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## President's Message

Spring has finally sprung! After one of the worst winters in recent memory, it's nice to see the change in seasons!

Our meeting last month featuring Dom N1DM as guest speaker drew 25 people. Pretty darn good! We could have had upwards of 30 members if more of our regulars had attended, but all in all a very productive and upbeat meeting. Our VP Leo, WA1HAM took a list of names of people who expressed interest in getting involved with our EMCOMM project. A meeting was held with this group and Leo and our EC Alex, KBIJYD will report on that at the general meeting. Leo has remained in contact with Deputy Chief Trask of the Framingham Police Department regarding FARA's involvement in providing backup emergency communications for the town. I also wish to announce the appointment of Lowell Bursch, KB1FHJ as assistant EC for FARA to help Alex. Thanks, Lowell for stepping up to get this important program moving!

FARA has also been supporting the Framingham community in other ways. Our scholarship recipient from Framingham High School is Kathleen Romano. She will be attending college in the fall and will major in civil engineering. We have also made a donation to the Phillip Hurton Family Fund. Mr. Hurton is an officer on the Framingham Police force and was recently shot in the face and hand while pursuing criminals who have since been apprehended. Officer Hurton is recovering from his wounds. We felt it was the least we could do to show our appreciation to the police department for allowing us to use their room. Third, we will be making a donation to the Boys and Girls Club of Metrowest. The renovations have been moving slowly, most of which have been performed by volunteers since their funding has not yet come through in these trying economic times.

The subject of Field Day will be on the agenda at our May meeting. I suggest we have a one day picnic/Field Day at Hopkinton State Park and operate one transceiver on 20 meters. We have done this in the past and people enjoyed the laid back social atmosphere.

Our May meeting (May 7<sup>th</sup> at the police station at 7:30 PM) will be a brief business meeting followed by our annual post flea market pizza party. As in the past, we are requesting a VOLUNTARY \$5 per person donation to help defray the cost of the food.

73, Gordy K1GB

## FARA Horizons

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| May 2-3:    | New England QSO Party  |
| May 7:      | (MEETING) Pizza Party  |
| May 13:     | VE Session   |
| June 4:     | Kevin Paetzold, K1KWP on Fox Hunting<br>Election of Officers |
| June 27-28: | Field Day  |

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