

# The Framingham Circuit



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Our meeting on March 6 features Mark Rubin, WB1ARZ and John Ruggiero, N2YHK from the Worcester Emergency Communications Team (WECT).

## 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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## President's Message

Hi all! We had a great turn out at last month's meeting! I also noticed some old familiar faces in the crowd. Hope to see you all again at this month's meeting! I have a feeling that many of you are making the effort to attend the monthly meetings...EXCELLENT! There is always something new and interesting to learn while you enjoy the company of your fellow FARA members.

Plans for the Flea Market (April 6 at Keefe Tech) are moving right along. Bev, N1LOO, will be asking for your assistance. This is always a successful event, but only because of YOUR involvement. Talk up the flea market on the repeaters! Sumner, W1VIV, is always looking for donations to the club table. This has proven to be a profitable venture for the club, so if you would like to donate a piece of gear that's just collecting dust, get in touch with Sumner. You will be doing your club a real service!

Also, our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (June 14 at the Marlborough Courtyard Marriott) is really taking shape. Tickets for the event should be available in March. Contact our chairperson Greg, W1TDF, or send him your check with the form on the attached flyer. This promises to be an exciting evening for FARA Nation. Everyone is invited. We would especially like to see former members at this event, so get the word out! If you have any special FARA memorabilia, please let me know as we will have a table for it. We are also going to show a short DVD of FARA members from 1935! There's more being planned, so QRX! By the way, I will have the commemorative pins for sale at the meeting for only \$3.25 each, so if you did not get yours last month you can still get one (or more) at any of the monthly meetings. These were a big hit and will be a special collectible. If you cannot make it to the meeting, please email me and we will make arrangements for you to either pick it up at the shack or mail it to you.

Don't forget about License in a Weekend on March 15 and 16. Ed tells me he could still use a few more students, so please encourage anyone thinking about getting into Ham Radio to take the course.

Our meeting on March 6 features Mark Rubin, WB1ARZ and John Ruggiero, N2YHK from the Worcester Emergency Communications Team (WECT). Mark is the RACES Officer and ARES Emergency Coordinator for Worcester and John is the Western MA Emergency Coordinator. Together they have built, from the ground up, a much needed emergency communications organization for the Worcester area. Come to the meeting to see and hear what they have done to service the public's needs.

Think spring and 73,

Gordy K1GB

## 2008 Scholarship Rules

As in previous years the rules are:

1. Must be a member of FARA.
2. Applications must be turned in or post marked by April 15, 2008.
3. Must be a license radio amateur.
4. Preference will be given to graduating high school seniors.

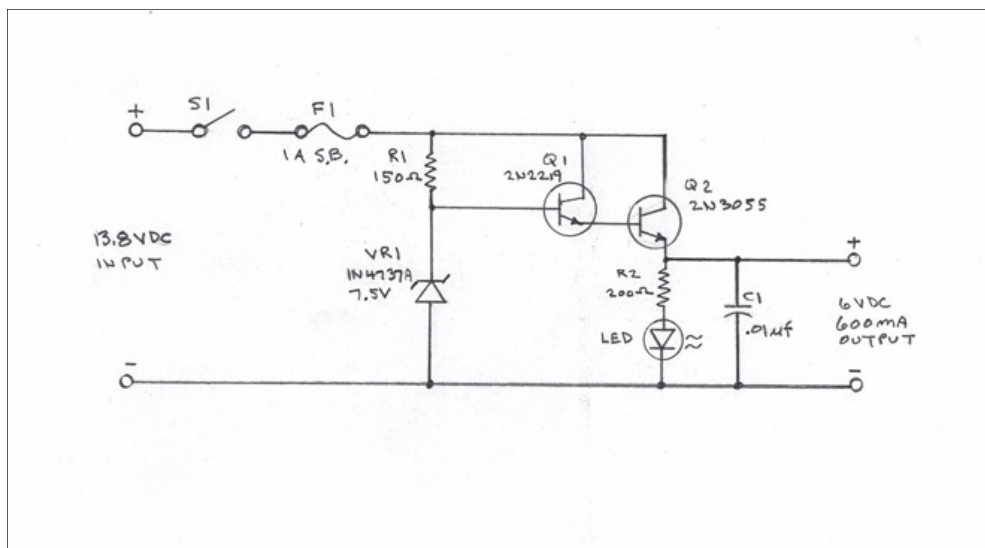
For applications contact Richard Cosma AA1VI 508 877 8241

Or [richard.cosma@alkermes.com](mailto:richard.cosma@alkermes.com)

# A Regulated DC Voltage Reducer

By Sumner, W1VIV

Oops! I left 2 images out of Sumner's article that was in last month's Newsletter. —Editor



### FARA Email Reflector

If you have email and aren't signed up for the FARA email reflector, you're missing out on the last-minute news and updates. To sign up, send an email to Sharon at [kc1yr@kc1yr.com](mailto:kc1yr@kc1yr.com) requesting her to add you to the reflector.

