

## K1EA to share DX experiences with us

When Ken Wolfe, K1EA, talks about his exploits operating his Amateur Radio station from other countries-DXpeditioning-other people listen.

Ken is one of the area's top operators and has a longtime reputation for operating excellence. He will share his latest trip to a foreign operating location with the Framingham Amateur Radio Assn. Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m. Ken's talk will highlight the evening.

FARA, which now meets monthly year-round, welcomes visitors to come and hear Ken's talk and join with the club for refreshments. All FARA meetings and events are open to the public. The meeting will be held at the club station, W1FY, housed in the town's Emergency Operations Center, at the rear of the Danforth Museum, Lexington Street and Union Avenue, Framingham. Parking is available in the garage next door and arrangements can be made for handicapped access.

Don't forget that classes kick off Sept. 9 and starting the same day, the club station will be open for use by club members.

## August meeting covers lots of ground

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Following the call to order, Bob Gettys, N1BRM, gave the Treasurer's Report.

Next, the following items were discussed:

1. Flea Market-Dick Landau, W1IBN, club president, wants the club to use full disclosure of the percentage of the Flea Market proceeds that will be given to charity.
2. Club Picnic-The picnic will be held at the Breezy Point Picnic Grounds in Douglas on Sunday, Aug. 27.
3. Equipment Donation-There was a discussion of the disposition of the items from the estate of W1RVA. Dick, W1IBN, and Bob, N1BRM, agreed that the Drake TR-4 transceiver from the estate might be used as a "loaner" rig to help new Novices get started. Pete Simpson, KALAXY, suggested a donation of items to the "Handi-Hams" if the loaner rig idea doesn't work out.

Following the business discussion, the following announcements were made:

- Don Morse, KA1MLM: The Warren Center, Ashland, has been reserved for the FARA Club Picnic on Labor Day Weekend, 1990.
- George Blakeslee, N1GB, Scholarship Committee Chairman: Help needed with the Scholarship Committee due to family commitments.
- Newsletter/publicity: Marc Stern, N1BLH, is working on the newsletter and on publicity of FARA events in the local cable TV systems, radio stations, and newspapers.
- Club Station: Will open on Sept. 9 and will be open every Saturday starting with the first license class in September.
- Dick Landau, W1IBN: Elmer Program. Dick wants to begin an "Elmer" program.
- Bill Ledder, KA1NOI: September speaker. Ken Wolfe, K1EA, will speak on DX.
- Carl Chelquist, KA1RNF: Suggested a joint meeting with the Middlesex Radio Club.

The business meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m., when videotapes of the 1989 Field Day activities at Bowditch Field were shown. After the videotapes, refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Lee, III, KB1PE,

Secretary

## Board meeting highlights

The FARA executive board met Aug. 28 at the home of Dick Landau, W1IBN, club president. At the meeting, the board acted on the following:

- A new activity participation policy: For each activity the club participates in, a sign-up sheet will be passed around. This will give event chair an accurate head-count and list of people who want to attend an event. Oftentimes, a simple count of raised hands isn't an accurate barometer of the number of people who will attend an event. Many times, there are far more who attend than were originally counted and this has caused more than a few anxious moments as the event committee scurries to accommodate. The converse is also equally as true. Therefore, the new sign-up policy, the board concluded.

- Marjie Stern, KA1HIA, was named Club Historian
- Cheryl Landau, KA1SYL, was named "Director of Brunches"
- A new label policy: There are two dates on the mailing label for this newsletter. The first indicates the year for which you have paid dues and the second indicates if you are a current repeater member. Bob Gettys, N1BRM, also reminds members that if they are not getting this newsletter and they should be getting it, please contact him so he can update the database. He also noted that dues are now due for the club and repeater.

## QRM Corner

This being the start of the "club year", I suppose as your new president (for those of you as yet unaware I was elected by an official kangaroo court) it is important that I deliver a "policy speech". OK, here it is:

**"LET'S HAVE FUN!!!!"**

So much for the speeches.

Starting on Saturday, Sept. 9th the club station will be open Saturday mornings from 9 to around noon; longer if we're having fun, less if no one shows up (except for Marc, Lew and I who will be there to make sure all the doughnuts are eaten). On the subject of "doughnut eating", congratulations are in order for Marc, N1BLH, who has lost 60 pounds (about half of which I've managed to gain)!! "Way to go Marc", editing this newsletter must really sweat off the weight.

I trust I will see all of you at the Thursday meeting. Oh by the way, there is a new FARA policy with respect to meetings missed and dues: "For each meeting you fail to attend, your dues will double".

OK, OK, I'm just kidding but you have to admit, the idea has possibilities. If we actually did implement it, the club could afford to buy me an "Official FARA staff car". See you Thursday.

