

# The Framingham Circuit

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**President's Message:** Greetings to FARA members for the **New Year**. We will have many changes this year. We lost Tom Malloy, whom I remember coming in weekly to the shack on Saturdays, later coming with his son Mike Malloy my neighbor. We will not have a Flea for the first time. We are distributing Sumner Weisman's many roles and hats and thank him for all his years of service, leadership, and guidance. We have been unloading excess equipment while maintaining the good stuff for Field day and hopefully other active club operations. We are trying to get 501c3 status. We have several open positions which are opportunities to get more involved in the club, let us know if you are interested.

For the **January meeting**, we had a QLF or left foot CW contest, won by Steve Moro, N1MH, and that was much fun for all. We had some interesting show and tell items. We watched a video of the VP8ORK South Orkney Islands Dxpedition, ( 1/27/11 to 2/8/11). [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U\\_\\_vXNfl-IM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U__vXNfl-IM)

For the February meeting, Adrian Zeffert, AB2IX, gave us a thorough review of the history and current status of 3 D printing. Check out [all3DP.com](https://all3dp.com) for more information. <https://all3dp.com>

For the March 5 meeting, Brian "Wolf" Gudzevich, WO1VES, will be giving us a talk on "Introduction to digital radio with Hotspots." Brian is a repeater operator, self-employed technology specialist, and an avid fan of the digital radio modes. In his Business, "The Shameless Wolf" he spends time helping people with their computers, Network, Home Theater, and anything else Technology. He loves computers and Ham Radio, so when he had the chance to do something that combined the two, he jumped on it. Brian operates three repeaters in Stoneham, MA, one Fusion, one D-Star, and one Analog. He also operates the hub of an Internet linked repeater system called "The Wolf Pack Network". This has repeaters starting in Northeastern Massachusetts and going as far north as Ossipee New Hampshire. He runs a net on these repeaters twice a month.

- Web: <http://www.shamelesswolf.com>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ShamelessWolf/>

**Silent Key:** Tom Malloy, N1FTB.



Thomas J. Malloy, Jr., 91, of Natick died peacefully, surrounded by family on January 11, 2020. Tom was the beloved husband of 45 years to the late Therese (Pineau) Malloy and the cherished father of Marianne Malloy of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Kathleen Crawford of Natick, Michael Malloy and his wife Beth of Hopkinton, and the late Marilou Kinney. Tom was born in Framingham, the son of the late Thomas J. and Mary E. (Cuddy) Malloy. He is also survived by his dear sister, Mary Benoit of Westborough and sister-in-law Mary Malloy of North Oxford, and was the brother of the late Margaret Desilets, Helen [Smith](#), and John Malloy. Tom was a graduate of St. Stephens, Framingham High Class of 1947, and Wentworth Institute of Technology. After serving in the United States

Air Force and on the implementation of the White Alice Communications System in Alaska, he had a long career at Raytheon and the Digital Equipment Corporation. Tom was also a longtime usher at St. Patrick Church, and a member of the Framingham Amateur Radio Association (N1FTB). In lieu of flowers, donations in Tom's memory may be made to the Framingham Heart Study, 73 Mount Wayte Ave, Suite 2, Framingham, MA 01702, where Tom was a second-generation participant. FARA made a \$50 donation to the Framingham Heart Study.



**Sumner W1VIV writes:** Tom Malloy recently passed away. He used to come to the Danforth shack every Saturday for many years. He attended other FARA events such as holiday parties and Field Days. He was the only person I ever met who actually attended high school in the Danforth building, when it was originally a high school. I recall that he got a case of shingles and was in pain for six months. When Tom could no longer make it to meetings, his son Mike got his ham license so that he could take his Dad to FARA events. Tom was a very cordial guy and a good friend, and will be missed. Attached is a photo of Tom from Field Day 2004.

**Board Meeting 2/1/2020 Held at home of Sumner Weisman, 43 Agnes Drive, Framingham, MA 10 am to noon.**

**Present:** Sumner Weisman W1VIV, John Iwuc KB1VXY, Paul King N1VAM, Victor Anderson K1VEA, Steve Moro N1MH, Glenn Axelrod KC1HPZ, David Miscia KB1YXL, Ellen Woodbury KB1NIP, Steve Babbitt KC1LPZ, Richard Cosma AA1VI, Fred Beihold NV1N, Andy Boughton KC1DMM, Ron Rothman KE3KK, Jim Congdon WN1A

**Topics: Redistributing Sumner's many roles.** The group thanked Sumner for his many years of diverse service to FARA, then took up the task of redistributing his many hats.

