

JUNE 1979

# FRAMINGHAM RADIO CLUB



PRESIDENT LEW NYMAN K1AZE\*\*\*\*V.P. JIM BOATES WA1UEH\*\*\*\*  
TREAS. HOWARD DAVIS WA1VFJ\*\*\*\*SECY. MIKE KELLER WA1KQH\*\*  
CLUB CALLSIGN W1FY\*\*CLUB RAGCHEW NET ON TUESDAY AT 9:00  
P.M. ON 28.625 MHZ, EXCEPT MEETING NIGHTS.\*\*EDITOR JIM\*\*  
BOATES WA1UEH. MEETINGS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY.\*\*

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE FRC WILL BE HELD ON  
JUNE 20TH AT THE CIVIC CENTER BUILDING,  
21 CONCORD STREET, STARTING PROMPTLY AT 7:30  
PM. THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE  
HELD AT THIS MEETING. THE PROPOSED SLATE SEL-  
ECTED BY THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE FOLLOWS:  
PRESIDENT, LEW NYMAN K1AZE, UNOPPOSED. VICE  
PRESIDENT, JIM BOATES WA1UEH, UNOPPOSED.  
TREASURER, HOWARD DAVIS WA1VFJ, UNOPPOSED. SECRETARY,  
RON EGALKA K1YHM AND MARK KELLER WB1AMY. NOMINATIONS FROM  
THE FLOOR ARE ALSO IN ORDER. THE BUSINESS MEETING AND  
ELECTION WILL BE KEPT BRIEF SO THAT WE MAY ADJOURN TO  
A LOCAL BISTRO FOR BEER AND PIZZA. SEE YOU AT THE MEETING.

THE FRC RECIEVED TREMENDOUS PUBLIC EXPOSURE AT THE ISRAELI  
DAY. HELD ON THE VILLAGE GREEN AT FRAMINGHAM CENTER. A  
LITTLE DIFFUCULTY WAS EXPERIENCED GETTING THE TRAFFIC INTO  
ISRAEL DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC GIVEN TO THE ISRAELI  
HAMS AT THIS TIME. BUT, JON WEINER K1VVC, THANKS TO HIS  
RTTY-EQUIPMENT FINALLY PASSED-~~THE~~ MESSAGES. THE CLUB OWES  
A DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO JON. WE HAD A NICE LETTER FROM THE  
ISRAELI COMMITTEE THANKING US FOR OUR PARTICIPATION IN  
THE EVENT.

### \*\*\*\*\* WHAT YOU MISSED AT THE LAST MEETING\*\*\*\*\*

TWO OF THE RAFFLE PRIZES GIVEN AT THE FLEA MARKET WERE  
DONATED BY JULIE HOFFER W1DL. THE ATTACHE CASE WITH THE  
PADDED INTERIOR, JUST RIGHT, FOR A 2 METER RIG AND THE  
STEREO HEADPHONES. A BELATED THANKS JULIE.

A DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE MERITS OF HOLDING ANOTHER  
FLEA MARKET, SOMETIME NEXT FALL. THE ASSEMBLED BODY SEEMED  
IN FAVOR OF THIS PROPOSITION, AND FURTHER ACTION WILL BE  
TAKEN BY YOUR OFFICERS DURING THE SUMMER SEASON AND A WORK-  
ING PLAN WILL BE PROPOSED AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. IT  
WAS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT WE CONTACT A CATERING TRUCK TO  
PARK NEAR THE DOOR AT THE NEXT FLEA MARKET TO ALLOW DEALERS  
AND BUYERS TO SEEK REFRESHMENT NEAR THE FLEA MARKET.

