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President's Message

This month's speaker will be Greg Algieri, WA1JXR, who will be discussing antenna modeling & simulation. I saw his presentation in Hartford, and it was quite interesting. Greg has spoken to FARA in the past on the subject of antenna measurements, and he is very knowledgeable.

September's guests, Tony Brock-Fisher, K1KP, and Dennis Egan, W1UC, of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club discussed "Intro to Contesting". It was a good overview. Their web site (<http://www.yccc.org/>) has additional resources. On the same subject ...

As I mentioned last month, there were many occasions in former times when the club station was utilized for the club participating in various contests. Jim, W1EQW, has suggested that we revive this practice, starting with the ARRL Sweepstakes in November. His recommendation is that we operate as a "Multioperator, Single Transmitter, Low Power", keeping it low pressure, with the focus on getting a variety of people to do some contest operating and to build their familiarity with the logging and spotting software. The phone contest is the 3rd full weekend in November (15-17, this year) from 2100 UTC on Saturday (4:00 PM EST) to 0259 UTC on Monday (9:59 PM EST, Sunday), of which an entrant may operate no more than 24 hours - full rules are available at the ARRL website (<http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes>). Between now and then, we will be getting the station ready for this - ensuring that the radios and antennas are working correctly, installing the necessary logging software on the PC, and doing some housekeeping. Any interested members should stop by on a Saturday to begin their familiarization with the club station.

The CW Sweepstakes are the 1st weekend of the month - if there's any interest, we could do that one as well. On the 10th & 11th of October is NEAR-Fest XVI in Deerfield, NH, one of the larger hamfests in New England (for details, visit <http://www.near-fest.com:8084/nearfest/>). I've gone several times in the past; some of our member make it an annual event.

Another upcoming event is our Holiday Party. Any suggestions will be considered; volunteers will (as always) be warmly welcomed.

-Paul, N1VAM

FARA Horizons

Oct 2:	Monthly Meeting
Oct 18:	FARA Fall Upgrade Class
Oct 19:	Jamboree on the Air
Oct 25:	FARA Fall Upgrade Class
Nov 1:	FARA Fall Upgrade Class
Nov 6:	Monthly Meeting

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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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