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Pizza Night to Highlight May Meeting

As we have for the last few years, May's meeting will be a celebration of another successful Flea Market. And, as we usually do, we'll head for Papa Gino's for the festivities.

Pizza night has been a highlight of FARA's activities since it was begun in the late 1970s by Lew Nyman, K1AZE, when he was president of the club. There are actually two held each year, one after the fall Flea Market and the second after the spring event, which was a success. Treasurer Dick Marshall, W1KUG, will have a full report at the meeting when it is held Thursday May 1 at 7:30 p.m.

The business portion of the meeting will be short, but it will cover a great deal of ground. For example, Field Day will be the subject of discussion for a few minutes. At the moment, it is planned that the club operate in the 4A category because of the increased flexibility it gives us. Another change is the move back to wire antennas which, according to reports, will result in a bonus to our score.

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Also, nominations will be open for new officers for the ~~1986-87~~ club year. The nominating committee is also hard at work and if you want to run -- just because you're a new member, don't let it stop you -- talk with Jon Weiner, K1VVC, chairman of the committee and toss your hat into the ring. (President Bob Press, KB1EW, who has ably served for the last two years will be stepping down in June. He has served well and has been responsible for leading us through not only the amalgamation of FARA and the Framingham Repeater, but also the upgrade of the repeater and the upgrade of the club station.)

There will also be a report from the Scholarship Committee as well as a presentation by Marc Stern, N1BLH, EC, for those who helped out in the Marathon Net.

So, if you want to help us celebrate another successful Flea Market, as well as hear some interesting club business, come on over to the monthly meeting at the Danforth Museum, Framingham, May 1. The meeting begins about 7:30. Parking is available in the Framingham Public Library parking garage next door to the Museum. Use the Lexington Street entrance.

April meeting mirrors busy FARA schedule

By Ken Horton, KA1GFN
Secretary

The April meeting was opened by Vice President Burt Shaffer, N1DDO, who filled in until the arrival of President Bob Press, KB1EW.

EC and FAAREN Manager, Marc Stern, N1BLH, gave an update on the upcoming Boston Marathon. He noted the number of stations this year has been increased, as has the net's area of coverage. We will also be covering stations in Natick. Marc asked for volunteers and filled the stations. American Red Cross Communications Liaison Bob Chin, WB1FHT, provided an overview of the requirements of our group.

Bob also asked for volunteers for this year's Special Olympics in June. Amateurs will be used to pass health and safety traffic.

A May meeting is planned on Field Day with information to be provided by Marc, also Field Day chairman, as soon as it is available. There will be changes this year.

Also, those operators -- graduates of Ed and Wayne's class - who upgraded were asked to stand, give their calls and license grades. They were give a great round of applause.

In other business:

-- The club approved two applications for membership. They were from: Chuck Connolly, KB1WO, and Rich Cushnik, WB2BWV.

-- Nick Martin, WA1VFH, who makes our club badges, asked for advance orders and noted the special price he gives club members. The reason for the advance orders was because of the amount of business Nick and his son handle during the Flea Market. It helps cut their workload to manageable proportions that day.

-- A list was handed around for club T-shirts. The club will cover the one-time cost for making the silk screen. There is a minimum order of 25.

-- Ted Gruber, WB1ECE, made a requested that this year's summer outing be held at the Breezy Picnic Ground in East Douglas. Additional information will be provided at the next

meeting. A suggestion has been made that we hold the outing in August.

-- Lew Nyman, K1AZE, Flea Market chairman, gave a report on the upcoming event. There was a request for additional help for both Saturday and Sunday.

-- We were informed the ARRL New England Convention will be held at the Sheraton Boxboro on Oct. 17, 18, and 19. There is a need for Volunteer Examiners for all exam sessions.

-- There will be a demonstration of Amateur Radio at the Museum of Science, Boston, April 26 and 27 and FARA will participate in the event.

-- The meeting was followed by a talk by Tom McGuire from the National Weather Service in Boston.

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Officers

- President.....Bob Press, KB1EW
- Vice Pres.....Burt Shaffer, N1DDO *Parkinson*
- Treasurer.....Dick Marshall, W1KUG
- Secretary.....Ken Horton, KA1GFN
- Activities.....Marc Stern, N1BLH
- Director.....Lew Nyman, K1AZE
- Counsel.....Arthur Marshall, Esq.

Club Station: W1FY. Repeater: W1FY/R, 147.75/15 FAAREN Net: Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Classes: Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.

Swap & Shop

Portable electronic typewriter/computer printer with serial interface. Mint condition, less than six months old, asking \$175. Contact Marc, N1BLH, at club box or on repeater.

Mint condition IDS-480 Microprism printer; both parallel and serial interfaces to 9,600-baud; two type styles; programmable;

three type sizes; proportional printing possible; asking \$300, contact Marc, N1BLH, at club box or on repeater.

Jackets Still Available

Imagine the thrill of walking onto the Field Day site in June, wearing a club jacket which tells the world you're part of one of the best Field Day operations in this area. Well, you can have it by ordering a club jacket now.

Available for \$28, the club jacket is royal blue with white lettering and more than 50 have already been purchased by club members.

The jackets are very distinctive and will serve you well when the spring breezes turn sharp. The jackets are flannel lined nylon shells and are surprisingly warm. They also look great when we're doing a public service event.

If you're interested, contact Marc Stern, N1BLH, via the repeater or a note in the club box or at the meeting and you'll be all set.

A Tip Of The Editor's Hat To . . .

. . . The Flea Market crew who made this year's event a success.

. . . The Marathon Day net: Ken Horton, KA1GFN; Mary Weiss, KA1HGL; Ed Weiss, W1NXC; Burt Shaffer, N1DDO; Toby Shaffer, N1DDS; Bob Chin, WB1FHT; Paul Bacchiocci, N1DGT; Anne Bacchiocci, KA1MSX; Henry Lee, KB1PE, and Marjie Stern, KA1HIA.

Social Events

Sun. May 4: The Hamden County Radio Association will hold its annual Flea Market at the West Springfield Elks Lodge covered pavilion on Morgan Road. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$1. For information, contact Steve Nelson, WA1EYF at 413-596-8216.

Sat. May 10: New England's Biggest Ham Radio Flea Market, the Hoss Traders annual spring swapfest. It will be at the Deerfield Fairgrounds in Deerfield, N.H. and will be held rain or shine. Campgrounds open at 4:00 p.m. Friday. Fees will be collected by the Fair Grounds Association. Admission \$2, tailgating included. Good food available. Profits benefit the Boston Burns unit of the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children. Talk-in on 146.52 direct or 146.40/147.00. Questions can be answered by sending an SASE to Joe Demaso K1RQG, Star Route, Box 56, Bucksport, Me.

Sat. May 17: The RI Amateur Repeater Service Inc. will hold its spring Flea Market at the American Legion, Fairmount Post 85, 870 River Street, Woonsocket RI. It opens at 9 a.m. Further information is available from Rick Fairweather, K1KYI, Box 591, Harrisville, RI, 02830.

Sat-Sun Oct. 18-19: N.E. ARRL convention at the Sheraton, Boxboro, Route 111, Boxboro, Mass..(more info later)

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