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President's Message

Welcome back! Now that the summer is almost over, it's time to get back to doing fun stuff. We have our Fall flea market coming up in just a few months, and our challenge is to make it as good as our Spring one.

This is going to require lots of work, and it starts with advertising. W1RH and family have already started to print and distribute flyers. We will again be asking everyone who is going to a ham event to pass out as many of these as possible. If you're going to HRO or You-do-it, take some flyers and make sure the rack is stocked, and that the FARA flyers are on the top row and clearly visible.

As many of you have commented, our repeater seems to be a bit under the weather. Dennis is working on it, and we hope the problem turns out to be easy to solve.

The FARA shack has a new Ameritron ALS-600 no-tune solid state amplifier. It has been thoroughly tested, and has the 10 meter kit installed.

Jim, W1EQW has volunteered to take over the position of Examination Coordinator from K1KTK, who is spending more time in Florida, and deserves our thanks for the many years he worked at building FARA's VE team. Please give Jim your assistance, and remember that FARA can always use more VEs.

Peter, KA1AXY

Thursday, Sep 7

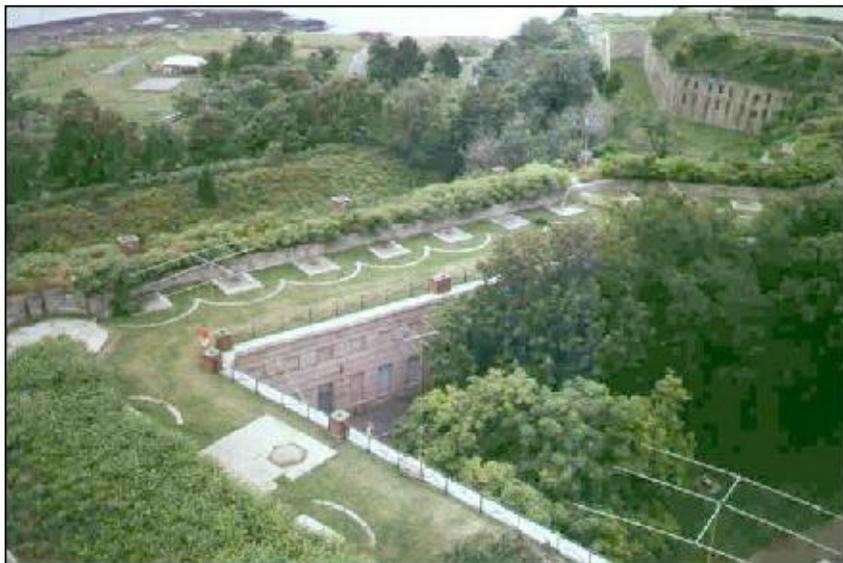
This Month's Meeting

Check out the picture to the right. It was taken by Richard, N1JDU from a camera attached to a kite. Come to this month's meeting to see how it works and how you can build your own "kite-cam"

Aerial View of the AA1HZ IOTA Station

Photo by Richard, N1JDU

Several club members recently participated in the IOTA contest on George's Island in the Boston Harbor. George's Island's IOTA designation is NA-148.



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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**Fall CW Classes begin
September 23**
Ed WINXC

Sign up now for the fall CW class and pass the 5 wpm exam in just 6 weeks! Classes begin September 23, 2000 and will be held at the Club location, Danforth Museum basement on Saturday mornings, 9:30 am to noon. Codeless Technicians especially welcome but the classes are open to anyone wishing to upgrade to General or Extra, or renew their code proficiency in sending or receiving. If interested contact Ed WINXC or any Club officer. Join the fun on the HF bands-5 wpm is the only code speed required for the General and Extra class licenses.

Wanted

2 Meter or 2/440; mobile or handheld-- Cheap. Looking for something that works but won't cost much. Call Lowell, KB1FHJ (508) 872-5254, 6PM - 9PM

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!

SEMARA Flea Market--Sep. 10

Southeastern Massachusetts ARA(SEMARA) annual fleamarket. No fee for sellers with setup starting at 6 am. \$2 admission fee for buyers, gate opens at 9. The popular food tent is open all day. Walk-In VE exams at 10 am. Talk-In repeater - W1AEC, 147.00/147.60. Call Bill Miller (508) 996-2969 for more information.

