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Submitting Material to the Circuit

Material may be submitted for publication by sending it directly to the editor. This can be done 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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President's Message

Hello again everyone! We had a nice turnout of about 20 members at our January meeting. We had a fair response to our show and tell portion of the meeting, but thanks to those of you who brought something to share with the group. We then viewed an entertaining and informative DVD on the DXpedition to Midway Island. Thanks again to Dave, K1HT, for bringing this.

I brought up the fact that FARA dues have been extremely slow and late in coming, and that many of our members are in arrears. I published a dues status spread sheet compiled by our treasurer Arnold, KB1RIA on the reflector. If your name is not on that list, chances are you haven't paid your dues for 2012. If you disagree, you can see Arnold at the meeting or email him at arnold.barnes@comcast.net. You can pay your dues at the meeting, or mail them to FARA, PO BOX 3005, Framingham, MA 01705-3005. Dues are only \$15, \$10 for students and seniors over 65 years of age. Yes, I realize life is busy, but please take five minutes to pay your dues. If we do not receive your dues by February 29, you will be dropped from the rolls and lose your reflector privileges and will not receive the Circuit. We would hate to lose any of you as valued members of the club!

March will be an extremely active month for the club. First, we have Ed W1NXC's famous "License in a Weekend" course on March 17th and 18th at the shack. If you know of anyone who would be interested in obtaining their Technician license over the course of a weekend, get in touch with Ed. A copy of the flyer is attached to this Circuit.

The following Sunday, March 25, is our annual spring flea market at Keefe Tech; that's less than 60 days away! Once again, we will be looking for your help in making this the success that it always is. We will need people to provide loading and unloading assistance, checking in vendors, taking admission from buyers, etc. This is always a major event on the FARA calendar. Also, if you want to donate anything to the club table, please see Sumner, W1VIV. FARA receives the entire amount of the donation. Please see the attached flyer for more info. My thanks Bev, N1LOO for taking on the flea market chairperson post.

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FARA Horizons

- Feb: Andy Stewart KB1OIQ on using Linux in the ham shack
- March: Speaker TBD.
- March 17-18: License in a Weekend**
- March 25 FARA flea market Keefe Tech**
- April: Pizza party
- April 15: Postmark deadline for FARA Scholarship**
- May 5-6: New England QSO Party
- May: TBD
- June: Election of Officers and Special Field Day Program

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Our meeting this coming Thursday, Feb. 2 at 7:30 PM features Andy Stewart, KB1OIQ on "Linux in the Hamshack" Andy is President of the PART (Police Amateur Radio Team) radio club and I understand that this is a different type of presentation. As Andy told me "it's a broad overview of the ham radio software available on Linux. An older computer, with the right software, can easily run your shack! It will be shown that the Linux and ham radio communities share many values, such as the desire to tinker. This talk will be provocative, informative and fun!" See you all on Thursday!

73, Gordy K1GB

Requirements for FARA Scholarship

Open to any high school senior who will be attending college the next academic year or anyone currently enrolled in a college program.

Any applicant with an Amateur Radio license will receive preference. Non licensed relatives of FARA members will also receive consideration.

Membership in FARA is not required.

All applications must be postmarked by April 15. Contact Richard Cosma, AA1VI at scholarships@fara.org for an application or more information

Membership Dues

Annual membership dues are as follows:
(Make checks payable to FARA)

Regular FARA \$15

Student / Retired \$10

Repeater (voluntary) \$10

Club Information 2012

President	Gordy Bello	K1GB	781-891-5572	president@fara.org
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Meeting: Club meetings are normally held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30PM in the Framingham Police Station

Club Nets: FARA Net: Sunday, 7:30PM, 147.75/147.15 - social/chat, ARES preparedness

Club Station: W1FY, the club station and shack, is open Saturday mornings from 8:30-12:00. Call the club number, 508-879-8097 to confirm.

Club Web Site: <http://www.fara.org>

Mail Address: PO Box 3005
Framingham, MA 01705

FCC TECH LICENSE

IN ONE WEEKEND!

No Code Required!

Dates: March 17, 18, 2012

Fee: \$42 (Includes lunch Sat & Sun, text, FCC exam fee)

Sponsored by: Framingham Amateur Radio Association

Location: Club Radio Room in basement of
Danforth Museum, Lexington St Framingham Ma

Class Schedule

Saturday 9 am to 5 pm

Sunday 9 am to 4 pm

FCC Technician license exam on Sunday 2 pm

Sign up Now! Call Ed W1NXC at 508-881-2301

Or e-mail W1NXC@arrl.net

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

Application must be received no later than Feb . 21, 2012

Name:

Address

Tel #

Send check for \$42 to E.A. Weiss, 40 Cutler Dr Ashland Ma 01721

Ham Radio, Computer and Electronics

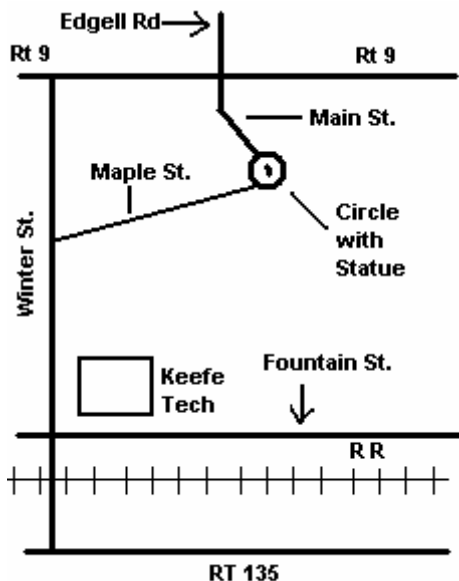
FRAMINGHAM FLEA

Sunday, March 25, 2012

Hours 9AM to 12 Noon

Door Prizes - Grand Prize: NEW 2M/440 HT!

Buyers \$5 - Under 12 free with adult!



Directions

KEEFE TECH SCHOOL (keefetech.org)

750 WINTER ST Framingham, MA

Take the FRAMINGHAM CENTRE/STATE COLLEGE exit off Rt.9, then SOUTH on MAIN St.(0.2 mile) to the circle with the statue.Turn right on Maple St.(first exit from circle).Follow Maple St.(0.7 mile) to the end and turn left onto Winter St. School parking lot is 1.2 miles on the left. Keefe is also accessible from Rt 135. Take the bridge over the R R tracks at Winter St. Cross Fountain St. and continue on Winter St. The School Parking lot is on the right (0.1 mile).

TALK-IN 147.15

For more info, check our web site: fara.org/flea

HAM LICENSE EXAMS

Exam Info call: Jim 508-435-6487

Sellers Info

Bev 508-626-2012
(Before 9:00 pm)

6 foot table + 1 admission
\$20 in advance,
\$25 at the door
Setup - 7:30 AM
Free coffee and donut
AC power available
Load/unload assistance
available

For advance table reservations, send this form and a check to:

FARA, POB 3005, Framingham, MA 01705

Enclosed is a check for \$_____, for _____ six foot tables at the FARA FLEA MARKET.

Name _____ Call Sign _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone(_____) _____ Email _____

REMAINING SPACES ARE \$25 AT THE DOOR