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President's Message

The rain shows signs of abating, and the grass is growing. Must be time for Field Day!

The committee has already started meeting on Wednesday nights, but they can't do Field Day by themselves. Much help is needed, for transportation, set-up, operations and tear-down. Dick has promised that there will be 'chile', even if he's not physically present.

License in a Weekend was a tremendous success, due mostly to Ed's and Mary's organizing skills. The teachers were terrific, the students were stupendous, and the pass rate was almost perfect! We discovered that the new Technician question pool makes it much easier to pass the test. The material is condensed and the students don't have to take two tests on essentially the same material.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those in FARA who have made my work easier this year.

I couldn't have done it without you. Especially my vice president, W1RH, and his whole family. I hear they are considering starting a direct mail advertising business.

Elections for officers for the 2000-2001 year will be held at the June meeting. Please come and vote.

Thanks for a great year!

Peter, KA1AXY

Field Day 2000

By Bev, N1LOO

Four weeks and counting. Not much time left to get this years FIELD DAY off the ground. The committee (Dave, K1HT; Martin, AA1ON; and I) have been meeting Wednesday nights for the last few weeks and have the ground work in place. We now need volunteers to help bring it all together.

We have decided to scale down our operation this year. We will be putting up three 30' towers, using the wooden bases as supports. We plan to complete one station at a time, ie put together the tower and antenna, raise it, and run the coax to the tent, then move to the next station. The idea is to minimize the time it takes to get a station on the air. There is no plan to set up a Novice/Tech+ station this year, but if there are those interested let us know.

There are still a significant number of tasks that need to be done before we even get to the site. Most are small and easy to do in a couple of hours. If everyone takes one task we will be ready to go in record time. Please, see me if you can help out in any way over the next four weeks, no task is too small and no amount of time is too little.

Field Day has always been and I hope will continue to be the major social and operating event of the year. It has been part of what has made this club the great club it is and what sets us apart from other clubs. I hope to see you there and I am looking forward to a great weekend.

Framingham Flag Day Celebration

By Bev, N1LOO

The Framingham Flag Day Parade will take place on Sunday, June 11, 2000. I am looking for a few more operators to help the committee with communication for the parade. We will meet at noon and you should plan to be done by 3pm. No ex

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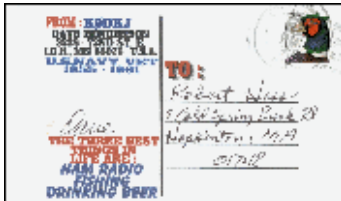
perience necessary, but you will need a call sign and a HT with batteries. This is a great event to help you learn about public service and HAM radio, very low key and fun!!!!

In addition to the parade, there is a road race on Thursday, June 8, 2000. It's a three mile run/walk. I will need a handful of volunteers for this starting a 5:30pm and we will be done by 8pm. There is food here for all the volunteers!!!! Again, very low key and lots of fun!!!!

This is one of the ways the club helps the town out in return for the use of the space in the Danforth. We get great exposure with the town and they love us!!! If you are interested in helping out at either of these events, call me at 508-626-2012 home or 508-651-2225 work or e-mail me B-BLEES@Juno.com. Thanks.

QSL Card

Submitted by Bob, W1RH



License in a Weekend

Photo by Lizzie, N1XAG



Lee gives students a new slant on FCC regs.

License Upgrade?

For those of you who upgraded your licenses before April 15th it should have gone through by now, check it at this address:

www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls/

(Submitted by Jim, N1XAS on the FARA email reflector)

Samir T99S, Silent Key

By Sharon, KC1YR



It is a custom in Bosnia to place an advertisement in the local newspaper when someone dies. While we were in Bosnia, Lee and I put an ad in Sarajevo's largest daily newspaper, Dnevni Avaz, on behalf of FARA. The translation is something like:

The Framingham (Mass.) Amateur Radio Association remembers with sadness the tragic death of our friend and club member Samir Durakovic (T99S). We will always remember you.



