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Thursday, April 3 This Month's Meeting

Scott Andersen, NE1RD, will present "The 100 pound DXpedition." Check out Scott's website at www.bsandersen.com.

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

What a turn out at our March meeting! We had 30 people in attendance to hear the presentation about the Worcester Emergency Communications Team. I also got to wear my straw hat for the first time! Let me wear it again at the upcoming meeting on April 3! It's nice to see that more people are making the effort to attend the FARA general meeting on a regular basis. The more people who attend makes the evening exciting and worthwhile.

It's officially spring, and one sure sign of the season is the annual FARA flea market. By now you should know that this will be held on Sunday, April 6 at Keefe Technical School in Framingham. More details are in this Circuit, or go to www.fara.org/flea. Bev, N1LOO, our chairperson, will be looking for your help to make this another successful event, so sign up at the meeting or get in touch with her. You get free admission and a free coffee and donut for your assistance! Sumner, W1VIV, will be running the club table. This is a highly profitable part of the flea for FARA, so if you have anything worthwhile to donate, you will be doing your club a tremendous service. Sumner's past efforts have yielded great results.....he is quite the salesman!

Have you purchased your tickets to the 75th Anniversary Celebration yet? Please remember that the deadline is May 31. This is firm and no tickets will be sold at the door as the hotel needs an accurate head count. This promises to be the highlight of the season; literally a once in a lifetime opportunity! Mail your check to Greg, W1TDF with the form which is attached to this Circuit. Also, more forms and commemorative pins will be available at the meeting. If you have ANY ideas to make this a memorable event, please let me know. I am certain the Board has not thought of everything!

Thanks to Ed, W1NXC and his License in a Weekend team, we now have seven more hams in the world. Outstanding job, everyone!

I am looking forward to this month's speaker, Scott Andersen, NE1RD, who will present "The 100 pound DXpedition". Several people have told me that this presentation is NOT to be missed, and that Scott is an engaging speaker. He also has his own blog and website! Look up his call sign on QRZ.Com for more info. If you've ever had a hankering to go on a DXpedition on the cheap, using minimal equipment, then come to the April 3 meeting to see how it's done as Scott has had a lot of experience!

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

Sunday Night FARA Net Control Schedule

W1VIV	4/6	5/18
W1NXC	4/13	6/1
K1GB	4/20	6/8
WA1HAM	4/27	6/15
KB1FHJ	5/4	6/22
KB1NIV	5/11	6/29
W1EQW	5/25	

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 NILOO at: tables@fara.org, call her at 508-626-2012 before 9 pm or go to 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

April 3:	(Meeting) Scott Anderson, NEIRD on "The 100 pound DXpedition"
April 6:	Flea Market
May 1:	(Meeting) Pizza Party after Flea Market
May 14:	VE Session
June 5:	Tom Carrigan, NEIR on the Red Cross Emergency Communications Vehicle.
June 14:	FARA 75th Anniversary Party at Marlborough Courtyard Marriott Hotel
June 28:	Field Day

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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 requesting her to add you to the reflector.

Shopping Online?

Use 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

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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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>