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FCARC February 2021 Newsletter

Calendar

February 6th, Virtual Denny's Breakfast-see below for connection info

February 8th, February Meeting. Marcia Forde KW1U will be speaking about NTS, Message handling, nets and digital ops. See below for connection info

February 27th, Submissions are due for the March issue of the Communicator.

March 8th, March Meeting

From Aaron KF1G FCARC president

FCARC bylaws (ARTICLE IX) require a list of members be printed every year:

Addison Aaron ♦ Addison Rebecca ♦ Councilman Brad ♦ Cutler Silas ♦ DeChristopher Mike ♦ Dove Alan ♦ Dulles Aaron ♦ Dwyer Hal G. ♦ Ewell John ♦ Field Daniel P. ♦ Field Howard A. ♦ Field Michael A. ♦ Fuller Bruce ♦ Hirshberg Samuel ♦ Howard Gene ♦ Hunt Lois ♦ Jenkins Ellen L. ♦ Kring Anne ♦ LaForme Erika ♦ Lempicki Gerry ♦ Lempicki Robin ♦ Lussier Michael ♦ Lutz David ♦ Mason Albert ♦ Mason Wesley ♦ Meservey Trevor ♦ Merriott Richard ♦ Miller Daniel ♦ Nelson, Jr. Cola R. ♦ Niswander Ron ♦ Norman Justin ♦ Rabbitt Thomas J. ♦ Rowley Keith M. ♦ Rowley Keith T. ♦ Seidner Alan R. ♦ Small Leon ♦ Stewart Jeff ♦ Stromgren Lindsay ♦ Stromgren Merrick ♦ Thompson Milo M., Jr. ♦ Tiffany Russell ♦ Weber Gary M. ♦ Weller Robert A. ♦ Woodhull Albert

During the Christmas season we had a person who tried to dominate the use of the repeater, and used profanity on the air.

People are reminded that use of the repeater is a privilege, and should be treated like you would an automobile. Do not use the repeater when you are impaired or otherwise not in full control of your behavior.

I hope to introduce an amendment to the club bylaws at the next full meeting on the 8th. The text of the amendment would replace Article 1, B Item 1 is as follows:

Unite and provide a forum for individuals interested in Amateur Radio. Making participation in FCARC a harassment-free experience for everyone, regardless of age, body size, disability, ethnicity, gender identity and expression, level of experience, education, socioeconomic status, nationality, personal appearance, race, religion, political affiliation or sexual identity and orientation.

It Currently reads: *Unite individuals interested in amateur radio as a hobby.*

A Vote will be called after the speaker is finished.

Starting on 2/5/2021 FCARC will be auctioning two ICOM Radios, the auction information will be up on my site at <https://www.kf1g.net> look for the auction tab at the top of the page.

Over the weekend of 2/6/2021 and 2/7/2021 the website fcarc.org will be getting an overhaul, it should only be down for a short time, but some content might be unavailable for a day or two. If anyone has any questions please feel free to email me (rangerfriday@gmail.com)

February Meeting Information

February 8th at 7pm, we will be having Section Traffic Manager Marcia Forde KW1U talk about the national traffic system and digital nets, this meeting would be great for anyone interested in emergency communications or the national traffic system.

Topic: General Meeting

Time: Feb 8, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/j/94485806125?](https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/j/94485806125?pwd=SXQrdms3VDd0U1diZWpISTc5YkdTUT09)
[pwd=SXQrdms3VDd0U1diZWpISTc5YkdTUT09](https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/j/94485806125?pwd=SXQrdms3VDd0U1diZWpISTc5YkdTUT09)

Meeting ID: 944 8580 6125 Passcode: 529811

Dial by your location +1 646 876 9923 US (New York)
+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Franklin County Amateur Radio Club (FRARC) – Minutes

January 11, 2021

Board Members Present-

Aaron Addison KF1G – President
Dick Merriott KC1JQJ – Vice President
Erika LaForme KC1IJJ – Secretary/Clerk