MAC WA1IGL LISTED THE KNOWN PARTICIPANTS WHO WILL BE OPER-  
ATING FIELD DAY. 80 METERS, PHONE AND CW. JIM WA1UEH BAND  
MASTER. BOB WB1FXR, EARL EDIGHOFFER K1QMD AND TED WB1ECE.  
40 AND 10 METERS PHONE AND CW. MAC WA1IGL BAND MASTER.  
LEW K1AZE, AND JERRY K1AIU. 20 METERS PHONE AND CW. TONY  
WA1MTI BAND MASTER, HOWARD WA1VFJ. 15 METERS PHONE AND CW.  
MARK WB1AMY BAND MASTER AND COMPANY. JULIE W1DL FLOATING  
OPERATOR, ALL BANDS.

LEW K1AZE AND JIM WA1UEH WILL HAVE 2 METER RIGS WITH PHONE PATCH CAPABILITIES TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE RED CROSS AND TOWN OFFICIALS OUR ABILITY FOR IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS. THERE ARE PLENTY OF OPENINGS FOR MORE OPERATORS, LOGGERS AND GENERAL HELP. SO, COME ON DOWN. WE WILL BE OPERATING NEAR THE FRAMINGHAM DOG POUND NEAR THE MACOMBER ESTATE.

MAC WA1IGL GAVE A REPORT ON THE MEETING OF NEW ENGLAND OFFICIALS AT ARRL HEADQUARTERS IN NEWINGTON. THE MEETING DEALT MOSTLY WITH TRAFFIC NET OPERATIONS AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND THE DESIRABILITY OF GETTING MORE HAMS INVOLVED IN THESE ACTIVITIES. MAC STATED, "MOST AMATEURS ARE PUBLIC SERVICE ORIENTED AND MORE THAN WILLING TO BECOME PART OF THE ACTION WITHOUT BEING CALLED UPON. BUT THIS CAN BE FRUSTRATING IF A FEW PROBLEMS ARE NOT CLEARED UP BEFORE THE SITUATION ACTUALLY EXISTS. ONE OF THE PROBLEMS IS THAT THE AVERAGE AMATEUR IS NOT NETWORK ORIENTED OR FAMILIAR WITH FORMAL TRAFFIC FORMATS. ANOTHER IS THOSE THAT ARE INVOLVED IN ORGANIZING THESE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DO NOT KNOW WHO YOU ARE OR WHAT YOUR CAPABILITIES ARE. A LOT OF PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW WHO THE EC FOR FRAMINGHAM AREA IS". MAC WA1IGL HOLDS THAT TITLE. MAC SUGGESTED THAT WE BE INTRODUCED TO FORMAL TRAFFIC HANDLING, TRAFFIC MESSAGES AND NET FORMALITIES. MAC WENT ON TO SUGGEST THAT THOSE WHO WISH TO LEARN THIS PHASE OF AMATEUR ACTIVITY CONTACT HIM AND LEARN THE ROPES BEFORE AN ACTUAL EMERGENCY SITUATION EXISTS.

THERE IS GOING TO BE A CLUB NET, SPONSORED BY THE ARRL, ON SUNDAY JUNE 11TH AT 15:00 EST ON 3.950 MHZ. SO CHECK IN AND LET THEM KNOW THAT THE FRC IS ALIVE AND WELL.

MAC ALSO GAVE A STATUS REPORT ON FAAREN. AT THIS WRITING IT IS NOT KNOWN IF WE CAN USE THE FRAMINGHAM REPEATER ASSN. MACHINE FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS. THE REPEATER IS AT THIS TIME BEING MOVED TO A NEW LOCATION AND NEW TRUSTEES HAVE BEEN APPOINTED. WE ARE ALMOST POSITIVE THAT THE NEW TRUSTEES WILL GRANT US PERMISSION TO USE THE MACHINE FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS. HOPEFULLY, WE WILL MEET WITH THEM SOON AND GAIN THEIR PERMISSION. ALSO UP IN THE AIR IS THE STATUS OF THE ROOM AND ANTENNAS THE TOWN IS SUPPOSED TO SUPPLY FOR OUR USE. MAC IS WORKING HARD ON THESE PROBLEMS AND SHOULD SOON BE RESOLVED. THE FIELD DAY OPERATION IN YOUR EDITORS OPINION WILL GO A LONG WAY IN CONVINCING THE POWERS THAT BE OF OUR EMERGENCY CAPABILITIES.

