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President's Message

This month's scheduled guest speaker is Bob Peloquin, KB1VUA, who will be discussing Alternative Power Sources - a subject of considerable interest, even to non-hams (so bring your friends). As usual, the meeting will be held at the Framingham Police Headquarters Training Room on March 6th. No major winter storms are predicted.

The following Wednesday (12 March) there will be a license exam session at the shack. Registration begins at 7:15, exams begin at 7:30. Although the parking lot has been paved, access is still easier from Pearl St.

The Flea Market is fast approaching - Sunday, 6 April, from 9AM to noon at Keefe Tech. Volunteers are always welcome.

It's not too soon to be paying your dues. These may be paid at the meeting, or by mail (FARA, PO BOX 3005, Framingham, MA 01705-3005). Dues are still only \$15, \$10 for students and seniors over 65 years of age, with an additional \$10 for the repeater. Please include a registration form with your payment; it has been brought to my attention that we lack certain pieces of relevant information for many of our members. 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. Much of this data is available online, but it's easier for all concerned if you include it with your renewal.

As I've mentioned previously, the World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) will be held this year in Massachusetts from July 12-13; 59 2-operator teams will be set up with Field-Day-style stations on 16 properties around the Route 495 corridor. The WRTC2014 organizers need volunteers to help with this event; the biggest need is for people to help set up and keep an eye on the stations, and to provide local transportation for the teams between the headquarters hotel in Westborough and their various sites. Please visit www.wrtc2014.org/volunteer if you are interested.

The following weekend is the ARRL Centennial Convention, which will be held in Hartford. Registration (in advance) is \$25 - there's a non-radio companion ticket available, featuring alternate activities, as well. We're planning to have an informal dinner meeting on Friday night - any recommendations for restaurants located near the convention center would be welcome. Also, if you think you'd be interested, let us know, so an appropriately-sized reservation can be made (I doubt we'll be the only group with this notion - even if WE are The Food And Radio Association).

FARA Horizons

- March 6: Bob Peloquin KB1VUA on Alternative Power Sources
- April 3: Mark Richards, K1MGY on Amateur Radio Public Service: More Than Just Communications
- APRIL 6: FARA FLEA MARKET AT KEEFE TECH!!!
- May 1: Post Flea Market Pizza Party
- May 3-4: New England QSO Party
- June 5: Show and Tell Night/DXpedition Video/Election of Officers
- June 28: Field Day
- July 17-19: ARRL National Convention, Hartford, CT

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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 rcosma@rcn.com 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 9:00-12:00. Call the club number, 508-879-8097 to confirm.

Club Web Site: <http://www.fara.org>

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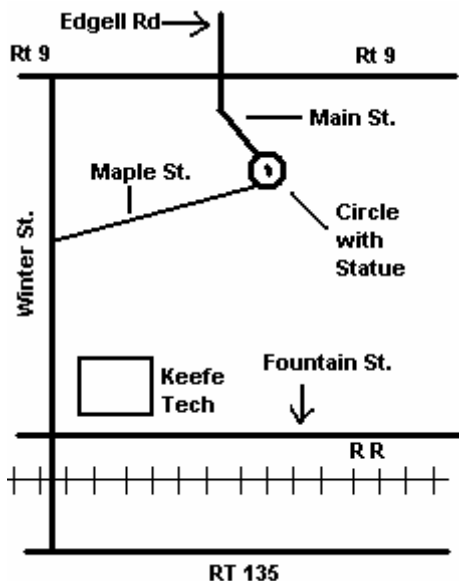
FRAMINGHAM FLEA

Sunday, April 6, 2014

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)

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

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