Adrian Zeffert, AB2IX, on the test bench. This will be at the main library and on Zoom.
- October 6, 2022: Ron Rothman, WO1E, on contesting with FT4 and FT8.
- November 3, 2022: Don Rolph, AB1PH, on Winlink.
- December: should we plan a holiday party. Suggest ideas.

Upcoming contests and radio events: (contests selected from WA7BNM calendar)

North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Aug 20 to 0559Z, Aug 21
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Aug 27 to 2359Z, Aug 28
Hawaii QSO Party	0400Z, Aug 27 to 0400Z, Aug 29
World Wide Digi DX Contest	1200Z, Aug 27 to 1200Z, Aug 28
W/VE Islands QSO Party	1200Z, Aug 27 to 0300Z, Aug 28
Kansas QSO Party	1400Z, Aug 27 to 0200Z, Aug 28 and 1400Z-2000Z, Aug 28

Ohio QSO Party	1600Z, Aug 27 to 0400Z, Aug 28
All Asian DX Contest, Phone	0000Z, Sep 3 to 2400 Sep 4
Colorado QSO Party	1300Z, Sep 3 to 0400Z, Sep 4
Tennessee QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 4 to 0300Z, Sep 5

FARA Officers: listed above

Meetings: Club meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM and will be on ZOOM, while some will be hybrid at the Framingham main library. Members will get an email invitation before the meeting. **Members should be sure that they opted in for email notifications and that their email on record is accurate!** Non-members may request an invitation from president@w1fy.org

Club Nets:

- FARA Net: Sunday, 7:30PM, output frequency 147.15 / input frequency 147.75, optional output PL of 100 - social/chat, emergency preparedness, amateur radio questions, Echolink enabled. W1FY-R
- Informal Health and Wellness Check-in Net: Wednesday 7:30 pm, Echolink enabled, W1FY-R.
- Scanner listeners are invited to let us know you follow the nets by sending an email to contact@W1FY.org

Club Web Site: W1FY.org

Social Media:

- <https://www.facebook.com/FARAW1FY/>
- https://twitter.com/fara_w1fy

Dues: Flat rate of \$20 per year per person or family, and no separate repeater fee. Paid members will be posted on the web page. You can join/renew/pay online at <http://w1fy.org/membership-form>

Testing: Exams on hold while town offices are unavailable.

Mail Address: Framingham Amateur Radio Association, 330 Cochituate Road, #5123 Framingham, MA 01701-9998

From the vault: Steve, N1MH, has been looking through the boxes of old papers that had been stored by Jim Weckback, W1EQW. Two interesting certificates follow, with our ad for the HamXposition at the end. If anyone is interested in looking through these old papers, let us know. The first certificate might be a good way to get newer members to get to know the others.

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