Contest Corner

ARRL 10M Contest Results:

E. Mass. Low Power -
W1VIV - 2nd place
K1HT - 3rd place
High Power -

K1UR - 4th place
2000 ARRL RTTY Roundup Results:

North East Region
Single Op. - Low Power
WA6ILT - 4th Place
Multi Op. - High Power
W1RH +N1UVA - 3rd Place

CQ WW SSB Results:

1st Call Area - Multi-Single
AA1ON +W1RH - 2nd Place

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.

FARA Flea Market - Nov. 5

FARA Scholarship Winners



The FARA Scholarship was awarded at the August Meeting to FARA members: Kristi Lees N1JFP, Lori Belliveau N1TBP, Kevin Goodwin N1JMY and Robert Hess N1UVA. 250 dollars was awarded to each. All awardees are currently attending college

Change of Address

If you would like to change the address on your Circuit label, please email fara@fara.org. Or, you can call the Club at 508-879-8097

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up!

Membership Dues

Annual membership dues are as follows: (Make checks payable to FARA)
Regular FARA \$15

QSL Card

Write up by Bob, W1RH

RADIO	QSO DATE	H.S.I.	CNT	PWR	PHONE	W.C.	CDX
W1RH	10-10-49	1000	54	73			

THANKS FOR QSO.

1000 54 73

XMITR. 18007602/TP35

ANTENNA 30M. TO END OF WATER BEAMS

MAJOR M. H. R. CARRAGHER

RCVR. HALLICRAFTERS SX 28

Whether or not you're a DX'er, this month's card is a real gem. The card, from the W1FY archives and a former club member (W1RVA), is from the long ago deleted DXCC entity of Trieste. Trieste was deleted as a DXCC entity on March 31, 1957. Contacts after that date count for Italy. The date on the card is 1949. The QSO was made on 10 meter AM phone. The Trieste call sign was MF2AA. The transmitter consisted of a pair of 807's and the receiver was a Hallicrafters SX-28.

Trieste, located in northeastern Italy, on the Gulf of Trieste, at the northeastern extremity of the Adriatic Sea, is a major seaport with several shipyards. It has a long, complicated history. Trieste was built as a Roman port in the first century, BC. After the AD 400's, it fell successively to the Huns, the Byzantine Empire, the Lombards, and the Franks. Later it became a free commune. In 1932, Trieste placed itself under the protection of Austria, maintaining that status until after World War I. At the conclusion of World War I, the city, in which Italian culture had flourished, was assigned to Italy. Yugoslav troops captured the city in 1945, during World War

II. After World War II, the area was claimed by Yugoslavia, mainly because the area outside the city of Trieste is predominantly Slovenian. The Western powers opposed Yugoslavia's claim. As a compromise, the Free Territory of Trieste was created, in 1947, under the protection of the UN Security Council. When the Security Council was unable to agree on a governor for the territory, Anglo-American forces occupied Zone A, consisting of Italian-speaking Trieste, while the Yugoslavs occupied Zone B. In 1954, in a compromise agreement, Zone A was placed under Italian administration and Zone B under Yugoslav administration. The solution amounted to a partition of the Free Territory, which then ceased to exist. If you worked Trieste, you worked one of the rare ones. The operator, Major M. H. R. Carragher, G3BQZ, most likely was assigned to a peace keeping contingent in Zone A.

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 handwritten notes, verbatim, and they will appear in this and future issues of the Circuit. They make for fascinating reading!

May 13, 1933

The 8th regular meeting of the C.A.R.A. was called to order in the basement auditorium of the Civic League by Vice Pres. J. D. McLean.

The report of the Secty. was read and accepted.

Announcement was made by the Secty. of recognized affiliation by the A.R.R.L.

Mr. Bennett (W1BTH) of the N. E. Radiophone Club gave a short talk on the activities of that organization and extended an invitation to the phone men present to join, the dues being \$1.50 yearly.

12 visiting members were present. 31 local members and visitors were present. 37 tickets for refreshments were sold.

After adjournment of the business meeting, Mr. Purnby of the Delta Mfg. Co. gave a talk on the function of the input choke on filtered power supplies.

Resp. submitted

C. R. Crosby
Secty.