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President's Message

It has been a busy month, and, with the flea market coming up, it's about to get busier!

We are still searching for a non-profit group to handle the refreshments for the flea, so if you know any Boy Scouts who would like to make some money, have them contact one of the flea market committee.

The financial risk is low, and they stand to make a good bit of money for their troop.

Speaking of the flea market; we need all the bodies we can get to help make it a success. Remember that we are helping the vendors move their stuff again, so if you grab a cart, you don't need to visit the gym!

The report on the repeater antenna from Dennis, high atop the tower, is that a high SWR was measured at the antenna. We will most likely need to remove and repair the antenna once again. The weekend after the flea market has been suggested as a possibility.

Thanks to all that came and helped out at JOTA. Cub Scouts and parents enjoyed talking to hams and other scouts. Photos coming soon to the web.

Peter, KA1AXY

Jamboree on the Air--Nobscoot Scout Reservation

Pictures by Peter, KA1AXY

Thursday, Nov 2

This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting topic is a tape, supplied by Dave, K1HT, of the Clipperton Island Dxpedition. Dave says it is a real good show. Popcorn will be served. Check out this month's QSL card for more on Clipperton Island.

Submitting Material to the Circuit

Material may be submitted for publication by sending it directly to the editor. This can be done by phone, 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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FARA Members, Fran Belliveau KA4FRH, Nels Anderson K1UR, Chris KB1ELV, Bob W1RH, Robert N1UVA and Peter KA1AXY participated in the Jamboree on the Air at Nobscoot Scout Reservation on October 21st.

We had to explain to the kids that the PSK31 had nothing to do with the Internet, that it was all going

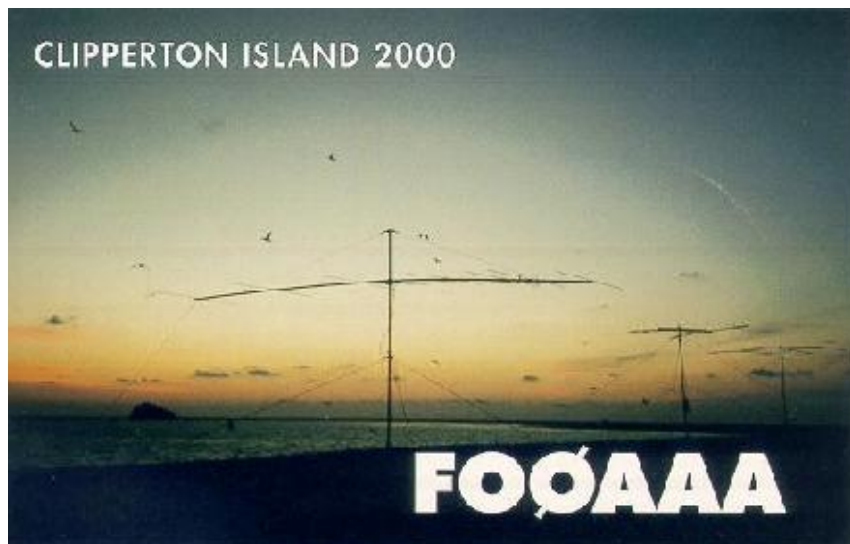
out to the antenna they could see. We ran 2 stations, the club Novice rig, TS-430 and my Elecraft K2 for a while, then replaced that with Bob's TS-450 for the PSK-31 demo. Antennas were a 10m Ringo on 20 ft mast and a 20m inverted vee up 50 ft in the trees.



QSL Card

Submitted by Martin, AA1ON

Write up by Bob, W1RH



FO0AAA is the QSL card from the Clipperton Island expedition featured at this month's FARA meeting. The card comes to us from Martin, AA1ON. As is usual, Martin worked Clipperton on almost every band and mode. This particular card confirmed 12 meter SSB and CW, 15 meter CW, 17 meter SSB, and 20 meter SSB.

Clipperton is an uninhabited island located 1500 miles south of San Diego, California. It is a flat, barren roughly circular coral atoll 2 square miles, barely 10 feet high in most places but with a promontory 70 feet high surmounted by a ruined 19th-century lighthouse. Vegetation consists of low scrub, patches of wild tobacco, and a few coconut groves. The island is inhabited by orange land crabs and various sea birds. Although 115 species of fish have been identified in the territorial waters of Clipperton Island, the only economic activity is tuna fishing.

Clipperton is named after the English

mutineer and pirate John Clipperton, who made the island his lair in 1705. It was listed as a U.S. island under the Guano Act (1856) but had already been annexed by France in 1855. Seized by Mexican forces, it was garrisoned from 1897 to 1917. With the opening of the Panama Canal, Clipperton Island attained new importance. In 1930, King Victor Emmanuel III of Italy arbitrated the conflicting claims in favor of France. It was a dependency of French Polynesia until 1979, when France assumed direct administration of the dependency.

This month - Popcorn and a movie - The Clipperton Island DXpedition

The Circuit is in need of QSL cards!!!

If you would like to share your favorite QSL card, which could be your own, with the club, please send it my way! A caption or story would be appreciated also.

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Contest Corner

ARRL International DX SSB Contest:

Eastern Mass., low power

2nd place - K1HT

4th place - W1VIV

Quite a few FARA members are contesters and now there is a place to share your scores. If you would like to submit your reported score to be in the Contest Corner, please email it to me.

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!

PAY YOUR FARA DUES NOW!

It's that time again. FARA dues cover one full calendar year. Please pay NOW to help your club. Pay the treasurer (Sumner Weisman, W1VIV) at the next meeting, or send a check to:

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Become a Member

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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, W1RH'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!

June 9, 1933

The 10th regular meeting of the C.A.R.A. was called to order at 9 p.m. by Pres. LaBarr.

The report of the Secty. was read and accepted.

Due to the small attendance no further vote was taken on suspension of meetings for summer after next meeting. It was agreed by unanimous vote not to have any speaker at the next regular meeting and devote said meeting to business and open discussion.

An invitation from the First Corps Area Radio Club to attend their "ham fest" on Monday was extended thru their Secty.

No further business being before the club the meeting was adjourned.

Following the business session an excellent talk on 5 meter operation during the eclipse was given by Theo Valpny W1ATP of Medway, Mass. Mr. Valpny also submitted a diagram of an excellent 2 tube 5 meter receiver.

Resp. submitted

C. R. Crosby

Secty.

FARA Horizons

Nov 2: Club Meeting

Nov 5: FARA Flea Market

Nov 27: Board Meeting

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