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May 5

Pizza Party! No regular meeting at the shack we will be meeting at the Papa Ginos on Rte. 30 in Framingham. There is a voluntary cover charge of \$5 per person to help cover costs.

President's Message

The FARA Flea Market was reasonably successful, yet again. Many thanks to the volunteers and vendors who made this possible. The addition of the YCCC "Discover the HF Experience" program was a nice addition to our event. Perhaps we can encourage them to join us again next year.

April's guest, Dom Mallozzi, N1DM, briefed us on the Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) situation in the Northeast. His presentation, and other material, is available at the club's website.

At the end of the month we supported the Framingham Earth Day Celebration; the weather cooperated and we got some positive exposure for the club. We set up and operated our Field Day HF station.

Coming up next is our annual pizza party - it will be held in lieu of the May meeting on Thursday the 5th at 7:30 PM at the Papa Ginos on Route 30 in Framingham. Let Gordy know if you'll be attending. There is no regular meeting at the Police Station this month.

Also this month is the New England QSO Party on May 7th and 8th. We'll be operating, at least on Saturday, from the shack; Sunday is a possibility if there's sufficient interest. 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. The full rules are available at: <http://www.neqp.org/rules.html>

For June, we'll host Tom Walsh, K1TW, our (relatively) new ARRL Section Manager, whose topic is "What's New in the Section"

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 27th), we'll be participating in ARRL Field Day - once again at Upton State Forest. More on this next month; if there are activities you'd like to see happen, we'd like your help (let us know) - volunteers are rarely turned away.

FARA Horizons

May 5:	No Meeting—Pizza Party
May 7-8:	New England QSO Party
May 11:	VE Session, FARA Shack
Jun 2:	Monthly Meeting- Tom Walsh, K1TW
Jun 25-26:	ARRL Field Day
July 13:	VE Session, FARA Shack

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New England QSO Party

Tom Frenaye, 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**

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.

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Last year we had logs from 139 New England stations and 275 more from around the country and world.

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

The 2015 results have been on-line for a week or so and the results since 2002 are also available -> <http://www.neqp.org/results.html>

It's just a month until the 2016 NEQP. Please make some QSOs even if you don't want to send in a log.

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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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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