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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

Greetings everyone: We had a nice crowd of 20 people at our last meeting with John Garrett, WN9T. Those of you who didn't attend sure missed a very interesting and entertaining presentation. We learned that hams are not the only ones who have RFI issues. Commercial broadcasters and cable TV companies have far more complicated RFI problems with residents which take a longer period of time to resolve. John spoke about kitchen stoves "singing" from picking up signals from AM radio stations!

As you know by now, I have been pushing for an Amateur Radio exemption to bill H-4475 which would prohibit cell phone use and texting while driving. As of this writing, the bill is in the Senate and is expected to be acted on perhaps as early as next week. There are two versions of this bill; the House version which prohibits both cell phone use and texting, and the Senate version which prohibits texting only. Both versions may have to go back to committee for reconciliation. No matter how you feel about the bill, please email and/or call your state Representative and Senator and tell them that an exemption for Amateur Radio operators is imperative for public safety and in times of emergencies and natural disasters. The more noise we make, the better our chances of obtaining the exemption. After all, we don't want to lose our mobile operating privileges, even during non emergency times so that we can continue our enjoyment of the hobby!

Our flea market is only about a month away! Can you believe that? Please consider helping out anyway you can, such as unloading sellers gear, taking money at the admissions table, meeting Sumner, W1VIV at the shack, etc. You don't have to work the entire time. Give whatever time you can and enjoy the event.

We are now in March and our Treasurer Tom, N1FTB has told me that the dues are just trickling in. Dues were due on January 1st. I realize that life is busy and we forget about such things, but PLEASE make an effort to pay your dues. Remember that for only \$15 (\$10 senior and student) that your immediate family members are also considered FARA members. Most clubs charge anywhere from \$25 to \$30 AND charge an additional family member rate, where as FARA hasn't had a dues increase in years!

Our speaker for this coming Thursday's meeting at the Police Station at 7:30 PM is our ARRL New England Division Vice Director Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF. Mike will lead a discussion about getting young people into the hobby and perhaps a view of what's happening these days in Newington.

73,

Gordy K1GB

2010 Scholarship Rules

1. Must be a member of FARA.
2. Applications must be turned in or post marked by April 15, 2010.
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 scholarships@fara.org

FARA Sunday Night Net Control Schedule

FARA Club Table Needs Your Old Radio Gear

By Sumner, W1VIV

One of the ways that your radio club makes operating expenses is the Club Table at the annual FARA Flea Market. We sell donated ham radio equipment to attendees. The date is April 11th -- not that far away! Possibly due to the economy, donations are down this year. If you have any old radio equipment, accessories, books or other items of interest, please consider donating them to FARA.

Please contact Sumner Weisman, W1VIV, at w1viv@rcn.com or at 508-877-1565.

W1VIV	3/7, 3/21
W1EQW	3/14
W1NXC	3/28
K1GB	4/4
WA1HAM	4/11
KB1NIV	4/18

FARA Horizons

March:	Mike Raisbeck K1TWF, ARRL Division Vice Director
March 13:	MA QRP Convention, Westford, MA
March 20-21:	License in a Weekend
April:	Greg Algieri WA1JXR, transmission Lines
April 11:	FARA Flea Market
May:	Pizza Party
May 1-2:	New England QSO Party
June :	Election of Officers; Lou Harris N1UEC speaker field day

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FCC TECH LICENSE

IN ONE WEEKEND!

No Code Required!

Dates: March 20, 21, 2010

Fee: \$42 (Includes lunch Sat & Sun, text, FCC exam fee)

Sponsored by: Framingham Amateur Radio Association

**Location: Club Radio Room in basement of
Danforth Museum, Lexington St Framingham Ma**

Class Schedule

Saturday 9 am to 5 pm

Sunday 9 am to 4 pm

FCC Technician license exam on Sunday 2 pm

Sign up Now! Call Ed W1NXC at 508-881-2301

Or e-mail WINXC@arrl.net

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

Application must be received no later than Feb 15, 2010

Name:

Address

Tel #

Send check for \$42 to E.A. Weiss, 40 Cutler Dr Ashland Ma 01721

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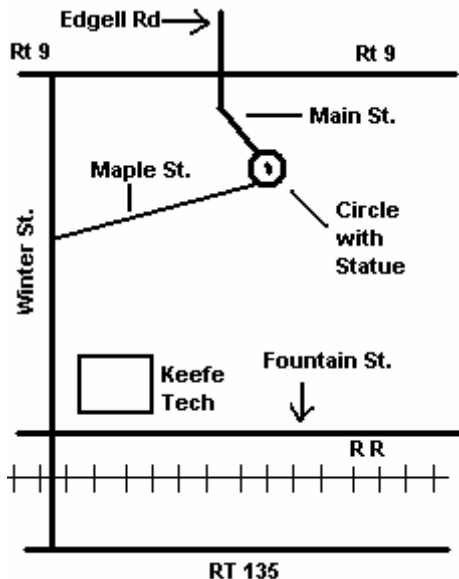
FRAMINGHAM FLEA

Sunday, April 11, 2010

Hours 9AM to 1 PM

Door Prizes - Grand Prize: NEW 2M HT!

Buyers \$5 - Under 12 free with adult!



Directions

KEEFE TECH SCHOOL (keefetech.org)

750 WINTER ST Framingham, MA

Take the FRAMINGHAM CENTRE/STATE COLLEGE exit off Rt.9, then SOUTH on MAIN St.(0.2 mile) to the circle with the statue.Turn right on Maple St.(first exit from circle).Follow Maple St.(0.7 mile) to the end and turn left onto Winter St. School parking lot is 1.2 miles on the left. Keefe is also accessible from Rt 135. Take the bridge over the R R tracks at Winter St. Cross Fountain St. and continue on Winter St. The School Parking lot is on the right (0.1 mile).

TALK-IN 147.15

For more info, check our web site: fara.org/flea

HAM LICENSE EXAMS

Exam Info call: Jim 508-435-6487

Sellers Info

**Bev 508-626-2012
(Before 9:00 pm)**

6 foot table + 1 admission
\$20 in advance,
\$25 at the door
Setup - 7:30 AM
Free coffee and donut
AC power available
Load/unload assistance
available

For advance table reservations, send this form and a check to:

FARA, POB 3005, Framingham, MA 01705

Enclosed is a check for \$_____, for _____six foot tables at the FARA FLEA MARKET.

Name_____Call Sign_____

Address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

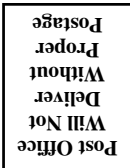
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Meeting: Club meetings are normally held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30PM in the basement of the Danforth Museum, on Lexington St.

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, 508-879-8097 to confirm.

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