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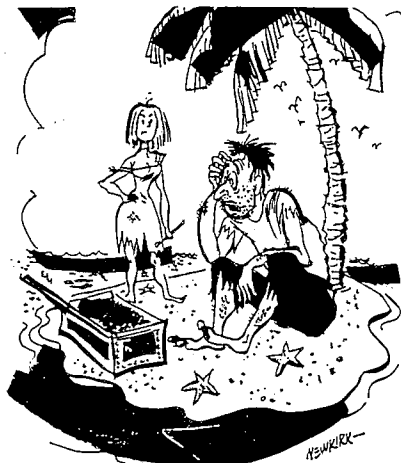
Come One, Come All to the Picnic  
Aug. 18 at Hopkinton State Park

FIELD DAY REPORT NEXT MONTH

With less than a month to go until the club's annual picnic, the excitement is beginning to build as we all look forward to the event. This year, FARA is trying something different at a different location. The picnic will be catered and will be held at Hopkinton State Park on Sunday Aug. 18 (See map on Page 5).

The picnic planning committee, Barbara Eagle, KA1KVH, and Marjie Stern, KA1HIA, has been hard at work putting this event together since shortly after the June meeting. Their work has resulted in what promises to be an exciting event. They have also been on the phone, calling many club members about the plans.

In brief, here's what the committee has been working on. First, arrival is set for between 11 a.m. and noon with the meal planned about 1 p.m. The Downtown Deli of Framingham will be catering the event and their menu looks scrumptious. In addition to the usual hamburgers and hotdogs, there will also be chicken and salads, as well as watermelon boats and iced tea. Soda will be provided. Since this will be held at a state park, no alcoholic beverages will be allowed.



"I can't believe it—a whole trunk full of radio parts, but not a single piece of wire."

As you can see, this year's picnic is a departure from the past and it offers many features including picnic tables, swimming, rest rooms and more. Bob Press, KB1EW, club president, and Lew Nyman, KI4ZE, trustee of the club station and a member of the board, did some preliminary scouting work and recommend the site highly.

Because we are planning the event at a state park, there will be an admission fee for each car of \$3 and we suggest an early arrival at the picnic site because state park's fill up rapidly during the summer. There will be some early birds at the site as early as 9 a.m. to stake out the area we want.

There will also be a charge of \$4 for each person to help the club defray the costs of the event. The club will be picking up the difference.

To keep things simple for the committee and officers, if you're planning to attend please send a check, made out to FARA, to the club box covering the number of people who will be with you. The checks should be sent to P.O. Box 3005, Framingham, MA 01701.

The planning committee has worked hard in putting this fun day together, having spent many hours on the phone. They have carried out the club's mandate at the June meeting that FARA support the event by paying for the cost of some of the food. In reality, the small fee each of us will pay is far less than we would normally spend in time and food for the picnic, not to mention getting the food to the picnic site. The committee should be commended for its hard work and dedication to this event. So, circle Aug. 18 on your calendar. It's the annual FARA picnic and it looks as if it will be the best in years.

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June meeting highlights

The June meeting was a busy one as the club elected new officers for the 1985-86 season; discussed the summer picnic; planned Field Day, and heard interesting input from Lew, K1AZE, Marc, N1BLH, as well as from a speaker from the Boy

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Officers

President.....Bob Press, KB1EW  
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Treasurer..Dick Marshall, WA1KUG  
Secretary...Ken Horton, KA1GFN  
Activities...Marc Stern, N1BLH  
Director.....Lew Nyman, K1AZE  
Counsel...Arthur Marshall, Esq.

Club Station: W1FY.  
Repeater: W1FY/R, 147.75/15  
FAAREN Net: Sunday, 7:30 p.m.  
~~Classes: Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.~~

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Scouts of America.

Because there were no nominations from the floor, the club elected the slate of officers chosen by the nominating committee and presented at the May meeting. There was a motion from the floor to accept the slate and the club voted to do so unanimously. The officers are: Bob Press, KB1EW, president; Burt Shaffer, N1DDO, vice president; Dick Marshall, WA1KUG, treasurer; Ken Horton, KA1GFN, secretary; Marc Stern, N1BLH, activities, and Lew Nyman, director.

