

# The Framingham Circuit

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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

Hi everybody: WOW, what an incredibly mild winter we have had thus far! Kind of gets you in the spirit for the FARA flea market on Sunday, March 25 at Keefe Tech....that's less than a month away! Please talk it up on the repeaters and tell everyone you know who may be interested in attending as the larger the crowd the better. All the info can be found at [www.fara.org/flea](http://www.fara.org/flea) or on the flyer found elsewhere in this Circuit. I want to thank those of you who have already volunteered to assist in performing the various jobs which makes our event successful. If you have anything you would like to donate to our "Club Table" get in touch with Sumner, W1VIV. All the proceeds from items sold at the FARA table go to supporting the club.

Another famous FARA event is our License in a Weekend on March 17 and 18. Ed, W1NXC, reports that he could still use a few more students so if you know of any friends, relatives, etc. who have always wanted to take that first step into our great hobby, but didn't know how to go about it, then by all means please recommend License in a Weekend to them! Ed's pass rate is over 90% and he has brought over 200 new licensed hams into our ranks.

Are you a public service type of ham? Do you get satisfaction helping a charitable cause? If so, Bob Salow, WA1IDA is looking for volunteers to provide communications for the Multiple Sclerosis Walk on Sunday, April 1. You can email Bob at [va1ida@arrl.net](mailto:va1ida@arrl.net) or call him at 508-650-9440 or 617-650-0062 (cell). I know Bob would appreciate the assistance.

Speaking about public service, our speaker at our Thursday, March 1 general meeting at 7:30 PM at the Framingham Police Station training room will be Steve Schwarm, W3EVE. Steve has a wealth of experience in public service communications, and he will have a presentation on "Organizing Communications for the Boston Marathon"; no small task to be sure, but Steve is the expert! If you have ever wondered how the communications for this huge and complex event is managed, then come to the meeting, and, oh yes, please bring a refreshment to share!

### FARA Horizons

March:	Steve, Schwarm, W3EVE
<b>March 17-18:</b>	<b>License in a Weekend</b>
<b>March 25</b>	<b>FARA flea market Keefe Tech</b>
April:	Pizza party
<b>April 15:</b>	<b>Postmark deadline for FARA Scholarship</b>
May 5-6:	New England QSO Party
May:	TBD
June:	Election of Officers and Special Field Day Program

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# 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](mailto:W1NXC@arrl.net)*

***PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED!***

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

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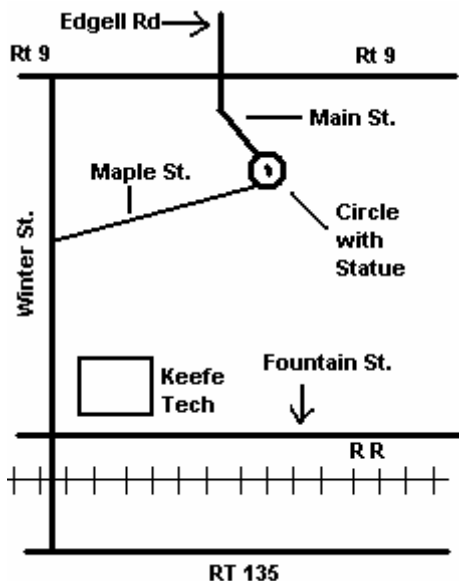
# FRAMINGHAM FLEA

## 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](http://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](http://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**

### Membership Dues

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

Regular FARA \$15

Student / Retired \$10

Repeater (voluntary) \$10

### 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](mailto:scholarships@fara.org) for an application or more information

### Club Information 2012

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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>

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