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Hello,

The FARA Flea Market was successful, yet again. Many thanks to the volunteers and vendors who made this possible. We had 5 test takers, each of whom achieved their objective. I picked up a long-wanted piece of equipment, so that vendor (at least) had a reasonably good day.

April's guest, Jim Bradley, KB1JKJ, discussed "Go Kits" and supporting public service events. As a former bicycle-mobile operator, I found his setup to be quite interesting. The details of his Go Kit, and the routine of operating net control, were interesting as well.

Coming up next is our annual pizza party.

For June, we'll host ARRL COO Harold Kramer, WJ1B on the 6th (in the Framingham PD Training Room). We'll also be presenting FARA Scholarships - the qualified recipients have been identified by our Scholarship team. Two days later, we'll be holding our 80th Anniversary dinner - get your reservations in to Gordy. Later in the month (on the 22nd), we'll be participating in Field Day - once again at Upton State Forest. More on this next month; if there are activities you'd like to see happen, we'd like your help (let us know).

It has been brought to my attention that we lack certain pieces of relevant information for many of our members (myself included). In addition to the obvious (Name, Address, Telephone #), there are some other items that are needed by the club: Callsign, License Class, ARRL Membership, VE Certification, Emcomm Training Level, Skywarn. Many of these can be determined online, but it will make things simpler if each of us goes to the club's website and fills in the membership form.

Thursday, May 2

Pizza Party!!!

SPRING INTO EXTRA

Sign up now for W1NXC's EXTRA "Crash " Course

Three sessions , Sat June 15, 9am to 12 noon, Sunday
June 23, 2 to 5 pm and Sat June 29, 9 am to 12 noon

No text, no fee, all sessions at Club location Danforth
Building, Lexington St Framingham. Note Sunday date
due to Club Field Day on Saturday June 22, 2013.

FARA Horizons

May:	PIZZA PARTY
June:	ARRL COO Harold Kramer WJ1B / Election of Officers
June 8:	FARA 80TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY at La Bella Costa!
June 22:	FIELD DAY

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80th Anniversary Dinner

Hi all: As you know by now, 2013 marks the 80th Anniversary of FARA. Our party/celebration will take place on Saturday, June 8th at La Bella Costa Restaurant in Framingham at 7 PM. We will have an Italian buffet meal and party favors. The price is \$26 per person which covers the dinner, tax and tip. Beverages are NOT included and are paid separately per individual. This is a one-time only event and represents a significant milestone in FARA's rich history, so please come and be a part of it!

In order to effectively plan, I must have everyone's money (cash or check) sent to me no later than June 1; NO EXCEPTIONS. There will be no paying at the door the night of the event under any circumstances. We must have a minimum of 50 people in order to hold the party, and I am confident we can do that. On Thursday, June 6, we are honored to have Harold Kramer, WJ1B, who is the C.O.O. of the ARRL address our group as part of our 80th anniversary celebration. Be sure to let other people outside of FARA know about this special speaker as we want to have a great crowd on hand!

Please send your check for the party to my home QTH:

Gordy Bello K1GB

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Transceiver For Sale

FARA has an Icom IC-718 for sale. The IC-718 is an all band HF radio, covering 160 through 10 meters. It includes a built-in electronic keyer, VOX, and 101 memory channels. I have personally tested this radio on several bands, and worked stations on SSB, AM, and CW. The measured output was over 100 watts.

The IC-718 is still in current production, selling for \$750. Included is an optional built-in AT-180 automatic antenna tuner, which sells for \$400. Also included is a 13.8 VDC 23A switching power supply, worth \$50. The buyer of this radio will be getting a \$1200 station, in great condition, for the low price of only \$500.

Contact Sumner Weisman, W1VIV for 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 9:00-12:00. Call the club number, 508-879-8097 to confirm.

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