This month's QSL is a custom card from K0DKJ, Dave, in Minnesota. He was one of the 160 contacts I made during the Mass QSO Party a few weeks ago. Note the bottom of Dave's card which says "A Bad Day Working The Massachusetts QSO Party Beats A Good Day At Work." Now that says it all! I had a great time and have already received many QSL cards from some of the 37 states I worked in my three hours or so of operating the contest. Oh yeh, almost forgot....note the back of Dave's card: "The Three Best Thinks In Life Are Ham Radio, Fishing, Drinking Beer."

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FraminghamARA-L@qth.net

The FARA email reflector is working well. It provides us with an easy way to reach all our members who have email. You have to sign up so it will reach you, though.

To sign up, send a message to majordomo@qth.net with contents "subscribe FraminghamARA-L". (Without the quotes, of course). The subject can be left blank, the server only looks at the contents of the message. You'll get back a confirmation, follow its instructions exactly, then you're on the list!

FARA - The Early Years

Transcribed by Karen Hess

The Framingham Amateur Radio Association, formerly called the Community Radio Association, is fortunate to have the notes dating back to the Club's first meeting. Karen Hess, WIRH's XYL, has transcribed the hand written notes, verbatim, and they will appear in this and future issues of the Circuit. They make for fascinating reading!

Mar. 10, 1933

The 4th regular meeting of the C.A.R.A. was called to order by Pres. LaBarr at 8:30 p.m.

The reports of Secty. and Treas. were read and accepted.

The final draught of the constitution was read in part by the Secty.

Moved by Mr. Tedford to adopt the constitution as drafted. Seconded. So voted.

Voted unanimously to accept offer of Radio Corp. of America and purchase 50 radiation manuals from them at \$0.05 each. Manuals to be sold to club members at cost.

No further business coming before the meeting. It was adjourned by unanimous vote.

After the business meeting Mr. H. E. Blanks gave a talk on "the newer radio tubes."

Resp. Submitted

C. R. Crosby

Secty.

FARA Meeting Notes - 5/5/00

By George, N1XAN, Secretary

Meeting called to order: 7:30 PM

President Pete Simpson

VP Bob Hess

Treasurer Sumner Weisman

Secretary George Foster

This weekend Mass QSO party sponsored by FARA. Steve Rosenthal is administering the contest and requests all members to participate for the good of the club.

FARA night out attendance requests the pre-payment of \$18

Field day meeting coming up - Wednesday nights at the shack

Framingham Flag day coming up needs volunteers for safety communicators and FARA should supply people in return for our gifts from the town.

Road race June 8 volunteers from 4 PM Starts at Bowditch Field

Parade Sunday June 11 -12 people with HT's needed

Bev Lees is coordinator-

They will meet in the courthouse parking lot on 5/20/00

Framingham country Fair June 4. Volunteers needed

5 day affair at Cushing Hospital grounds Steve Rosenthal is touring St. Thomas by sailboat. He will be on 14.275 Mhz.

June 4 or 5. Club members are requested to look for calls on this frequency.

The nominating committee has selected a FARA slate for the coming year, nominations from the floor will be accepted at June meeting, or contact

nominating committee.

Nominating committee:

Ed Weiss

Bev Lees

Jim Weckback

Meeting adjourned 8:15

Post meeting: A lecture was given by Ed Schwarm, NX1V.

He gave a lecture on "Spark Transmitters" and high voltage emitting Tesla coils using excellent reproductions of the equipment. Pete Simpson emulated the poll of Frankenstein's hunchbacked laboratory assistant colorfully, as he manipulated the lecture hall's light switch between the thunderous arcing and whacking of the startling outreaching of thunder bolts searched through the air for victims.

It was an altogether exciting lecture brought to us through the efforts Bob Hess and our Pete.

FARA Scholarship 2000

By Dick, KD1BF

The rules for the FARA scholarship are as follows:

1. Must be a member of FARA
2. Applications must be turned in or post marked by June 15th.
3. Must be a licensed amateur.
4. Preference will be given to graduating high school seniors.

For applications contact Richard Cosma, KD1BF at (508) 877-8241.

FARA Horizons

June 1: Club Meeting
June 8: Road Race
June 11: Flag Day Parade
June 24-25: Field Day
June 26: Board Meeting

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