Dick, W1IBN

## Our thoughts are with...

The family of Walter Robinson, W1RVA, who became a Silent Key recently. Walter's family generously donated much of his equipment to FARA. The equipment will be house in the club station and a plaque commemorating W1RVA will be placed on the equipment.

The family of Larry Cleveland, WA1QPT, who became a Silent Key recently. Although you may not be familiar with Larry's name, he was the father of George, WA1QGU, a long-time club member and repeater supporter. Our thoughts are with George, Carole, KA1PHE, Dave, N1EYY, and Sarah.

Our condolences to Penny Morse, N1EWG, on the death of her father, Walter Steinberg. He was an avid ham in the 50s under the call W1UQL. More recently, he operated under the calls KA1DY and KX1X.

## Heard 'round the Circuit

Congrats are in order for the following families:

**Marsha, KA1JIR, and Dick, WA1KUG, Marshall**, who will become proud grandparents for the fourth time later this year. **Sharon, N1CUJ, and Chris, N1DOM, Kronick** are the parents.

**Toby, N1DDS, and Burt, N1DDO, Shaffer**, who will become proud grandparents for the first time later this year. **Sharon and Mark, N1DOL, Shaffer** are the parents.

**Sue, KA1DUF, and Arnie, K1BPM, Zunick**, who will become proud grandparents for the first time this year. **Sherry and Scott Zunick** are the parents.

**Carolyn, KA1EAC, and George, N1GB, Blakeslee** on the arrival of their third child.

## Swap 'n Shop

### SEMI-ANNUAL PRICE REDUCTION SALE, OR, CAN YOU HELP ME MOVE SOME OF THIS STUFF? Marc, N1BLH, 467-6585 (days)

Great deal for a camera buff or buffs or someone who wants to become one:

1. Complete Pentax MX System, including camera body, winder (2 frames per second), standard lens (50mm). Includes lens covers and body cover. Mint condx. \$175
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3. Vivitar 285 strobe. Can be used with either of the above, mint. Asking \$100.

By the way, it's not a typo, I have two complete systems, I used to do it for part of a living in another life.

4. 135mm Pentax lens (F3.5), mint condx. Great accompaniment to one of the above. Asking \$75
5. 3 IBM-PC add-in boards (PC's long gone, but the boards still remain).

— A "true blue" mono card, will work with any compatible. \$35

— Early AST color graphics board, CGA compatible. \$50

CLUB: Contoocook Valley Radio Club

PLACE: Contoocook N.H.

CLUB: MIT UHF Repeater Assoc et al

PLACE: Albany and Main St.

DEALER SETUP: 0700

ADMISSION: \$1.50

TALK-IN: 146.52 & 449.725/444.725

OTHER NOTES: The Flea Market is in Cambridge Ma. There is covered tailgate area in case of rain. (clearance is 6'8") Free off street parking. Table prices are \$6.00 at the gate. Make Checks payable to MIT Radio Society and mail to Richard Brezina, 3 Ames Street, Cambridge, Ma. 02134.

CLUB: HOSSTRADERS

PLACE: DEERFIELD

DEALER SETUP: ANYTIME

ADMISSION \$5.00 buyers or sellers

TALK-IN: 146.40/147.00 or .52 direct

CLUB: FARA

PLACE: Framingham Civic League

— IBM/XT 8-bit hard disk controller board  
\$50

6. If you're looking for a letter quality, serial printer with typewriter functionality, have I got a deal for you. I have an Olivetti 221 electronic typewriter which was converted into a slow-speed printer some years back. It's hardly ever used. The Olivetti cost me \$1,800 when it was new about nine years ago and the interface board cost over \$500. I'll let the whole shooting match go for \$150.

In particular, the typewriter is a daisywheel, 300 baud, with a page of memory. There's also a one-line display and a one-line correction buffer. It takes Olivetti wheels which are fairly standard.

Carriage will handle a 132 column spreadsheet.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

Beginning this month, we're reviving the Swap 'n Shop column. If you have anything you'd like to sell or want for your shack, please drop me a line at the club box or call me at 467-6585 during the day. I'll take any items you want to sell as long as they are within the bounds of good taste. As you can see, this month, I've listed a variety of "good stuff cheap". It's proven to work. Give it a try.

### Fleas and things

EVENT: Flea Market

DATE: Sept. 17

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DATE: Sept. 24

OPEN TO PUBLIC: 0900-1600

TABLE: \$5.00

EVENT: Flea Market

DATE: Oct. 7

OPEN TO PUBLIC: FRI-SAT

TABLE: No extra chg.

REFRESHMENTS: Lots

EVENT: Flea Market

DATE: 15 Oct.

DEALER SETUP: 0800

ADMISSION: \$2.00

TALK-IN: 147.75/15 +

OPEN TO PUBLIC: 1000

TABLE: \$12.00

REFRESHMENTS: Yes

OTHER NOTES: Early bird admission: \$5.00 for the first 100 people. For more info contact Jon at 508-877-7166.