

The FramingHAM Circuit

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The Monthly Newsletter of The Framingham Amateur Radio Association
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FARA April Meeting

The next FARA meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday April 2nd, in the basement of the Danforth Museum, Framingham. Following the business meeting, Warren Rothberg WB1HIH ARRL Section Manager for New Hampshire and Vice Director for the New England Division will present a video tour of the ARRL headquarters and activities. There will be a question and answer period afterwards.

Please bring goodies for the post meeting social.

See you there.

Presidents Column

There are times, I'm sure, everyone has asked: "What has FARA done that's exciting lately?" Well, the answer is a great deal. There's a new sense of excitement in the air around W1FY. No, it isn't stray RF floating around the shack that you feel, it is actually the infectious excitement of operators looking for rare DX; operating a new contest; helping to give exams, and much more. It is the kind of feeling that makes you want to go to your own QTH and fire up your own rig to snag that rare one.

It's also the type of feeling that is fostered by good equipment and investment in the club, which is exactly what we've accomplished. There's a new rig at W1FY and an amplifier. The combination helped us to score more than 1.2 million points in the ARRL DX contest.

We have a shack to be proud of. It's a shack that is well used and getting ever more popular, which makes me very happy. I would like to encourage everyone to come down and feel the excitement of the club and use the equipment. The equipment is there for your use. Don't be shy; sit right down at the mike and hit the foot switch.

Even if you don't operate, there's a great bunch of operators who also "hang out" at the station, ready to shoot the breeze on any topic you name. So, if you don't want to operate, you can come on down, feel the excitement and talk about anything you want. The ideas you will find are interesting and worth the trip.

Finally, don't forget the Spring Flea Market which helps to provide us with the funds to run the station. See or call Lew K1AZE, if you would like to help out on April 12th.

73,
Marc, WA1R

Massachusetts House Bill H-2512

This bill, entitled "An Act Amending the Zoning Act to Reference Federal Regulations Concerning the Construction of Amateur Radio Antenna Structures", has been sent to committee for study. The bill would formalize the PRB-1 decision into Massachusetts law (Federal preemption of antenna ordinances). This bill would prevent unreasonable local restrictions of antenna structures. To support this bill, write your State Representative. A sample letter might read:

"I ask you to support H-2512, which is before the Committee on Local Affairs. As an amateur radio operator, I volunteer my time and services to support (Framingham) emergency services. By passing this bill, you will make it easier for amateur radio operators in Massachusetts to obtain building permits for their antenna structures. This will encourage additional amateurs to construct antenna systems which will, in times of emergency, provide increased amateur radio communications resources to assist our local emergency management agency function. This improvement in emergency preparedness of the Commonwealth would be obtained at no cost to the taxpayer."

Flea Markets

Saturday April 4	Electronic and "conventional" Yard Sale	9 am- 4 pm
	Henry Lee's QTH Ashland	Call 881 7662 for directions
Sunday April 19	MIT Amateur Radio Society	9 am- 2 pm Admission \$2
	Albany and Main Street, Cambridge	
	Talk-in 146.52	Info : (617) 253 3776
Sunday April 26	Wellesley Amateur Radio Society	9 am- 2 pm Admission \$2
	Wellesley Senior High School State Street (off Rte 16)	
	Talk-in 147.63	Info: Gerry NV1T (617) 444 2686

The FARA Spring Fleamarket will be held on Sunday April 12th. A copy of the flyer, which includes the form to reserve table space, is attached to this copy of the Newsletter.

Spread the news on the air and help make the event an even bigger success.

CLUB INFORMATION 1991-92

President	Marc Stern	WA1R	879 2087	Before 9 pm
Vice President	Martin Bayes	W1/G4DZC	435 1278	"
Secretary	Henry Lee III	KB1PE	881 7662	"
Treasurer	Bob Gettys	N1BRM	620 1836	"
Director	Lew Nyman	K1AZE	879 7456	"
Training Officer	Ed Weiss	W1NXC	881 2301	Before 6 pm
Director of Testing	Dick Marshall	WA1KUG	877 0563	Before 9 pm
Activities Coordinator	Marjie Stern	KA1HIA	879 2087	"
Publicity Officer	Sharon Machlis	KC1YR	877 6692	"
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Emergency Coordinator	Marc Stern	WA1R	879 2087	"
Scholarship Cte Chairman	Dick Cosma	KD1BF	879 1381	"
Newsletter Editor	Martin Bayes	W1/G4DZC	435 1278	"

Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month, in the basement of the Danforth Museum, in downtown Framingham. Business meetings take place two Mondays before each regular meeting, at 7.30 pm, all are welcome. The Club Net meets on Sunday evenings at 7:30 pm, on the W1FY repeater, to practice emergency use of the repeater and to pass on news of the latest happenings. Club Repeater 147.15/147.75 MHz.

A new technical interest net will be started on the W1FY repeater Tuesday April 7, at 7.30 pm. Anyone wishing to discuss technical questions, provide answers, or report DX catches anywhere from DC to light is encouraged to participate. Net control to start will be Henry Lee KB1PE.