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After Flea Market Pizza Party!!!
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President's Message

Happy spring everyone! Once again, thanks to you we had another very successful flea market! The whole event came off extremely smoothly due to your efforts. We actually sold out all of the vendor tables this year! Again, I particularly want to recognize our flea market chairperson, Bev, N1LOO, Sumner, W1VIV for his masterful handling of the club table, our treasurer Arnold, KB1RIA, our talk in guru Lee, K1GL and our VE team headed by Jim W1EQW.

We had about 20 people attend our March meeting with Steve Schwarm, W3EVE. His presentation on organizing communications for the Boston Marathon was very informative and interesting and provided insight as to how complex this undertaking can be. I know that several of our FARA members will be a part of this event on Patriots Day. Our 147.15 repeater will play a key role during the Marathon.

Plans are underway for a one day FARA Field Day on June 23 at Upton State Forest. There will be more info forthcoming, but this will be a simple, one transmitter/dipole operation run on battery power; an excellent example of emergency communications. The public will most likely be on hand for us to discuss ham radio and its important role during emergencies. We will also have brochures to hand out as well.

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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Our next meeting will be this coming Thursday, April 5 at 7:30 PM AT THE PAPA GINOS RESTAURANT, ROUTE 30 IN FRAMINGHAM. PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE POLICE STATION FIRST AS WE WILL BE CONVENING AT THE RESTAURANT DIRECTLY! We are requesting a \$5.00 per person VOLUNTARY donation to help defray the cost of the pizza. As in the past, the restaurant will be providing free soda.

See you all at our "DX pedition" of I8PZA/I8MOR!


73, Gordy, K1GB

FARA Horizons

- April: Pizza party at Papa Ginos Rte 30 in Framingham
- April 15: Postmark deadline for FARA Scholarship**
- May: Charles Bures, WA3ITR on propagation and sunspots
- May 5-6: New England QSO Party
- June: Election of Officers and Special Field Day Program
- June 23: Field Day Upton State Forest
- August 24-26: New England Division Convention, Boxborough, MA

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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 for an application or more information

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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.

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