

June 1, 1989

\* MEETING THIS THURSDAY \*

This coming Thursday, June 1st is the last regular meeting of FARA. On the agenda for this meeting is:

- \* Election of officers for the coming year.
- \* Final field day plans.
- \* Summer meeting discussion.
- \* Club picnic plans for summer.

I (Dick-W1IBN) am hoping this newsletter gets to most of you before the meeting.

Of course I could have made sure it would have reached you by sending it out a week earlier but Cheryl, I, and the little harmonic were down in Gettysburg, PA on vacation. A very interesting place to visit.

SUMMER MEETINGS??

Yes, I know FARA doesn't hold meetings during July and August, but maybe we should. Meetings haven't been held during the summer because many members are away on vacation.

On the other hand, there may be enough folks still around so summer meetings will still have a decent turnout. Maybe it's worth a try? The worse that'll happen is we get low turnout; those who do show up

will eat all the donuts, and we'll know for the future that summer meetings don't work.

We'll take a vote at the coming June meeting about giving summer meetings a try. We'll let the membership know the results of the vote via a summer news letter.

FIELD DAY

It'll be an "old-fashioned" Field Day this year as the Framingham Amateur Radio Assn. uses Bowditch Field, the former site of the event to compete in Ham Radio's biggest annual contest event.

A coordinating committee met May 17 at the Club Station to begin planning the event, and plans took shape quickly. At a minimum, we'll be running 2A with a Novice Station; although you can "run what ya brung", if you feel that you want to bring your own rig to the site. You can take it with you when you leave, just leave any logs or dupe sheets. The more operators who want to use their own equipment, the merrier, as far as the event coordinator is concerned.

To date, here is some of the equipment we have secured:

George Blakeslee, N1GB, will be lending us his HW-101 and a tent.

Barry Kasindorf, WA1YDL, will be lending us an HW-8 QRP, an HW-16, tent, and AV-4 antenna.

Mark Weingart, N1FXE, will be providing a tent

Club, TS-430S will be used.

Marc Stern, N1BLH, will provide multimode controller and terminal for packet and RTTY and AMTOR.

Dick Landau, W1IBN, will provide a vertical VHF antenna.

Bob Gettys, N1BRM, will provide his generator

Each of us has also agreed to bring such items as extension cords, power strips, and we will be using the club GSRVs and zoomups.

We need more, though. We're still in need of tuners, keyers, microphones, more rigs, in other words, we're still not home yet; and at the June meeting, you'll be asked what you can provide. If you can't provide equipment, please come to the Field Day meeting and provide help

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The schedule for Field Day itself, looks like this:

On June 24:

7 a.m. sharp, work crew at W1FY to load equipment.

8 a.m. or so, set up of tents begins.

10 a.m. or so, antennas set up and feedlines run.

noon or so, stations ready to go and relaxation time.

A second and final Field Day meeting is planned for June 20 where we will be working. We will be getting all the club packed and ready for Saturday morning. So, plan to attend and wear your old grubbies because it could be somewhat messy.

Finally, for Field Day the club will provide a grille and charcoal, as well as some soda, but you will be responsible for your own food.

Marc Stern, N1BLH  
Coordinator, Field Day  
(abbrev entry D.Landau)

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MINUTES meeting 5/89

Business meeting was convened on 5/4/89 at 7:38pm. VP Dick Landau (W1IBN) presiding in absence of Pres. Don Morse (KA1MLM). Orders taken for Pizza Night at "Papa Gino's" restaurant.

Treasurer's report by Bob Gettya (N1BRM) showed a good net profit from the Spring Flea Market. Bob reminded members about need for operators for a 10K road race on 6/8 and Flag Day 6/11.

Marc (N1BLH) and Dick (W1IBN) discussed Field Day. Planning meetings set for 5/17 and 6/21.

Burt Shaffer (N1DDO) announced "forgotten" library books had been located in a storage area.

Business meeting adjourned at 8:06. Wayne Greene spoke until 8:59 at which time meeting was adjourned and reconvened at "Papa Gino's".

Respectfully submitted,  
Henry Lee (KB1PE)  
Secretary.

(abbrev entry D.Landau)

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