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President's Message

Happy Holidays! It was nice seeing everyone at last month's meeting. We had an excellent presentation by Rich, AB1HD, on getting started in PSK 31. There were 24 people in attendance, only six shy of having me wear my straw hat during the meeting!

Come on now, for the holiday season, wouldn't you like to see me preside at the meeting in something a bit off beat?

Plans for the 75th anniversary party are coming along. Aren't there more of you creative types out there who would like to submit an idea for a special commemorative logo? You can win a prize! We would like to use it for a shirt and/or pin for the occasion.

Our Dec. 6 meeting will feature FARA member Rick Zach, K1RJZ, with a presentation AND demonstration of a complex six meter repeater network in New Hampshire and Mass. To quote Rick: "Members of several ham clubs in Massachusetts and New Hampshire have joined forces to create a wide-coverage six-meter repeater network. Ultimately comprised of five receive sites and three transmit sites, mobile coverage extends south to Middleboro, Mass and to north to beyond NH's Lake Winnepesaukee. Loosely going under the gemoto.com banner, this consortium is providing a new and needed service." Sounds like a real winner, folks! We will also be collecting toys for the annual Toys for Tots/Teens campaign. Please bring an inexpensive new and unwrapped toy to the meeting. Some youngster will be grateful that you did!

Have a great holiday season!

73, Gordy K1GB

AMATEUR RADIO CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM Sponsored by the Framingham Amateur Radio Association By Ed, W1NXC

A series of educational programs will be held monthly at the Framingham Radio Club location in downtown Framingham starting in December 2007. These are intended primarily for current license holders wishing to improve their Ham-radio skills or knowledge, but anyone interested in Ham radio or would like to become a FCC licensed radio operator is also welcome to attend the classes. There is no fee or other requirement, but pre-registration is recommended as class size is limited.

All sessions will be held at the Club location in the Danforth Museum basement, on Lexington St. downtown Framingham. The Club radio shack where the classes will take place is adjacent to the Framingham library, and the entrance is via the underground parking garage, also on Lexington St. Lexington St is 3 blocks north off Union Ave, from the Memorial building where route 126(Concord St)and Union Ave intersect.

Class schedule

December 29, 2007	General and Extra class Upgrade Clinic
January 19, 2008	Morse Code workshop
February 23, 2008	Emergency Communications Orientation
March 14/15, 2008	License-in-a-Weekend (Technician entry level)
April 26, 2008	Soldering Technique

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November Meeting

Still not enough turnout for Gordy to wear the sombrero! Photo by Lowell, KB1FHJ

Note: Except for the 2-day Tech class in March, the classes will meet on Saturday mornings, 9 to 12 noon.

For further information contact any Club officer or Ed W1NXC at 508-881-2301(e-mail w1nxc@arrl.net)

Learn about more Ham Radio by checking in every week to the FARA Sunday Night Net on 147.15 MHz at 7:30 local time. Listen for the Sunday Night Ham Radio Question of the Week. Can you come up with the right answer? Here's your chance to show your ham radio knowledge.




FARA Horizons

- Dec: Rick Zach, K1RJZ talk and demonstration of 6 meter repeater network in NH and MA
- Jan: (Meeting) Show and Tell Night/QLF Contest
- Jan 9: VE session
- Feb: (Meeting) Bill Ricker, N1VUX on VHF propagation
- March: (Meeting) Mark Rubin, WB1ARZ and John Ruggerio, N2YHK from W.E.C.T (Worcester Emergency Communications Team).
- April: (Meeting) Scott Anderson, NE1RD on "The 100 pound DXpedition"
- April 6: Flea Market
- May: (Meeting) Pizza Party after Flea Market
- June: (Meeting) TBD/FARA 75th Anniversary Bash! Field Day

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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>