

# The Framingham Circuit

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Post Flea Market Pizza Party at Papa Ginos on Route 30 in Framingham!

## President's Message

Hello,

It seems that Winter is finally releasing us from it's icy grip.

Once again, the FARA Flea Market was successful. Many thanks to the volunteers and vendors who made this possible. In particular, I'd like to single out Steve, KB1NIV who stepped in at (almost) the last moment to handle the table reservations. Thanks also are due to Eric, KB1PJN for his work on the FARA flea market website; the last minute changes made the reservation process (in most instances) much better. Thanks also to Gordy, for breaking in a new administrator at Keefe (who had a lot of learning to do in a short amount of time). In addition to the flea market part of the Flea Market, we had 14 test takers, most of whom achieved their objective. This is a new record (at least during my tenure). I gather that the club table did a good business, as well.

April's guest, Mark Richards, K1MGY, discussed public service events. It was an interesting presentation. Since then, the Boston Marathon has been held, so this was a timely discussion.

Coming up next is our annual pizza party. It will be held in lieu of the May meeting on Thursday, May 1st at 7:30 PM at the Papa Ginos on Route 30 in Framingham. There will be no meeting at the Police Station this month.

Later in the month (on the 14th), there will be a test session at the shack. For those of you contemplating an upgrade, here's your opportunity.

For June, we'll have our delayed DX-pedition presentation, along with the election of officers (in the Framingham PD Training Room). We'll also be presenting FARA Scholarships - qualified candidates have been identified by our Scholarship team. Later in the month, we'll be participating in Field Day - once again at Upton State Forest. More on this next month; if there are activities you'd like to see happen, let us know (we'd like your help).

## FARA Horizons

- May 1: Post Flea Market Pizza Party at Papa Ginos in Framingham. No meeting at Police Station
- 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](mailto: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.

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