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Marcia Forde, KW1U will be giving a presentation please see her full bio on the right.

President's Message

Paul is away on business this month so just some notes from last month and some information on the speaker for this month from QRZ.com –ed

Flea Market season is upon us ... the Algonquin Amateur Radio Club (AARC, Marlborough) will be on Saturday, 18 February. Ours is on 23 April. NEAR-Fest (Deerfield, NH) is on the 5th and 6th of May.

Dues are now due. 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.

Marcia, K1WU-

I was first licensed as KA1GBS in 1980. I was introduced to ham radio when my son Dale (now K1WU) was 13 years old and attended a summer school class in Morse code taught by a local ham. Dale and friends went on to get licensed in 1973. It took seven years for me to get up the courage to take the Novice exam but I've been hooked ever since. I upgraded to General in 1982 and Extra in 1984. I've been an active traffic handler in the ARRL's National Traffic System(NTS)since 1981, participating at all levels from local and section to region to area and Transcontinental Corps (TCC) on both CW and SSB. I operate a 24/7 scanning Pactor 1, 2 and 3 MBO on HF and a connecting VHF Packet station for NTSD. I am also involved in promoting the use of WL2K for message traffic and for coordinating with the Amateur Radio Emergency Service(ARES). My station consists of a Kenwood TS590SG, a G5RV multi-band antenna up around 45 to 50 feet, a tri-bander at 45 feet, a PTC IIe Pactor modem and a Kenwood TM281 and Kam plus modem for packet into a 13 element two meter beam up around 50 feet. I also have an Ameritron AL811H amplifier. I lived 14 years on Martha's Vineyard and was available for Dukes County contacts, but have since moved back to Concord. My most recent accomplishment was to re-activate a section CW traffic net (MARI) on 3565 Khz daily 7:00 PM ET. CW is still my favorite mode and I'm happy to see increasing interest in this mode.

FARA Horizons

- Mar 2: FARA Meeting: Marcia Forde, KW1U, NTS Section Traffic Manager
- Mar 8: VE Session
- Apr 6: FARA Meeting
- Apr 23: FARA FLEA MARKET, KEEFE TECH
- May 4: Pizza Party!
- May 10: VE Session
- June 1: FARA Meeting
- July 12: VE Session
- Sep 8-10, 2017: Boxboro

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FARA Scholarship Rules & Application

Richard Cosma, AA1VI

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, 2017. Contact Richard Cosma, AA1VI at rcosma@rcn.com or call 508 877 8241

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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: FARA is actively looking for a new club station.

Club Web Site: fara.org

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