

# The Framingham Circuit

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## Thursday, March 3

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## 2011 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.

## President's Message

Hi all: It seems like a long time since we have met as a group due to the inclement WX. March is here and hopefully mother nature will cooperate! I appreciate all of you who emailed me and thanked me for cancelling the last meeting for safety's sake if for no other reason. We will reschedule Eric K1NUN's presentation for June.

March 19 and 20<sup>th</sup> is our annual License in a Weekend to be held at the shack. If you know of anyone who would like to obtain their Technician License the fast and easy way, have them call Ed at 508-881-2301 or email him at [edaweiss@cs.com](mailto:edaweiss@cs.com). Our course has an excellent track record, and with our high caliber instructors, you can't go wrong!

April has two important events on the FARA calendar. First is our annual Spring Flea Market to be held at Keefe Tech. on Sunday, April 3 from 9 AM to 1 PM. We will need your assistance setting up the area, helping sellers bring their gear from their cars and into the school, taking money at the admission tables, and cleaning up at the end. We always seem to have volunteers who are willing and eager to help, and I know we will have the same participation this year. Remember that you get a free coffee and donut for your efforts. Sumner, W1VIV, is running the club table which historically has been a major source of income from the flea market. This year, however, Sumner says that donations are down, so we are trying something new; CONSIGNMENT gear in addition to the traditional club table. If your radio sells at the consignment table, FARA collects 20% and you are paid the balance. I think this is an excellent idea which will mutually help both parties. You can email Sumner at [W1VIV@rcn.com](mailto:W1VIV@rcn.com) for more info or if you want to make a donation. Info about the flea market in general can be found at [www.fara.org/flea](http://www.fara.org/flea).

The next major April "event" is the FARA scholarship. Applications MUST be received by April 15 to qualify, so don't miss out! You can obtain an application from our scholarship chairman Rich Cosma, AA1VI by emailing him at [richard.cosma@genzyme.com](mailto:richard.cosma@genzyme.com) or by calling him at 508-877-8241. Qualifications concerning the FARA scholarship can be found elsewhere in the Circuit.

Have you paid your 2011 dues yet? Dues were due on January 1<sup>st</sup>, so if you haven't yet paid you dues, please send them to FARA, PO Box 3005, Framingham, MA 01705-3005, or send them directly to Tom, N1FTB or pay him at the next general meeting...a much better choice! We would like to see you there!

Our next general meeting will be held on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM at the Framingham Police Station. Our speaker will be John, N1OTY on "Getting Started on 900 Mhz." If you have ever given any thought to trying something new and feel you are in a rut, perhaps 900 mhz is the place to investigate. Come to the meeting and discover how you can get active on this band!

73, Gordy K1GB

## FARA Horizons

March:	John, N1OTY on Getting Started on 900 Mhz
March 19-20:	License in a Weekend
April:	Tom, N1CPE on Winlink 2000
April 3:	FARA FLEA MARKET at Keefe Tech.
May:	Post Flea Market Pizza Party
May 7-8:	New England QSO Party
June:	Eric K1NUN on Stealth Antennas

This month's Circuit sponsored by:



### Club Information 2011

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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 19, 20, 2011**

**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, 2011***

**Name:**

**Address**

**Tel #**

***Send check for \$42.00 to FARA PO Box 3005, Framingham Ma 01705***

NEW LOCATION!!

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# Ham Radio, Computer and Electronics

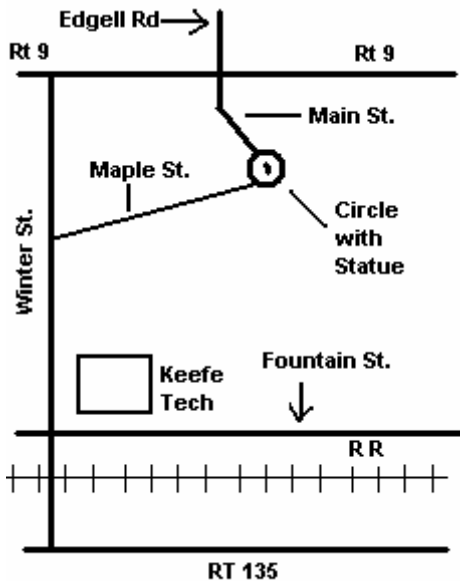
# FRAMINGHAM FLEA

## Sunday, April 3, 2011

### Hours 9AM to 1 PM

### 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

<p><b>Sellers Info</b>  <b>Bev 508-626-2012</b>  <b>(Before 9:00 pm)</b>          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</p>	<p>For advance table reservations, send this form and a check to:  <b>FARA, POB 3005, Framingham, MA 01705</b>          Enclosed is a check for \$_____, for _____six foot tables at the FARA FLEA MARKET.          Name _____ Call Sign _____          Address _____          City _____ State _____ Zip _____          Phone(_____) _____ Email _____  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>REMAINING SPACES ARE \$25 AT THE DOOR</b></p> </p>
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