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April 1993

Celebrating Sixty Years of Service to the Amateur Fraternity

## FARA April Meeting

The next FARA meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup>, in the basement of the Danforth Museum. Following a brief business meeting, those present will adjourn to a nearby location to sample a dough based, tomato containing entree. Beverages will also be consumed (with little or no atmospheric noise or static). Strenuous efforts on the part of our Activities Officer (and an almost unlimited travel budget) have ensured the very welcome attendance of I8PZA. Prospective hams are very welcome, as always.

See you there.

## Observations

The appearance of the front page of this newsletter will be familiar to club members who have belonged to FARA for at least 10 years or so. To commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the formation of the club we now know as the Framingham Amateur Radio Association, we have borrowed the Newsletter header from 1983, the year of the Club's 50th anniversary. The club has continued during the last 10 years to offer local radio amateurs a forum for both the technical and social side of the hobby and I have no doubts that FARA will maintain this tradition. The Club Dinner (see the flyer on page 3 of this newsletter) will include a presentation highlighting some of the history of these 60 years.

By the time you read this newsletter, another Spring Flea Market will have been completed. To all those who contribute their time and effort to make this event a success, I express the thanks of the club. In particular, we are indebted to Lew Nyman K1AZE and Barry Kasindorf WN1N, who carry the bulk of the responsibility on their shoulders. The activities and facilities of the club are largely funded from the proceeds of this event, as are the FARA Scholarships.

With the prospect of improved weather (long range forecasts have guaranteed improved conditions no later than June), I hope that some projects to enhance the FARA antenna situation can be undertaken. Ideas are welcome. The arrival of Spring also heralds the beginning of preparations for Field Day. We will be requesting use of the Bose Mountain site again this year.

Wednesday openings of the Club Shack continue. A number of different activities, including some Ham Radio videos, are planned for upcoming weeks.



## Just 60 Years Ago

On January 24, 1933, the first meeting of the group now known as the Framingham Amateur Radio Association was held in Ashland, MA at the home of the Reverend Mark Strickland, for the purpose of founding an amateur radio club. The following officers were elected by single nomination and unanimous vote. President W.L. La Barr, Treasurer C.P. Marcoux, Secretary Dr C.R. Crosby. Several suggestions as to the name of the new club were presented, Middlesex Radio Club, Short Wave Radio Club, and Community Radio Club. The name **Community Radio Club** was selected by popular vote. Moved and seconded that the dues be 25 cents per month and that meetings be held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the Month. Moved and seconded by Dr Crosby that an active interest in amateur radio telegraph or telephone be the only requirements for membership. The following members were present at the first meeting : Mark Strickland, Steve Anderson, Norman Thompson, Dr Crosby, W.L. LaBarr, E.H. Parsons, Harold Williamson, C. P. Marcoux and Warren Pierce

### NOTES

It is with regret that we report the passing of Steven J. Rich, WA1DFL. Though not a FARA member, Steve was an ardent supporter of our club. Despite physical disability, Steve would regularly make the trip from Revere to attend FARA flea markets. As frequent net control of the Waltham swap net, he would make it a point to promote our flea market. In addition, Steve had in the past assisted in the publication of the FARA bulletin. The FARA Board has voted to make a donation to Handi-Hams in Steve's name.

Due to a typo somewhere between the February Board Meeting and the Newsletter we accidentally omitted mention of age from the amended membership section of our by-laws. So as not to offend our younger (or was it older?) members, the board approved the following amendment to the last amendment !!!  
BE IT RESOLVED that the by-laws of the Framingham Amateur Radio Association shall be amended as follows:

That "ARTICLE 5, Section 5.1 be amended to read as follows

#### 5.1 Membership

Membership in the Association shall be open to all persons with an interest in Amateur Radio, without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, disability or national origin.

A reminder that W1FY will participate in the Mass QSO Party on May 8-9th. Copies of the Rules are available in the Shack.

### CLUB INFORMATION 1992-93

President	Martin Bayes	W1/G4DZC	435 0564	Before 9 pm
Vice President	Lee Gartenberg	KA1USL	877 6692	"
Secretary	Bev Lees	N1LOO	626 2012	"
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	Steve Haynes	KD1FF	533 8296	"
Publicity Officer	Sharon Machlis	KC1YR	877 6692	"
	Gartenberg			"
Emergency Coordinator	Marc Stern	WA1R	879 2087	"
Scholarship Cte Chairman	Dick Cosma	KD1BF	879 1381	"
Newsletter Editor	Martin Bayes	W1/G4DZC	435 0564	"

Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month, in the Basement of the Danforth Museum, on Lexington Street. 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. The Club Station is open Saturday and Sunday mornings 9:30-12:00 approx., call the club number 879 8097 to confirm.

# Dine Out With FARA

**Bella Costa Restorante**  
**147 Cochituate Rd. (Route 30)**  
**Colonial Shopping Center**  
**Framingham, MA**

**Saturday, April 24, 1993 at 7:00 PM**

**Appetizers: Crackers, Cheese & Vegetable Tray**

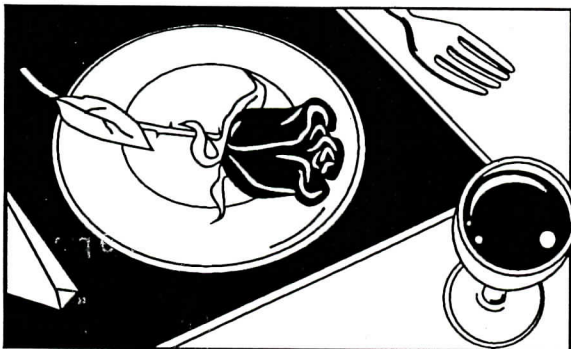
***Your Choice from 3 Entrees***

- 1. Veal Parmigiana with Ziti**
- 2. Broiled Scrod**
- 3. Chicken Divan**

**(Stuffed with Broccoli, Cheese & Ham /Topped with Supreme Sauce)**

***Chicken & Scrod Meals include Potato & Vegetable***

***All Meals Include Bread & Butter, Salad and Bella Costa Cannoli for Dessert  
Tea or Coffee***

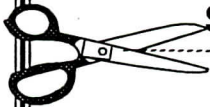


**\$15.00 per person**  
**(including tax and tip)**

**Reservations must be made**  
**by April 20th**

**Make checks payable to FARA**

**Send to Burt Shaffer, 73 Russell Rd., Framingham, MA 01701**



**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of People** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Quantity** ( ) ( ) ( )

**Choice of Entree('s)** 1. 2. 3. **Amount Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_