### Shopping Online?

Use [fara.org/amazon](http://fara.org/amazon) and help out the club. FARA receives a small percentage of your order.

### Membership Dues

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

Regular FARA \$15

Student / Retired \$10

Repeater (voluntary) \$10

## Boston Marathon Volunteers Needed!

By Bob, K1IW MARC Recruitment Coordinator

The Marathon Amateur Radio Communications (MARC) consortium, of which MMRA is a member, is looking for ham radio operators to assist at the 2008 Boston Marathon. The Marathon is held annually on Patriots Day, this year that's Monday, April 21.

We need people to provide communications support in three areas:

START LINE (Hopkinton)

Runner & observer safety & security, parking lots, VIP escorts

COURSE (Hopkinton to Boston)

First Aid & Water station coordination

FINISH LINE (Boston)

First Aid, safety & security

If you are interested in any of these positions, please visit

the MARC website to sign up: <http://marc.amateur-radio.net>

## Framingham Amateur Radio Association Spring Flea Market and Exams Sunday, April 6, 2008

**New location: Keefe Technical School**

**Doors open at 9 am**

Amateur radio equipment, electronics and computer hardware and software

- **Admission for buyers:** \$5 (under-12 free with adult)
- **Door prizes** -- grand prize a new 2-meter HT!
- **Tables:** Six-foot table, paid in advance, \$20 or \$25 at the door
- **Seller setup** starts 7:30 a.m. Sunday. Free coffee and donuts! Load/unload help available!
- **License exam sessions**

For information on tables, Bev N1LOO at: [tables@fara.org](mailto:tables@fara.org), call her at 508-626-2012 before 9 pm or go to [www.fara.org/flea](http://www.fara.org/flea)

For information on exams, contact Jim W1EQW 508-435-6487.  
Talk-in: 448.025 repeater (PL 88.5)


750 Winter St., Framingham.

Then follow the signs to the Framingham flea market!

### FARA Horizons

March 6:	(Meeting) Mark Rubin, WB1ARZ and John Ruggerio, N2YHK from W.E.C.T (Worcester Emergency Communications Team).
March 12:	FARA VE Session
March 15-16:	License in a Weekend
April 3:	(Meeting) Scott Anderson, NE1RD on "The 100 pound DXpedition"
April 6:	Flea Market
May 1:	(Meeting) Pizza Party after Flea Market
June 5:	(Meeting) TBD
June 14:	FARA 75th Anniversary Party at Marlborough Courtyard Marriott Hotel
June 28:	Field Day

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Meeting: Club meetings are normally held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30PM in the basement of the Danforth Museum, on Lexington St.

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, 879-8097 to confirm.

Club Web Site: <http://www.fara.org>

**EVERYONE IS INVITED**

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE  
JUNE 14**



**GRAND  
PRIZE  
A 19"  
LCD HDTV**

## **Anniversary Celebration**

**The Framingham Amateur Radio Association was founded in 1933, and this year we are celebrating our 75th Anniversary.**

**Come join us at the  
Marriott Courtyard in Marlborough  
on Saturday June 14, at 6:00 PM**

**There will be music and fine dining,  
door prizes, and a 19" HDTV Grand Prize.  
The meal is buffet style, so everyone gets  
what they like best, and lots of it.**

**Directions: The Marriott Courtyard is at  
75 Felton St. Marlborough MA 01752  
From Rt. 495, take Exit 24B (Rt. 20 West).  
The Marriott sign is visible as you exit.**

<p>Ticket Info Greg Andrews 508 877-7115 (Before 9:00 pm) andrews.greg@gmail.com</p> <p>Tickets \$30 each Purchase by May 31</p>	<p>For tickets, send this form and a check (Payable to FARA) by May 31 to Greg Andrews W1TDF, 32 Springhill Rd. Framingham, MA 01701 Enclosed is a check (payable to FARA) for \$_____For__Tickets Name_____Call Sign_____ Address_____ City_____State_____Zip_____ Phone (_____)_____Email_____</p>
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