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A PROPOSAL TO RAISE ~~THE~~ YEARLY DUES TO \$10.00 WAS APPROVED BY THE MEMBERS PRESENT. THE \$3.00 FEE IS NOW A RIDICULOUS SUM, DUE TO INFLATION. THE LAST TIME THAT THE DUES WERE RAISED WAS IN 1948. AS NEAR AS ANYBODY COULD REMEMBER. JIM WA1UEH DISCUSSED THE BASIS FOR RAISING THE DUES, WE HAVE 57 PAID UP MEMBERS AT THIS TIME WHICH GIVES US \$171.00 PER YEAR INCOME. THE YEARLY RENT FOR OUR MEETING ROOM IS \$96.00 PER YEAR, THE PRICE OF PRINTING THE FRAMINGHAM AND MAILING THEM TO THE MEMBERSHIP IS \$360.00 PER YEAR. THE ANNUAL DINNER COST THE CLUB \$78.00 THERE ARE MANY OTHER INCIDENTAL EXPENSES NOT LISTED. TAKING THESE FIGURES AND DIVIDING BY THE MEMBERSHIP GIVES A FIGURE OF \$9.36. SO INSTEAD OF EACH MEMBER COSTING THE CLUB \$7.26 PER YEAR, WE WILL BREAK APPROXIMATELY EVEN. INCIDENTLY NO MENTION WAS MADE OF THE SEVERAL BEER AND PIZZA PARTIES WE HAD LAST YEAR, AND THE CLUB SUPPLIES THE BEVERAGES AT OUR ANNUAL COOK-OUT. THE \$10.00 FIGURE BREAKS DOWN TO .50¢ PER MEETING. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM WA1UEH TO RAISE THE DUES TO REGULAR MEMBERS TO \$10.00 AND \$5.00 FOR BONA FIDE STUDENTS UP TO AND INCLUDING COLLEGE LEVEL, STARTING IN SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RON K1YHM. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT.

ALSO UP FOR DISCUSSION WAS WHAT TO DO WITH THE FUNDS RAISED AT THE FLEA MARKET. A CLUB STATION, A PORTABLE GENERATOR OR A REPEATER FOR THE CLUB USE WERE SOME OF THE SUGGESTIONS BROUGHT FORWARD. IT WAS VOTED TO BANK THE MONEY UNTIL A MORE SUBSTANTIAL SUM WAS AVAILABLE. THEN WE CAN DISCUSS WHAT THE MEMBERS WANT THE MOST.

AFTER SEVERAL VOTES FOR A NEW NAME FOR THE NEWSLETTER, A NEW NAME WAS SELECTED. THE NEW NAME BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER WILL BE THE framingHAM. JULIE WIDL IS THE WINNER OF THE PRIZE TO BE PRESENTED LATER, FOR THE SUGGESTION THAT WON THE MAJORITY OF THE VOTES. SEVERAL PEOPLE ARE WORKING ON DESIGNING A SUITABLE LOGO. THE MEMBERS WILL VOTE ON WHICH LOGO WE WILL USE. SO, IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS PLEASE SUBMIT THEM TO YOUR EDITOR.

ENZO WA1PYF WAS SELECTED TO PROCURE AN APPROPRIATE PLAQUE TO BE PRESENTED TO LEW K1AZE FOR HIS EXCELLANT PERFORMANCE AS PRESIDENT FOR THE FRC DURING THE 77-78 SEASON.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE GRATIOUSLY SUBMITTED THEIR NAMES TO THE HAM-AID SOCIETY. IF YOU HAVE ANY PARTICULAR PROBLEMS IN THEIR PARTICULAR FIELD OF EXPERTISE, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THEM.

