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President's Message

Hello from my President's chair for the final time. As I write this, I can't help but think of all the rewarding and great experiences I have had these last nine years serving as both Vice President (2004) and President (2005-2012). There are SO many people I have to thank: The Board of Directors, Robert N1UVA, for his outstanding work on the Circuit, Eric KB1PJN, for his tireless and challenging work on the repeaters and the node in the shack, not to mention being a creative webmaster and maintaining the reflector. Bev N1LOO, for continuing to make the FARA Flea Market one of the best in the area with her outstanding organization skills and making it look too easy, Ed W1NXC and his XYL Mary KA1HGLwell, what more can you say? Ed's License in a Weekend, often replicated but never duplicated, has brought many new hams into the fold, probably not without Mary's support. Mary always has a special way in making all of our members feel welcome with her congeniality, and Ed's sage advice and knowledge is always respected by all, especially by yours truly. Jim W1EQW and Paul N1VAM for serving as our Volunteer Examiner Coordinators. If there is one person who is FARA's MVP it's Sumner, W1VIV. Sumner is FARA's catalyst without whom a lot of projects and activities would never materialize. Without his motivation and ability to make things happen, FARA would be reduced to a Saturday morning shack social hour. Most of all, I want to thank all of you, all the members of FARA who have come to the meetings, the FARA night outs, the flea markets and who have contributed in ANY measure since no contribution is too small.

I have been truly blessed to have served as your President, and I know that you will continue to support our President elect, Paul N1VAM with the same enthusiasm and spirit of volunteerism.

Our final meeting for the season (Thursday, June 7 at 7:30 PM at the Framingham Police Station) will encompass a variety of activities. First, we will have our election of officers to be followed by the presentation of the FARA scholarship to Conor Silkey. As Conor cannot join us due to a prior commitment, his grandfather, Ed W1NXC will accept it on his behalf. We will then have a special Field Day program to whet your appetites to join us at the FARA Field Day on Saturday, June 23 at Upton State Forest from 11 AM to 6 PM. We will watch a DVD entitled "The Last Big Field Day" which is a documentary of the Palisades ARC fifty (that's right, 50!) transmitter class Field Day effort. I hope to see you at our Field Day, a paltry one transmitter class, but one which best exemplifies the spirit of the event, that being emergency preparedness and operator training. Even if you hold a Tech ticket, you can still operate HF under the tutelage of a General or Extra Class licensee. Operating HF at Field Day can provide you with the spark to upgrade to General Class! Be sure to bring a lunch and a chair and perhaps a treat to share with the group. FARA will provide the drinks. See you at the general meeting!

73, Gordy K1GB

FARA Horizons

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| June: | Election of Officers and Special Field Day Program
FARA Scholarship Presentation |
| 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

Sunday Night Net

Have you checked into the FARA Sunday evening net lately? One of the main purposes for checking in is to make sure that you and your radio station are capable and ready to assist in emergencies including natural disasters. The Sunday evening net is an easy, no pressure way to practice and improve your operating skills. The FCC has given us frequencies to use for such emergencies, so let's use them and not lose them. Support your FARA Sunday evening net by checking in at 7:30 PM each Sunday evening on the 147.15 MHz repeater. You may also learn something new from the "ham radio question of the week".

Officer Elections

Officer elections will be held at the June Meeting the slate of officers for 2012-2013 are:

President– Paul King, N1VAM

Vice President– Steve Hewlett, KB1NIV

Treasurer- Arnold Barnes, KB1RIA

Clerk– Victor Anderson, K1VEA

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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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