

# The Framingham Circuit



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## Thursday, Nov 6 This Month's Meeting

Rob Macedo, KD1CY will speak on Amateur Radio's involvement with the National Hurricane Center and the National Hurricane conference that he attended in April.

## Submitting Material to the Circuit

Material may be submitted for publication by sending it directly to the editor. This can be done by US Mail, or via the Internet (preferred). The deadline for each issue is the **Wednesday**, one week before the monthly meeting.

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## President's Message

Hi all: Happy November, everyone! The FARA season is moving right along with all sorts of interesting speakers and activities planned for you. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, please drop by! Those of you who attended last month's meeting will agree that Jim Hanson's W1TRC presentation on tracking down power line noise was excellent! A few more than the 17 in attendance would have greatly enhanced the evening, to be sure!

Ed, W1NXC ran his General "Crash" course last month and we are considering running an Extra course sometime in the future. Plans for our upcoming FARA Holiday Breakfast are underway. This will be a relaxed, social event. Everyone including family members and friends are invited to this buffet at the Marlborough Marriott on Dec. 21 at 11AM. Take this opportunity to enjoy the company of your fellow FARA members, especially if you haven't been to a meeting in a while.

Spread the word about our Pre-Flea Sale on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Sumner, W1VIV is heading this and he has recently sent an email on the reflector regarding the gear and prices.

Our general meeting on November 6 will feature Rob Macedo, KD1CY. In April 2008, Rob had the pleasure to visit the Amateur Radio station at the National Hurricane Center, WX4NHC and spoke at the National Hurricane Conference in Orlando Florida, on how Amateur Radio supports operations at the National Hurricane Center. He also presented the role of the VoIP Hurricane Net in supporting the National Hurricane Center, and assisted ARRL's Manager of Preparedness and Response, Dennis Dura, K2DCD in a presentation on how Amateur Radio can support gathering disaster intelligence and providing situational awareness before things fail along with Amateur Radio's traditional role of being there when all else fails. Rob is the Director of Operations for the VoIP, Hurricane Net, Eastern MA ARES Section Emergency Coordinator and SKYWARN Coordinator as well as Eastern MA Assistant Section Manger. Clearly, he has the credentials and experience to speak intelligently to us and can provide useful insight regarding Ham Radio's EMCOMM role. This sounds like a winner, so please, let's have a great turn out for Rob!

Finally, DUES are DUE! You can pay your dues at the meeting to Tom N1FTB, or mail them to the PO Box. Also, for you ARRL members, if you haven't yet mailed back your ballot for Section Manager to the ARRL, the deadline is November 15<sup>th</sup>. I am endorsing the candidacy of Mike Neilson, W1MPN. Go to [www.w1mpn.org](http://www.w1mpn.org) for more info.

See you on November 6 at the Framingham Police Station!

73, Gordy K1GB

## Net Control Schedule

K1GB	11/2	12/21
WA1HAM	11/9	12/28
KB1FHJ	11/16	1/4
KB1NIV	11/23	1/11
W1EQW	11/30	
W1VIV	12/7	
W1NXC	12/14	

### 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.

### Membership Dues

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

Regular FARA \$15

Student / Retired \$10

Repeater (voluntary) \$10

### October Meeting—Photos by Lowell, K1FHJ




### FARA Horizons

- Nov: Rob Macedo, KD1CY on the National Hurricane Center and Hurricane Conference
- Nov 1-3: ARRL CW Sweepstakes
- Nov 12 : FARA VE Session
- Nov 15-17: ARRL SSB Sweepstakes
- Dec: Greg Algieri, WA1JXR on Antenna Analyzers
- Dec 13-14: ARRL 10 Meter Contest
- Dec 21: \*\*\*FARA Holiday Brunch at Marlborough Marriott Hotel\*\*\*
- Jan: Show and Tell Night/QLF contest
- Feb: Jim Podsiadlo, AE1C on Peter I DXpedition
- March: Joint meeting with MMRA group at FARA;  
Speaker: Miles Mann, WF1F on SSTV on the ISS
- March 14: Field Trip to Antique Radio Museum in Carlisle.
- March 21: License in a Weekend
- March 29: FARA Flea Market
- April: Dom Mallozzi, N1DM on Antennas
- May: Pizza Party
- May 2-3: New England QSO Party
- June: Fox Hunt and talk on Fox Hunting by Kevin Paetzold K1KWP  
Election of Officers  
Field Day

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# Do You Know Your Club Members?

by W1VIV

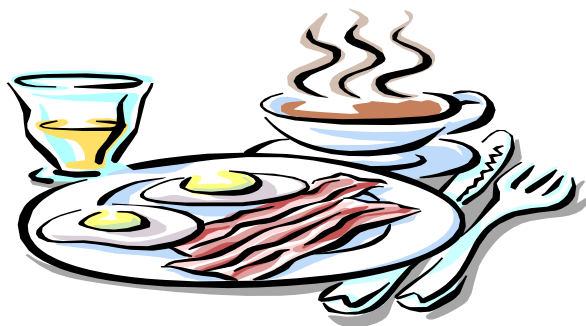
Can YOU put together all of the pictures, names, and call letters? If you can, you.....

**Know Your Club Members!**

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**EVERYONE IS INVITED**



**The FARA Holiday Breakfast**



**Come join us at the Marriott Courtyard in  
Marlborough on Sunday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 11 AM for a  
relaxing holiday breakfast buffet.**



**Directions: The Marriot Courtyard is at 75 Felton St. Marlborough, MA 01752.  
From Rt. 495, take Exit 24B (Rt. 20 West).  
The Marriott sign is visible as you exit.**



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NEW YEAR**

**Ticket Info.**

**Greg Andrews**

**508-877-7115**

**(Before 9:00 pm)**

**[Andrews.greg@gmail.com](mailto:Andrews.greg@gmail.com)**

**Tickets \$20 each**

**Purchase by Dec 14th**

**For tickets, send this form and a check (Payable to FARA) by Dec. 14  
to Greg Andrews W1TDF, 32 Springhill Road. Framingham, MA 01701**

**Enclosed is a check (payable to FARA) for \$\_\_\_\_For\_\_ Tickets**

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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>