Board Members Absent –
Howard Field N1LUP – Treasurer
Belle Dyer KB1NOG – Director

Board Meeting Notes :

Update regarding the switch over from our current website format to WordPress: Aaron was waiting to see if there was any further discussion regarding the decision, hearing none, he will proceed with switching the site over. He did receive the administrative information he needed from AI, to be able to move the project along. – AI also provided an update regarding the planned memorial call sign (Dick Burnham's). There apparently was some confusion as to the application process, whether it had to be designated a memorial call sign before Dick's death to be able to by-pass the 2- year waiting period. As it stands now, the application will be resubmitted this spring which would be the 2-year anniversary of Dick's death, at which time his call sign would be open to anyone.

Discussion regarding Chris' request to provide Bob Solosko with one of the club's surplus radios. Last year it was decided that the club should hold on to the radios for new hams, but that decision has been reevaluated primarily due to the age of the radios. There have been other recent requests by members to buy the radios and they were turned down at the time. Therefore, while there was no denying that Bob is a long-time member who has done and given a lot to the club, it was decided that the only fair solution would be to auction them off, making them available to all members. Aaron motion to set up an auction to sell 2 of the club radios; Erika 2 nd ; vote unanimous.

Jeanne Dodge has requested to be removed from the board, at least temporarily. Aaron motion to have Brad Councilman take over the vacant Director's seat (with the understanding that Jeanne may return when she feels up to it); Erika 2 nd ; vote unanimous; Brad accepted at the general meeting.

Discussion about looking into our bylaws to see if there are any provisions to deal with inappropriate behavior, ie. bullying, swearing on the air, etc. Discussion to be continued and by-laws consulted.

General Meeting Notes :

Present : Aaron KF1G, AI N1AW, Alan KC1OCT, Anne N1YL, Brad W1BCC, Chris KB1NEK, Dave WA1VGA, David ?, Dick KC1JQJ, Erika KC1IJJ, Gene K1WMA, Lad WA3EEC, Larry W1AST, Mark KC1JQD, Mark NX1K, Mike N1TA, Richard KB1NOX, Scott N1LYW, Ted K3FEC

Brad Councilman gave a presentation on how to use and the benefits of using QRZ.com. It was highly informative and generated a lot of questions and discussions.

Virtual Denny's Breakfast

Brad Councilman's Zoom Meeting

Feb 6, 2021 08:15 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97139640619?pwd=TFdOeVYyZFluYnd3SlhQcUpPL1didz09>

Meeting ID: 971 3964 0619

Passcode: YaXfQ4

Time: Feb 6, 2021 08:45 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99679846802?pwd=WFOvV0hJbnY5eGJGZ1pFL2w2QkF6dz09>

Meeting ID: 996 7984 6802

Passcode: 2w2Qrf

Australian Ham Magazine

In the latest RSGB Radcom, it was mentioned that the Australian Ham Magazine, QTC (equivalent of QST) is now a free online publication. The issues since Jan 2020 are available as pdfs at

<https://vkradioamateurs.org/qtc-e-magazine>

It covers HF and VHF both operating and technical. Less technical than QST, but lots of ideas. A good evening read.

73, Lad WA3EEC



Western Massachusetts

Amateur Radio Emergency Service®



The Western Massachusetts ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) group needs volunteers. Everyone is urged to apply.

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES) consists of licensed amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment, with their local ARES leadership, for communications duty in the public service for local events and when disaster strikes.

Every licensed amateur, regardless of membership in ARRL or any other local or national organization is eligible to apply for membership in ARES.

People are needed:

In your neighborhood

- To aid in getting critical information to and from local emergency officials.
- To get information on the response to a disaster from officials to your neighbors, friends and family.

In your town

- Assisting in a town Emergency Operations agency, hospital or shelter to provide a vital communications link.