- **FARA Director** – Sumner will keep this position but **we need to replace the position by the June meeting**. Submit nominations including self-nominations to any officer.
- **W1FY Repeater Trustee- Dave Miscia, KB1YXL**, will notify the FCC and assume this role for the 147.150 VHF repeater. He will be assisted by Glen Axelrod, KC1HPZ. Glen and Dave have been looking over the available circuit diagrams and manual, and will work together to assess our system at MEMA. We also voted to notify the FCC and the repeater coordinators that **we will give away the UHF repeater frequency of 448.025 Mhz**. We will also unload the UHF repeater.
- **Field Day Manager** – Sumner will keep this position through this June's Field Day, June 27-28, 2020, then **we will need a volunteer for 2021 and going forward**. A selection of our equipment has been collected for Field Day, including backup radios, batteries, wirings, ground rods and a pop up tent. We will need to distribute these to club members for housing after the upcoming Field Day.
- **Used Radio Equipment relocation**. We are in the process of looking for options for this equipment.
- **Sunday Night Net Control Manager: Steve Hewlitt, N4NIV will assume this role starting in March, 2020**. Andy Boughton, KC1DMM will be added to the net control operator list starting April 5, 2020.
- **QSL Manager:** Our old collection of QSL cards has been taken home by Victor Anderson, K1VEA. Our own W1FY QSL card box has been taken by John Iwuc, KB1VXY (they have our old PO box and email address and web page address though, so may not be all that useful in the future). We do not expect heavy work on this issue, we get a couple a year and will figure out a way to send them out.
- **Club Meeting A/V Technician:** Dave Miscia, KB1YXL will assume this responsibility, and will have the connecting cable for the Police Department projector.
- **Publicity Manager:** Sumner Weisman will continue with this through our upcoming Field day then **we will need a volunteer publicity manager going forward**.
- **Nominating Committee Manager:** This will be an **open position after June 2020**. The officers and new director can assume this responsibility after that.
- **FARA Badge Maker:** Dave Miscia, KB1YXL, will take this on and he has the label maker.
- **QRZ page and Account manager:** Dave Miscia, KB1YXL, will get the password from Sumner Weisman. John Iwuc, will have the password also and be backup.
- **501c3 application:** John Iwuc, KB1VXY signed the forms and gave them to Andy Boughton, KC1DMM who delivered them to our lawyer for review and submission.

- **State forms update:** Victor Anderson, K1VEA, submitted this in 2019 for the annual report. **We will need to resubmit if there are any officer changes.**
- **Officer nominations:** Paul King N1VAM suggests that we may want to look for a nomination for his position as he expects to leave the area in the future.
- **Scholarship:** We voted to offer scholarships this year again. See below.
- **Post Office Mail Box:** Steve Moro, N1MH and John Iwuc, KB1VXY, have keys.

#### **FARA Scholarship Rules & Application:** Requirements for FARA scholarship:

Open to any high school senior who will be attending college the next academic year or anyone currently enrolled in a college program. Any applicant with an Amateur Radio license will receive preference. Non licensed relatives of FARA members will also receive consideration. Membership in FARA is not required. All applications must be postmarked by **April 15, 2020**. Contact Richard, AA1VI at [rcosma@rcn.com](mailto:rcosma@rcn.com) or call 508 877 8241

**FARA Members List and Email: We have 9 life members, 37 paid members and 2 honorary members as of this edition.** Paid members and lifetime and honorary members should be receiving emails from members@w1fy.org. Let Steve or I know if you or anyone else is not getting the club emails. Paid members will be listed on the webpage. Non-members interested in receiving news about FARA can view the website or get on the separate news@W1fy.org by going to [http://w1fy.org/subscribe-to-fara\\_news](http://w1fy.org/subscribe-to-fara_news)