Moving on to the picnic, Marc has talked to Mac about

having the annual picnic at WA1IGL and Mac graciously offered us the use of his yard again. However, Marc also suggested that we might plan something different this year as an alternative. It was decided that the club supply the food. A show of hands indicated unanimous agreement with this idea. Barbara, KA1KVH, and Marjie, KA1HIA, volunteered to head the committee.

In other business, Dick, WA1KUG, reported on Field Day which will be held at Bowditch Field. There was to be a meeting at Dick's house on June 13 at 8 p.m. to plan the event. A number of members have offered the use of equipment. Bob Gettys, N1BRM, was to provide packet capability to qualify for the additional bonus for this new mode. There was also to be a Novice/Tech station which will be run by Adam Weiner, KA1MSC, son of Jon, K1VVC, and Debby.

Moving along, Lew, K1AZE, who not only is our trustee but is also the ARRL's section affiliated club coordinator, gave a brief talk on the Council of Eastern Mass Radio Clubs (CEMARC). Its goal is to set up activities and distribute information on Amateur Radio. The last project was the New England repeater map and it is now investigating the possibility of setting up a demonstration at the Museum of Science. There is also a possibility of setting up a permanent station. These

plans will be worked out over the next few months. Lew hoped for good participation from FARA.

One of the evening's speakers was Ed McGlothlin from the Algonquin Council of the Boy Scouts. He spoke on the Boy Scout's Explorer program. He indicated to us that there are a number of area youth who are interested in Amateur Radio and the scout council was wondering if we would interested in setting up an Explorer Post. This would require about 5 or 6 members who would meet once a month and arrange for various activities pertaining to Amateur Radio. The Council will also be willing to work with us for training purposes.

A new face was seen at the meeting, Rob Zakon, W1NVW. He has been inactive for some time but is interested in getting back on the air. He is also planning to upgrade from Technician to General in our classes this fall. Bob is looking for a synthesized 2-meter rig to help get back on the air. If you're planning to sell one, give him a call.

In some ham-related developments, Marc, N1BLH, mentioned there are proposals to give Novices some phone privileges on 10 meters, 220 and 1296 MHz. They would gain full privileges, including digital, in those bands. The FCC should act on this in a few months. Marc, local EC and net

manager for FAAREN, is also planning a meeting to form an Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) unit in this area.

Burt, N1DDO, did an excellent job presiding over the meeting because Bob, KB1EW, was unable to make it due to unexpected circumstances. The meeting began at 7:55 p.m. and adjourned at 8:35 p.m. for refreshments.

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Summer News and Notes

Cliff Walton, KA1HFI, our oldest member, is recuperating after recent surgery. Cliff, a member of the club since the 1930s, would appreciate a card to help cheer him during his convalescence after the successful operation. His address is: 115 Hartford St., Framingham, Ma. 01701.

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Sales of club jackets are continuing hot and heavy. The most recent order was sent out shortly after Field Day and the recipients can expect their jackets by the end of this month. The committee has begun taking new requests as it gets another order ready and we already have commitments for four to six more jackets. This will push the number of jackets ordered since the April Flea Market to more than 30. You, too, can have your own royal blue -- with white lettering -- FARA

jacket. Send a check to the club box for \$24.49 to the club box and indicate your size. If you have any further questions contact Marjie, KA1HIA, or Marc, N1BLH, on the repeater.

