

# The Framingham Circuit

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## April 2

Our ARRL Section Manager, Tom Walsh, K1TW will be discussing 4UITU, the amateur radio station of the International Telecommunications Union.

## President's Message

At the risk of being too optimistic, it seems that Winter is finally (if reluctantly) releasing us from it's icy grip. The shack is even accessible without the need for a shovel. Pretty soon it will be time to go out and inspect our antennas and feed lines and initiate any repairs necessitated by the recent inclement weather.

This month's speaker will be Tom Walsh, K1TW, who will be discussing 4UITU, the amateur radio station of the ITU (International Telecommunication Union). The ITU was founded as the International Telegraph Union; it took its present name in 1934, and became an agency of the United Nations in 1947. Consequently, the ITU is celebrating their 150th birthday this year (see <http://itu150.org/home/> for more information), and IARC will be operating as 4U0ITU.

Tom is also our new ARRL Section Manager, so he may have a few remarks on that subject as well.

Last month Becky Schoenfeld, W1BXY, discussed her role as the Managing Editor of QST and her entry into the hobby. She enjoyed her visit to our club and the attendees enjoyed her presentation.

Don't forget, the Flea Market is coming up REAL SOON NOW - Sunday, 12 April, from 9AM to noon at Keefe Tech ... Ham Radio, Computer, Electronics, License Exams ... don't miss it! For those interested in upgrading your operating privileges, be sure to bring:

- \$15 registration fee (cash or check made out to ARRL/VEC). The single \$15 fee is good for taking one, two, or all three elements at the session.
- Government issued picture identification such as a current drivers license or valid passport.
- FCC Registration Number (FRN) which is shown on your current FCC license or your Social Security Number. If you do not have a FRN you can register with the FCC and receive one free of charge through the following website: <https://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/coresWeb/publicHome.do>
- For license upgrades (General or Extra) bring your original signed license and a copy. The copy will be sent in to the ARRL with your paperwork.

We will conduct registration from 9:00 to 9:30 AM and then begin the testing.

Another upcoming event ... Field Day ... June 27-28, 2015. We'll be discussing this soon.

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## FARA Horizons

- Apr 2: Monthly Meeting
- Apr 15: FARA Scholarship Application Due
- Apr 11, 18, 25: Morse Code Classes at the club shack
- APRIL 12: FARA FLEA MARKET**
- Aug 21-23: Boxboro 2015 Convention
- June 27-28: Field Day

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In the past, FARA's been one of the more active clubs; recently, we've taken a more relaxed approach (a picnic with radios). If you're new to the HF bands, here's your opportunity to do some operation. Think about how you'd like to participate, and bring your suggestions to the club.

### Morse Code Classes

Want to learn Morse code, or CW as hams call it, then sign up for W1NXC's Morse code classes. CW is no longer required by the FCC but is wildly used by hams world wide. It needs less bandwidth than phone, is simpler to set up and has fewer equipment requirements.

The code classes will be held on three successive Saturdays at the club shack in the Danforth museum basement, Lexington St. Framingham from 9 am to noon. There is no fee, no text or equipment required.

The dates are: Saturday April 11, 18, and 25, 2015. Registration preferred, email W1NXC at edaweiss@cs.com.

### 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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### FARA Scholarship Rules & Application

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, 2015. Contact Richard Cosma, AA1VI at rcosma@rcn.com for an application or more information.

Mail to:

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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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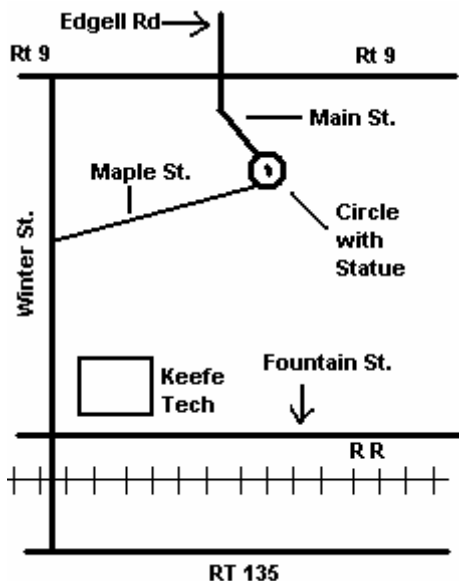
# FRAMINGHAM FLEA

## Sunday, April 12, 2015

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](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

### Sellers Info

Steve 508-872-9336  
(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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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