**Echolink:** The Echolink connection seems to be working very well. Many thanks to Andy, KC1DMM!

#### **Websites to check out:**

- For contests, dxexpeditions and special events: <https://forums.qrz.com/index.php?forums/contests-dxpeditions-and-special-events.15/>
- DX maps for a visual representation of current propagation on different bands.
- <https://www.dxmaps.com/spots/mapg.php?Lan=E&Frec=50&ML=M&Map=W2&HF=N&DXC=ING2&GL=N>

#### **Upcoming Radio Events:** From WA7BNM website. <https://www.contestcalendar.com/contestcal.html>

CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB 2200Z, Feb 21 to 2200Z, Feb 23

South Carolina QSO Party 1500Z, Feb 29 to 0159Z, Mar 1

NA Collegiate Championship, RTTY 1800Z, Feb 29 to 0559Z, Mar 1

North American QSO Party, RTTY 1800Z, Feb 29 to 0559Z, Mar 1

North Carolina QSO Party 1500Z, Mar 1 to 0059Z, Mar 2

\*\*Virginia QSO Party 1400Z, Mar 21 to 0400Z, Mar 22, 2020 and

1200Z-2400Z, Mar 22, 2020. This one has a good skip for us, I have placed first MA entry in the past.

\*\*New England QSO Party 2000Z, May 2 to 2400Z, May 3

**\*\*We plan to test out our new battery, connections, booster, and a field day radio on an upcoming event.**

**Let me know which one you are interested in.**

#### **FARA HORIZONS -- UPCOMING EVENTS**

- March 5, 2020: Brian WO1VES: "Introduction to digital radio with Hotspots."
- April 2, 2020: Sumner W1VIV on Navy Ham Radio During the Korean War
- May 7, 2020: Pizza Party?
- June 4, 2020: Field day prep, officer elections.

## **Club Information:**

**Officers:** see <http://w1fy.org/fara-officers>:

- President: John Iwuc KB1VXY [president@W1FY.org](mailto:president@W1FY.org)
- Vice president: Paul King N1VAM [vp@W1FY.org](mailto:vp@W1FY.org)
- Clerk/Secretary: Victor Anderson K1VEA [secretary@W1FY.org](mailto:secretary@W1FY.org)
- Treasurer /Webmaster: Steve Moro N1MH [treasurer@W1FY.org](mailto:treasurer@W1FY.org) [webmaster@W1FY.org](mailto:webmaster@W1FY.org)
- Director: Sumner Weisman W1VIV [director@W1FY.org](mailto:director@W1FY.org)
- Director of Testing Jim Weckback W1EQW [testing@fara.org](mailto:testing@fara.org)
- Repeater Trustee, Dave Miscia, KB1YXL [repeater@w1fy.org](mailto:repeater@w1fy.org)
- Traffic coordinator: Fred Beihold, NV1N [traffic@w1fy.org](mailto:traffic@w1fy.org)
- Scholarship coordinator, Richard Cosma AA1VI [scholarship@w1fy.org](mailto:scholarship@w1fy.org)
- Echolink coordinator: Andy Boughton, KC1DMM
- Sunday night net control manager: Steve Hewlett, N4NIV
- QSL manager/QRZ Account manager: Sumner Weisman W1VIV, [qslmanager@w1fy.org](mailto:qslmanager@w1fy.org), then Dave Miscia, KB1YXL
- Newsletter editor: John Iwuc, KB1VXY [president@w1fy.org](mailto:president@w1fy.org)

**Meeting:** Club meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Framingham Police Station. Sept., Oct., Nov., Jan., Feb., Mar., April. June. Board Meetings are called periodically.

## **Club Nets:**

- FARA Net: Sunday, 7:30PM, 147.75/147.15 - social/chat, emergency preparedness

**Club Web Site:** [W1FY.org](http://W1FY.org)

## **Social Media:**

- [facebook.com/faraw1fy](https://facebook.com/faraw1fy)
- [twitter.com/fara\\_w1fy](https://twitter.com/fara_w1fy)

**Dues:** Flat rate of \$20 per year per person or family, and no separate repeater fee. Paid members will be posted on the web page. You can join/renew/pay online at <http://w1fy.org/membership-form>

**Testing:** Odd numbered months on the second Wednesday at 7:30PM by appointment only.  
<http://w1fy.org/license-exams>

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