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President's Message

It was great seeing everyone who attended the annual post flea market pizza party. A great time was had by all! Thanks to Lowell, KB1FHJ for taking the photos.

Plans are well underway for our one day Field Day to be held at Upton State Forest on Saturday, June 23. You may recall that a couple of years ago, a contingency of FARA members set up a special events station commemorating the 75th anniversary of the CCC's (Civilian Conservation Corps) work at Upton State Forest. The park has a long standing connection with Ham Radio as there was an Amateur Radio station on their grounds during the depression years. You can view the photos of FARA's CCC operation on the home page of the FARA website under "latest posts". Our Field Day will be added to their list of upcoming events and be mentioned in their newsletter. We will also be speaking with the public and handing out ARRL brochures which explain what we are all about. More info will be forthcoming on the reflector and our special Field Day meeting in June. If you would like to attend and/or contribute a food item, please let me know.

We have a slate of officers for 2012-2013 which will be formally announced at the May meeting: Paul King, N1VAM as President, Steve Hewlett, KB1NIV as Vice President, Arnold Barnes, KB1RIA as Treasurer and Victor Anderson, K1VEA as Clerk. I wish to thank Paul for stepping up to be President and serving as my successor so that FARA can continue as an active organization. I know he will do an excellent job in the big chair. I will continue to serve FARA as Activities Director, planning the speakers, FARA night outs, etc. and filling in other areas as my personal schedule allows.

The actual election and installation of officers will take place at the June 7 general meeting.

Our next meeting will be held this coming Thursday, May 3 at 7:30 PM at the Framingham Police Station training room. Our featured guest will be Charlie Bures, WA3ITR, who will be speaking to us on propagation and sunspots. As band conditions have been greatly improving, (finally!) this presentation is very timely and should prove to be both informative and useful. Please bring a snack to share for the post meeting social klatch. And, oh yes, thank you Neal, K1NDF for faithfully bringing the donuts to the meetings!

FARA Horizons

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| May: | Charles Bures, WA3ITR on propagation and sunspots |
| May 5-6: | New England QSO Party |
| June: | Election of Officers and Special Field Day Program
FARA Scholarship Presentation |
| June 23: | Field Day Upton State Forest |
| August 24-26: | New England Division Convention, Boxborough, MA |

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Annual membership dues are as follows:
(Make checks payable to FARA)

Regular FARA \$15

Student / Retired \$10

Repeater (voluntary) \$10

Sunday Night Net

Have you checked into the FARA Sunday evening net lately? One of the main purposes for checking in is to make sure that you and your radio station are capable and ready to assist in emergencies including natural disasters. The Sunday evening net is an easy, no pressure way to practice and improve your operating skills. The FCC has given us frequencies to use for such emergencies, so let's use them and not lose them. Support your FARA Sunday evening net by checking in at 7:30 PM each Sunday evening on the 147.15 MHz repeater. You may also learn something new from the "ham radio question of the week".

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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 8:30-12:00. Call the club number, 508-879-8097 to confirm.

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