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Thursday, Oct 3

AMSAT President Barry Baines, WD4ASW of Westborough, MA will give a presentation, "AMSAT and Amateur Radio in Space" which will provide an overview of AMSAT, current amateur satellites, and the development of Fox-1, the satellite currently under development that is scheduled for launch in November 2014.

President's Message

Hello.

As I mentioned last month, the town of Framingham has provided us with access to the Danforth building via the Pearl Street door. Aside from a few glitches due to the age of the infrastructure, which the town has quickly resolved, the shack is once again accessible. The town has been very supportive in this.

Ed is considering offering a CW class - three Saturdays at the shack. The specific dates will be announced on The Reflector. Any wishing to learn CW, or brush up on their skills are welcome.

Also coming up is our Holiday Party. Any suggestions will be considered; volunteers will (as always) be warmly welcomed.

Another reminder ... the 100th anniversary of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is coming up in July (the 17th through the 19th). Registration starts in January. Info is available here: <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1248082>

The preceding week (8-14 July) will be the 2014 World Radiosport Team Championship - volunteer opportunities exist for this as well (<http://www.wrtc2014.org/>).

Other Public Service Communications Opportunities:

We have received a request for amateur radio support for the Cystic Fibrosis bicycle fund-raising event on Saturday, October 5th. It is being conducted by the Massachusetts Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and will start at the Fatima Shrine in Holliston. The route will travel through the metro west area including the towns of Dover, Holliston, Hopkinton, Medfield, Medway, Milford, Millis, Natick, and Sherborn, on various picturesque routes, and will likely take about 4 or 5 hours. If any hams with 2M gear are willing to help out in this public service, please contact Mark Richards,

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FARA Horizons

- Oct. 3: Barry Baines WD4ASW on AMSAT
- Nov. 7: Dennis Egan W1UE on Setting up a Remote Station
- December: FARA Holiday Party
- Jan. 2: Show and Tell/DVD of a DX pedition. Prizes will be awarded for best Show and Tell entries!
- Feb. 6: Ed Parish K1EP on the Official Observer program.
- March 6: Bob Peloquin KB1VUA on Alternative Power Sources
- April 3: Mark Richards, K1MGY on Amateur Radio Public Service
- APRIL 5: FARA FLEA MARKET AT KEEFE TECH!!!
- May 1: Post Flea Market Pizza Party
- May 3-4: New England QAO Party
- June 5: Election of Officers/Field Day
- July 17-19: ARRL National Convention, Hartford, CT

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On Sunday, October 13, the Boston Athletic Association will host its 13th annual Half-Marathon. The BAA is seeking hams to volunteer to help keep the event running safely and smoothly for everyone. The Half-Marathon course starts at Franklin Park in Jamaica Plain, runs up Riverway near the Back Bay Fens, then loops back around via Franklin Park Zoo. Hams will report to their assignments at 7:00 AM and should be dismissed around 12:30 PM. Hams of any experience level are encouraged to volunteer at this event. All you need is a 2m handheld radio with PL tone support, an antenna better than the stock "rubber duck," and 5-watt power output. If you have a dual-band radio or magnetic mount antenna, they could come in handy too.

If you can help at the Half-Marathon, please write back (ab1rl@arrl.net) with the following information:

* Your call sign, full name, and name you prefer on the air

* Contact information: your e-mail address, postal address, and phone numbers where you can be reached (cell, home, office)

* Your t-shirt size

* The transmit band(s) of your radio (s), and other equipment you could bring

* Do you have any needs or requests we should consider when making your assignment?

If you have questions about the race, or any other BARC public service event, please get in touch with Brett Smith, AB1RL at ab1rl@arrl.net, or 859.466.5915.

Want to learn a new language?

How about Morse Code ? Morse Code or CW as hams know it is no longer required to obtain a FCC license, but it is still in wide use on the ham bands. Since it doesn't take up much space in the radio spectrum, it can often succeed in communicating when other methods fail due to noise or interference. There is actually a ham band where microphone operation is prohibited by the FCC, CW or some other type of data signal must be used. That's the popular 30 meter band(10.1 MHz to 10.15 MHz)

If you are interested in learning the language of Morse Code or if you learned it some time in the past and want to see if you can still copy it, then sign up for W1NXC's Morse Code clinic this fall. The class will be held on three successive Saturday mornings from 9 am to noon at the Club shack located on Lexington St. downtown Framingham.

Dates: Oct 26, Nov 2, and Nov 9, 2013

No previous experience required, no age limit, no text, All you need is a desire to learn. To sign up please call Ed W1NXC at 508-881-2301, or email at edaweiss@cs.com.

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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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