ANTENNAS, LINEARS	JULIE HOFFER W1DL	872-5084
RTTY	JON WEINER K1VVC	877-7166
RTTY	RON EGALKA K1HYM	877-4520
NET CONTROL AND TRAFFIC HANDLING	JOHN MAC LEOD WA1IGL	877-2717
HAM ORIENTED LEGAL PROBLEMS	MARTY GREEN WA1WHU	877-1768
REPEATERS, PHONE PATCHES ETC.	GERRY CECCARINI K1AIU	620-0688
METEOROLOGY, WEATHER	ROLLIE BOUCHER K1OIS	653-2072

IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIALTY AND WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE HAM-AID SOCIETY PLEASE CONTACT JIM WA1UEH AT 653-6398. THIS LIST WILL BE A MONTHLY ADDITION TO THE NEWSLETTER.

OUR CONGATULATIONS TO ROLLIE BOUCHER K1OIS ON HIS RECENT UPGRADING TO GENERAL. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK ROLLIE, THERE IS PLENTY OF ROOM ON THE EXTRA BANDS.

AT THE END OF 1977, THERE WERE 12,200,000 CB LICENSEES, MORE THAN 4,500,000 THAN THERE WERE AT THE END OF 1976. THE POLITICAL CLOUT IN THIS NUMBER OF CHARLIE BROWNS IS SORT OF SCARY, ISN'T IT.

LISTEN FOR MORE KIDDIE-TALKIES ON THE AIR THIS CHRISTMAS. THE FCC HAS EXTENDED THE SALES CUTOFF DATE FOR 27-MHZ BAND, PART 15 (UNLICENSED) KIDDIE-TALKIES FROM SEPTEMBER 18 TO DECEMBER 31, 1978 TO ALLOW MARKETERS TO GET RID OF THEIR INVENTORIES OF THESE UNITS.

OUR CONGATULATIONS TO ALL RECENT HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES AND A THOUGHT FOR US OLD TIMERS TO PONDER.

THEY ARE GOING TO SIT WHERE YOU ARE SITTING, AND WHEN YOU ARE GONE ATTEND TO THOSE THINGS WHICH YOU THINK ARE IMPORTANT. YOU MAY ADOPT ALL THE POLICIES YOU PLEASE; BUT HOW THEY ARE CARRIED OUT DEPENDS ON THEM. THEY WILL ASSUME CONTROL OF YOUR CITIES, STATES AND NATIONS. THEY ARE GOING TO MOVE IN AND TAKE OVER YOUR CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES AND CORPORATIONS. ALL YOUR BOOKS ARE GOING TO BE JUDGED, PRAISED OR CONDEMNED BY THEM. THE FATE OF HUMANITY IS IN THEIR HANDS.

A 77-78 MEMBERSHIP LIST HAS BEEN PREPARED AND WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMBERS AT THE JUNE MEETING. MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING THE MEETING WILL BE MAILED THE LIST SOON.

TI IS ENTERING THE AMATEUR MARKET - FCC EXPERIMENTAL STATION LICENSE KI2-XHL HAS BEEN GRANTED TO TEXAS INSTRUMENTS OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS, FOR 220-225 MHZ R AND D WORK ON A NEW TRANSCEIVER FOR USE IN THE AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE.

MICROWAVES ASSOCIATES GUNNPLEXERS WILL NOT BE SUPPLIED TUNED ABOVE 10.4 GHZ DESPITE MANY RECENT REQUESTS THE COMPANY HAS HAD FOR UNITS TUNED TO 10.5. MA IS SELLING THE DEVICES STRICTLY FOR LEGITIMATE AMATEUR USE, AND FEELS THAT MOST, IF NOT ALL, REQUESTS FOR THEM TUNED IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE POLICE RADAR BAND ARE BY WOULD-BE RADAR JAMMERS.

