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FARA Night Out at the British Beer Company in Framingham (120 Worcester Road) 6:30pm. Please RSVP to president@fara.org by 12/9.

No Regular Meeting!

President's Message

Greetings,

This month there will be no regular meeting; we'll be having a "FARA Night Out" instead. The date is 11 December (1 week later than our normal meeting night). The time is 6:30. The location is the British Beer Company in Framingham (120 Worcester Road - eastbound side of Rt. 9) (visit <https://www.britishbeer.com/menu> to see their offerings). We have had FARA Night Out here in the past, and a good time was had by all. Please R.S.V.P. by the 9th to president@FARA.org, so I can give an accurate head count to the restaurant.

November's guest, Greg Algeri, WA1JXR, discussed antenna modeling & simulation, focusing in particular on the version of EZNEC included in the latest edition of the ARRL Antenna Book. I saw his presentation in Hartford, and it was quite interesting; without the 50 minute time limit, he was able to answer more questions and show more examples to us than he could in Hartford. Greg also pointed out that EZNEC-ARRL is included in the Antenna Book, and this version offers more features than the free version (available online from www.eznec.com); there are also EZNEC models for many of the antennas described elsewhere in the book—these provide a good starting point if you're planning an antenna project. Other models are available from the ARRL (<http://www.arrl.org/antenna-modeling-files>), W0BTU (<http://www.w0btu.com/files/antenna/EZNEC/>) and other places as well.

Also in November, we participated in the ARRL Sweepstakes (ARRL Sweepstakes) as W1FY. There was good participation from our members: Jim (W1EQW) and Sumner (W1VIV) took the lead, and were assisted by John (KB1VXY), Eric (KB1PJN), David (), George (N1SXF), Tom (N1FTB), Mike (KC1CVE, newly licensed), Arnold (KB1RIA), Don (new member), and Victor (K1VEA) along with Ellen (KB1NIP) and Victoria (not yet licensed). I was able to participate on Saturday; some were able to return on Sunday. As a club, we ended up with a total of 41472 points (288 QSOs, 72 Sections). More importantly, everyone seemed to have a good time; many had a chance to operate or log; all got to see how a contest is done. This went well enough we're planning on doing it again for the ARRL 10 meter contest later this month - contact Sumner if you're interested.

For those of you I won't be seeing at the FARA Night Out, I'd like to wish you a happy holiday (Chanukah, Christmas, Festivus, ...) and a healthy 2015.

-Paul, N1VAM

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Bev Lees, N1LOO (SK)

By Jim, W1EQW

FARA lost a special friend on Saturday November 29, 2014. Bev Lees, N1LOO, a longtime member of FARA, passed away peacefully at home in Framingham, Massachusetts. FARA members will remember Bev for many things including the tireless person that ran the FARA Flea for many years, the FARA president in the mid-90's, and the go-to person at many of the FARA Field Days. But most of all we will remember her as a genuine friend with that great smile and wonderful sense of humor. She made ham radio more fun just because she was there.

There was never any doubt that fuchsia was her favorite color. All the signs put out early in morning around Framingham giving directions to the FARA Flea Market were all done in bold black letters on fuchsia poster board. Her fuchsia shirt identified her at the flea as "The Boss".

Contesting at the shack with Bev was always fun. She would make contacts that no one else seemed to be able to make - "would the YL please come back with your call again?".

Saturday mornings at the shack with Bev were always entertaining and even more so if Bev had a fresh donut topped with maple frosting.

We send our deepest sympathies to Bev's family, her husband, Brian Lees, N1JFO; her son, Andrew Lees; and her daughter, Kristi Shorr and her husband Joseph.

Thank you Bev for all the great times. You are truly missed.

Obituary Reprinted from MetroWest Daily News

Beverly D. (Holm) Lees, 60, of Framingham died on Saturday November 29, 2014, peacefully at her home. She was the wife of Brian R. Lees. Born in Heppner, Oregon, daughter of Martha (Hare) Holm of Portland, Oregon and the late Stanley Holm, she had been a resident of Framingham, since 1975.

Beverly had been employed for many years at Michaels Arts and Crafts Stores in Natick and Middlebury and was a longtime member of the Framingham Amateur Radio Association. She loved photography, traveling and many types of arts and crafts, including sewing, knit-

ting and crocheting, however, the thing she cherished the most was spending time with her grandson.

Besides her husband and mother she is survived by one son, Andrew C. Lees of Framingham, one daughter, Kristi Shorr and her husband Joseph of York, Pennsylvania; two brothers, Ronald Holm and James Holm of Portland, Oregon and one grandson, William Shorr.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Thursday December 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in St. George's Church, 74 School Street Framingham (Saxonville). Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. Burial will be in St. Stephen's Cemetery in Framingham. Calling hours at the Eugene J. McCarthy and Sons Funeral Home, 11 Lincoln Street, Framingham will be on Wednesday December 3, 2014 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Beverly's memory may be made to Sisters by Heart at sisters-by-heart.org/ or to The Children's Heart Foundation at childrensheart-foundation.org/

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Meeting: Club meetings are normally held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30PM in the Framingham Police Station

Club Nets: FARA Net: Sunday, 7:30PM, 147.75/147.15 - social/chat, ARES preparedness

Club Station: W1FY, the club station and shack, is open Saturday mornings from 9:00-12:00. Call the club number, 508-879-8097 to confirm.

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