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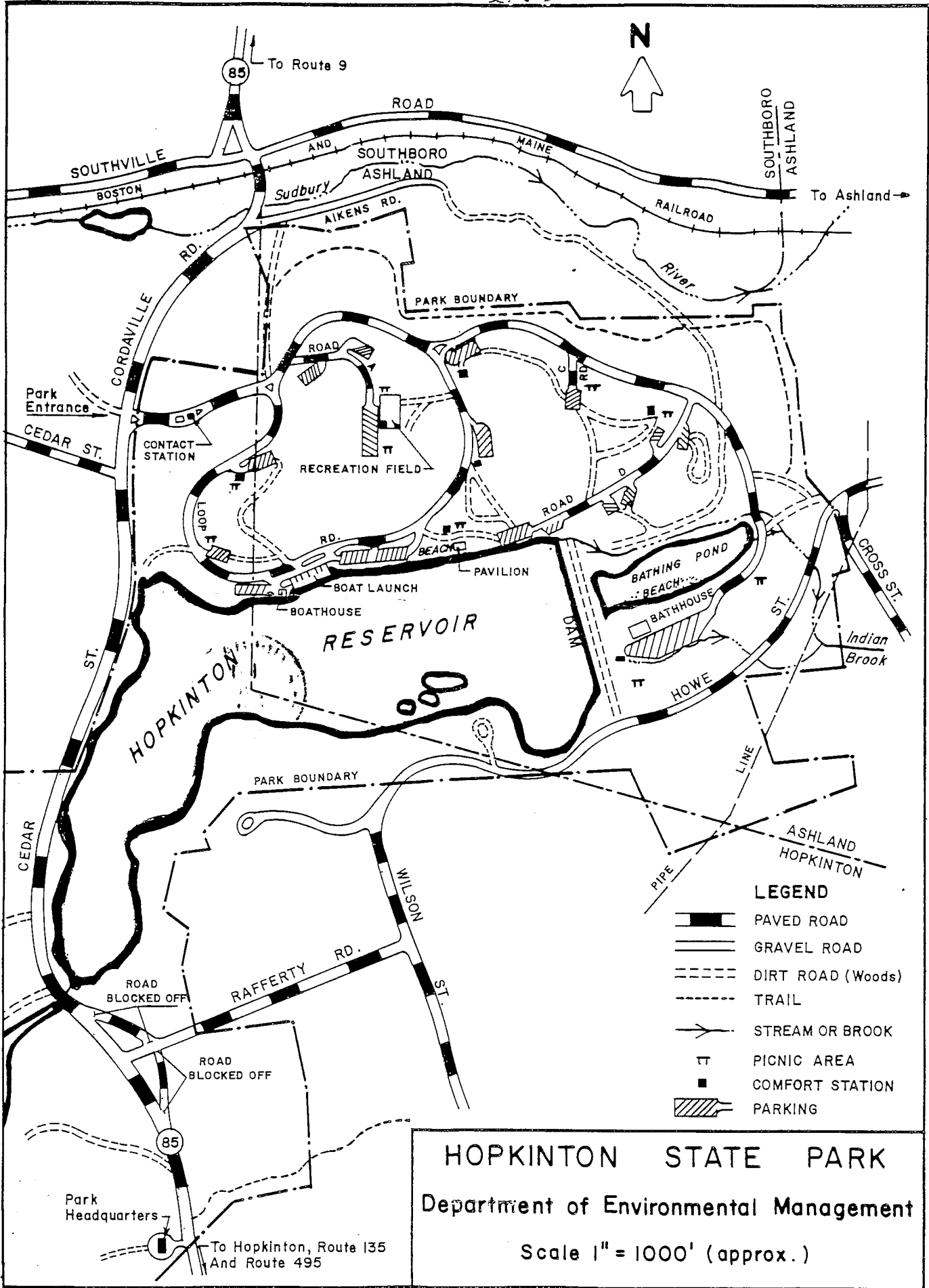
FOR SALE: Epson MX80-F/T Printer with friction and tractor feed options, Centronics parallel interface connector and installed 16K internal print buffer. Package includes two new black ink ribbons. A super deal for a computer hobbyist at \$300. Contact Bob Chin, WB1FHT, at Box 3132, Framingham, 01701, or call 877-0195.

WANTED: 2-meter transceiver, preferably synthesized. Contact Bob Zakon, W1NWV, at 877-5001.









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According to W5YI, there's a new "woodpecker" on 20 meters. It is believed to be a new type of Russian over-the-horizon radar, which, unlike earlier versions, seems to stay pretty much on 14 MHz. The pulse noise takes up about 30 kHz of spectrum at 62 pulses per second. It sounds more like a motor boat or buzz saw than a woodpecker.

The FCC has obtained bearings on this noise and it is believed within a 1,200-mile radius of Odessa, Russia.



**LEGEND**

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-  GRAVEL ROAD
-  DIRT ROAD (Woods)
-  TRAIL
-  STREAM OR BROOK
-  PICNIC AREA
-  COMFORT STATION
-  PARKING

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