

# The Framingham Circuit

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## May 3

Come celebrate another successful Flea Market at Papa Gino's on Route 30 in Framingham at the annual FARA Pizza Party!

## President's Message

The FARA Flea Market was another success. Thanks again to the volunteers and vendors who made this possible. Only two examinees for the test session, of whom only one was prepared (he aced the Tech and passed the General, which he had only just started studying).

Coming up next is our annual pizza party - it will be held in lieu of the May meeting on Thursday the 3rd at 7:30 PM at the Papa Gino's on Route 30 in Framingham. Let me know if you'll be attending. There is no regular meeting at the Police Station this month.

The following weekend is NEAR-Fest - 4-5 May in Deerfield, NH (see <http://www.near-fest.com> for details).

Also this month is the New England QSO Party on May 5th and 6th. The QSO Party is 20 hours long overall, in two sections - from 4pm Saturday until 1am Sunday, then 9am Sunday until 8pm Sunday. Operate on CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-40-20-15-10 meters. For each QSO you'll give your callsign, a signal report and your county/state. The full rules are available at: <http://www.neqp.org/rules.html>

In June, we'll also be presenting FARA Scholarships - the qualified recipients have been identified by our Scholarship team. More details next month.

Later in the month (on the 23rd), we'll be participating in ARRL Field Day - once again at Upton State Forest. There will be a planning meeting on May 19th (10:00 at the McAuliffe Branch of the Framingham Public Library).

-Paul, N1VAM

## FARA Horizons

May 3:	PIZZA PARTY
May 4-5:	NEAR-Fest
May 5-6:	New England QSO Party
May 19:	Field Day Planning Meeting
June 7:	FARA Meeting ... OPEN, Field Day discussions
June 23-24:	ARRL Field Day

## For Sale

Leo Parker, WB1FIY, of Holliston, has passed away. His wife, Annie Parker, has a lot of ham equipment and accessories to sell. This includes a Yaesu FT-950, and a Kenwood TS-570D (she thinks), and much more.

If anyone is interested, you can contact her at 508-429-4447, and leave a message.

## New England QSO Party May 5-6

Tom, K1KI

The NEQP is a great time to check out antenna systems and offers a moderately paced opportunity to work new states and countries. You'll find a wide variety of participants, from newcomers to experienced contesters, all interested in making contacts with New England stations.

We're working to make sure that all of the New England counties are active again this year and would appreciate your help. Get on for at least an hour or two and join in on the fun. Please let me know if you can put in any time at all so we can work on activity from the rarest counties. Will you be QRV? Let us know which county you'll be on from with a message to [info@neqp.org](mailto:info@neqp.org)

Oh yes, the NEQP is also lots of fun when mobile. Every time you cross a county line the action starts over again. It's amazing what a 100w radio and mobile whip can do.

The QSO Party is 20 hours long overall, in two sections with a civilized break for sleep Saturday night. It goes from 4pm Saturday until 1am Sunday, then 9am Sunday until 8pm Sunday. Operate on CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-40-20-15-10 meters. For each QSO you'll give your callsign, a signal report and your county/state. Top scorers can earn a plaque and everyone who makes 25 QSOs and sends in a log will get a certificate.

Last year we had logs from 177 New England stations and 460 more from around the country and world.

The full NEQP rules are here -> <http://www.neqp.org/rules.html>

The 2017 results are posted and the results since 2002 are also available -> <http://www.neqp.org/results.html>

It's just about a month until the 2018 NEQP. Please make some QSOs even if you don't want to send in a log.

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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.

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