At the county or regional level where applicable

- Assisting Emergency Operations Centers, hospitals or shelters in providing communications with towns and groups outside the emergency.

Join now!

Your Western MA, ARRL and ARES Section can provide:

- Training in procedures, regulations and technologies to help increase your communications proficiency
- Technical Support to achieve your desired goals

For more Information or to join visit:

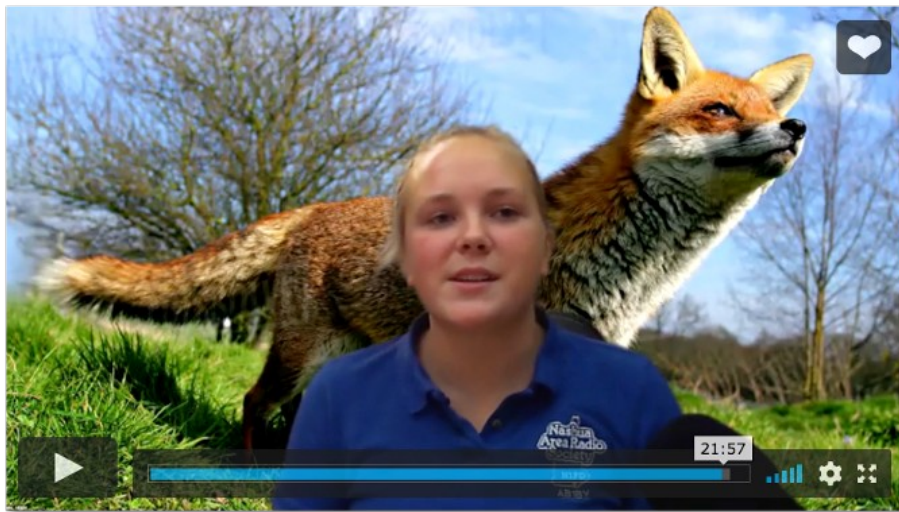
<https://wma.arrrl.org/join-ares/>

The below item is from the Nashua Area Radio Society, Fred Kemmerer AB1OC spoke with FCARC last year.

Spring 2021 Ham Bootcamp

The [Nashua Area Radio Society](#) will be holding an online Ham Bootcamp on Saturday April 24th from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Eastern Time.

Ham Bootcamp is a program to help new, inactive, and prospective hams gain the skills and information that they need to Get On The Air. It is open to any interested Ham or Prospective Ham in the US and Canada and there is no charge to attendees.



Abby, AB1BY Teaches Boot campers about Fox Hunting

The morning session is geared toward operating on the VHF/UHF bands:

- Putting together a Station for Repeaters – How to pick an HT or Mobile Radio and an Antenna
- Radio Programming Tutorial
- Getting started with EchoLink
- Making Contacts and Joining a Repeater Net
- Getting Started with Amateur Radio Satellites
- Getting started with Fox Hunting



Jamey, AC1DC teaches boot campers about Building an HF Station

The afternoon session is geared toward operating on the HF Bands:

- Putting together an HF Station for SSB, CW, and Digital
- Picking and putting up an HF Antenna, Feedlines, and Grounds
- Operating on the HF bands using SSB Voice
- Software and setup for Logging Contacts via your computer
- Getting started with WSJT-X and FT8 Digital
- Finding DX and QSL'ing – Getting them in the log and confirmed
- How to learn CW
- ... and more!

Registration is now open for the April 24th session. You can get more information about Ham Bootcamp, including a link to register at n1fd.org/bootcamp. If you have any questions, you can contact us at bootcamp@n1fd.org. Registration is required in order to receive the link to the web conference.

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This is your newsletter! Amateur radio information of general interest, club member project descriptions and doings, radio applications to other activities, corrections, or suggestions are all welcome. Individual submissions make for variety! We need more writers! Send submissions to: Aaron KF1G (rangerfriday@gmail.com).