FCC IS ENFORCING ITS MARKETING BAN ON LINEARS. AT LEAST ONE LARGE DEALER HAS BEEN SHUT DOWN AND A CONSIDERABLE STOCK OF ILLEGAL AMPLIFIERS SEIZED, AND A NUMBER OF LESS FLAGRANT VIOLATORS ARE RECEIVING STRONGLY WORDED "CEASE AND DESIST" LETTERS.

EX-NOVICES WHOSE LICENSES EXPIRED LESS THAN A YEAR AGO WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR REINSTATEMENT JUST LIKE ANY OTHER AMATEUR LICENSEES UNDER FCC'S RECENT RULES MAKING NOVICE LICENSES GOOD FOR FIVE YEARS AND RENEWABLE. THIS MEANS ANY FORMER NOVICE WHOSE LICENSE EXPIRED AFTER MAY 15, 1977 CAN SUBMIT A FORM 610 ON OR AFTER MAY 15, BUT WITHIN ONE YEAR OF HIS ORIGINAL EXPIRATION DATE, WHEN THE NEW PROVISIONS BECOME EFFECTIVE, AND REGAIN HIS LICENSE FOR A FULL FIVE YEARS, WITHOUT TAKING AN EXAM. PRESENT NOVICE LICENSE HOLDERS MUST REALIZE THE NEW FIVE YEAR NOVICE LICENSE TERMS ARE NOT RETROACTIVE, THEIR LICENSE STILL EXPIRED IN TWO YEARS ON THE EXPIRATION DATE THEY BEAR AND MUST BE RENEWED WITH FORM 610. (HRR)

HYGAIN IS BACK IN BUSINESS, SHIPPING ANTENNAS FROM INVENTORY AND EXPECTING TO BE IN FULL PRODUCTION BY JUNE 1. (HRR)

INELIGIBLE AMATEURS ARE STILL REQUESTING SPECIAL CALLSIGNS AND CAUSING DELAYS IN PROCESSING PROPER APPLICATIONS BY TYING UP GETTYSBURG PERSONNEL. A NUMBER OF CLUB AND MILITARY RECREATION STATIONS (FROZEN) AND REPEATER APPLICATIONS ARE ALSO COMING IN. (HRR)

AMATEUR RADIO'S RANKS GREW OVER 11 PER CENT IN THE PAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO JUST RELEASED FIGURES FROM THE FCC, AT THE END OF APRIL, U.S. AMATEUR OPERATORS LICENSES NUMBERED 337,959 COMPARED TO ONLY 304,331 A YEAR AGO. BIGGEST GROWTH WAS IN THE NOVICE CLASS, UP 12,434 FROM LAST YEAR TO TOTAL 58,016. EXTRA CLASS SHOWED THE NEXT GREATEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE, UP MORE THAN 20 PER CENT TO 19,797, BUT EVERY CLASS SHOWED HEALTHY GROWTH RATES OF 6 PER CENT OR MORE. TOTAL STATION LICENSES AT THE END OF APRIL WERE 350,597, WHICH INCLUDES CLUBS, RACES (DOWN DRASTICALLY FROM 276 A YEAR AGO TO ONLY 33 NOW), MILITARY RECREATION, INDIVIDUAL SECONDARY AND OF COURSE REPEATERS. (HRR)

REGENCY HAS CLOSED OUT ITS AMATEUR RADIO PRODUCTS LINE AND, AT LEAST FOR NOW, IS UNCERTAIN AS TO WHEN OR IF IT WILL RE-ENTER THE HAM MARKET. HEAVY SALES VOLUME IN MARINE AND OTHER PRODUCTS PROMPTED THE DECISION. (HRR)

HEATH'S POPULAR SB-220 LINEAR IS NOW COMPLETELY SOLD OUT AND NO MORE WILL BE PRODUCED PER THE FCC'S BAN ON LINEARS COVERING 10 METERS. A NEW MODEL WITHOUT 10 METERS WILL BE OUT IN THE FALL. (HRR)