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## Thursday, Oct 6 This Month's Meeting

Ed, W1NXC will be giving his classic electrical safety presentation. Ed always has something new to add.

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## President's Message

It was great seeing everyone at the kickoff meeting and at FARA night out. A great time was had by all at the Pacific Buffet. Would anyone be up for another FARA night out later in the season?

The devastation of hurricanes Katrina and Rita have been in the forefront of the news, as well as many articles published nation wide regarding Ham Radio's role in providing communications "when all else fails". We have been applauded by many agencies throughout the country in recognition of our efforts and how we deploy our emergency communications efficiently and effectively.

There has been a lot going on at FARA lately. First, I wish to thank Sharon, KC1YR for a great job in moving the FARA website to another host, since the one we had been using went out of business. I am sure it was not easy, although Sharon made it look that way! Also, Peter, KA1AXY for his work on the repeater; more enhancements are on the way, so standby! If you see either Sharon or Peter, please thank them! Ed W1NXC still has a couple of more seats available for his Extra Class "Crash" course. Call or email him if you are interested. Finally, the date of our spring flea market has been set for March 26. We need YOU to help out with various tasks in order to make this a success. More news to follow on the Reflector.

Our October 6 meeting will feature our own Ed Weiss, W1NXC. Ed will be giving his classic presentation on electrical safety. If you have not heard this before, you are indeed in for an informative evening!

Let's hear some new checkins to the Sunday evening net! The more the merrier!

73, Gordy K1GB

## New FARA Coffee Mug Is Now Available

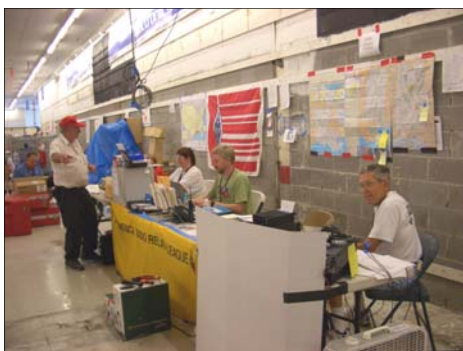
Our new Official FARA Coffee Mug is now available for purchase. This 11 ounce ceramic white mug will be sold to members for only \$5.00 each. It has the FARA logo in blue printed on both sides, and is just the right size for ragchews, contests, and late night operating. It will help you stay awake while chasing rare DX, and will make even bad coffee taste great. See Sumner Weisman, W1VIV, at the next meeting to purchase your very own FARA mug.



## Amateur Radio Provides Extensive Support to Red Cross

By Lew, K1AZE

Montgomery, AL has been the focal point for Red Cross support to the Alabama and Mississippi gulf coast region since hurricane Katrina struck. And ham radio has played a big role in this activity. In all my years of being a ham I've never seen anything of this magnitude in disaster relief. The Red Cross has been occupying a vacant K-Mart super center facility as its main staging area here in Montgomery. The facility continues to be staffed by hundreds of volunteers who have been working full time seven days a week. And teams of Red Cross volunteers have been formed and deployed to the gulf coast on a daily basis. Truckloads of supplies have been going down with them.



Amateur radio operators such as myself have been providing HF communications with stations located at major shelter areas along the coast. These HF stations in turn are maintaining VHF communications with many of the remote shelters where

power and telephone service are still either down or spotty at best. There are still over 50,000 evacuees in these shelters. The Texas and Louisiana coastal regions are being supported by a similar staging area in Texas.



Over 100 hams have responded to the ARRL's call for support to our area. They have been arriving here at our facility to be processed in and then have been deployed to the various shelters. Even amateur radio equipment manufacturers have helped out by donating HF and VHF radios, antennas, power supplies and various lengths of coax feedline. I am happy that I have had the opportunity to be a part of this enormous relief mission, which is still ongoing. But, hopefully, we will never have to experience this again.



## FARA Night Out

More on the FARA website.



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Annual membership dues are as follows: (Make checks payable to FARA)

Regular FARA \$15

Student / Retired \$10

Repeater (voluntary) \$10

## Upcoming FARA Meetings

Contact Gordy, K1GB if you have any meeting ideas.

**Nov:** Bill McNinch, KA1MOM will speak on radio astronomy and ham radio

**Dec:** Pizza Party

**Jan:** Show and Tell night

(All meeting topics are tentative.)

## Sunday Night Net Control Schedule

W1NAU	10/9	11/20
WA1R	10/16	
W1EQW	10/23	
W1VIV	10/30	
W1NXC	11/6	
K1GB	11/13	

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SAT AM AT THE SHACK-

OCT 1, 8, & 15

## FARA Call Sign Puzzle

By Ed, W1NXC

The club members listed below all changed their call signs-See if you can match the currently assigned call with the former or original call.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Call</u>	<u>Previous Call</u>
1	Brian	N1JFO	A. KA1FCB
2	Dick	AA1VI	B. N1OAP
3	Victor	K1VEA	C. KA1QGS
4	Lee	K1GL	D. AA1KY
5	Tom	W1JSS	E. KA1RNI
6	Kevin	W1MEX	F. KA1USL
7	Pete	KD1QS	G. KA1WXY
8	Bob	W1RH	H. KA1RNW
9	Marc	WA1R	I. KA1WVI
10	Kathy	N1FOF	J. KA1WZG

### FARA Email Reflector

If you have email and aren't signed up for the FARA email reflector, you're missing out on the last-minute news and updates. To sign up, send an email to Sharon at [kc1yr@kc1yr.com](mailto:kc1yr@kc1yr.com) requesting her to add you to the reflector.

*Answers:*


1-I, 2-H, 3-G, 4-F, 5-C, 6-J, 7-B, 8-D, 9-A, 10-E

### FARA Horizons

Oct 1, 8, 15:	Extra Class Crash Course
Oct 6	Club Meeting
Oct 24:	Board Meeting
Nov 3:	Club Meeting

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- Meeting: Club meetings are normally held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30PM in the basement of the Danforth Museum, on Lexington St.
- 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 8:30-12:00. Call the club number, 879-8097 to confirm.
- Club Web Site: <http://www.fara.org>