

FARA Monthly Hybrid Meeting 09/07/23
at McAuliffe branch and on Zoom 7:00 – 8:45 pm

- **Introduction of Officers:**

- President: John Iwuc, KB1VXY
- Vice President: Ron Rothman, WO1E
- Treasurer/webmaster: Steve Moro, N1MH
- Clerk Secretary: Richard Whalen, KC1NXT
- Director: Sumner Weisman, W1VIV

- **Check-ins on Zoom**

○ John Iwuc KB1VXY	○ Paul Topolski W1SEX
○ Stephen Babbitt KC1LPZ	○ Victor Anderson K1VEA
○ Bob Bosaz KC1OXG	○ Glenn Axlerod KC1HPZ
○ Jon McCombie - N1ILZ - EMA Section Manager	○ Richard Whalen KC1NXT
○ Steve Kondo KC1QAY	○ Barbara KC1KGS and Jim Irby WB4EJR
○ Peter Morrison AC1KY	○ Joseph Wiesenfeld N1JIW
○ David Hoaglin K1HT	○

- **Check-ins at library**

○ Steve Moro N1MH	○ Sumner Weisman W1VIV
○ Andy Boughton KC1DMM	○ Bruce Rusch W1HNZ

- **Guests:**

- **New license and call sign changes?**

- **Reports:**

- **Treasurer and Webmaster's Report:** Steve Moro, N1MH
 - Expenses for ARRL insurance, HamXposition Ad, Cellular Modem for Repeater
- **Clerk Secretary's report:** Richard Whalen KC1NXT, Officers are up to date with the state. Submitted minutes from ad-hoc repeater committee meeting to attendees. Minutes from repeater meeting were accepted.
- **Repeater Report:** Glenn Axlerod KC1HPZ – no news
- **Echolink report** Andy Boughton, KC1DMM – working fine
- **Testing Report:** Jim W1EQW. No news

- **Future meetings:**

- 90th Anniversary planning one of the Saturdays in October, for lunch at Ken's Steakhouse, 10/7/14/21/28?
- October 5, 2023: Bob Glorioso (W1IS) and Bob Rose (KC1DSQ) will give a version of their talk from the HamXposition on wire antennas.
- November 2, 2023: Harlan Doliner, NE1HD, will present on the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

- **End formal meeting;**

19:08 local time

Presentation: Paul Topolski, W1SEX

- Paul's employment in the electronics field started while in high school, working at Block Radio and TV in North Tonawanda, NY.
- At the peak of his electronics career, he designed systems used in the U.S. Capitol buildings, New York Stock Exchange, and countless schools and universities.
- In addition to electronics, Paul has a lifelong interest in public safety and has served as a firefighter, paramedic, emergency manager, ARES/RACES amateur radio operator, public safety dispatcher (911 and supervisor), crime analyst, and police officer.
- Paul is still serving as the City of Gardner Emergency Management Director.
- In addition, Paul spends time in the lab restoring antique radios and guitar amplifiers.
- Paul was a past President of the Mohawk Amateur Radio Club and current editor of the *MARC Modulator* newsletter.
- Paul also serves as the ARRL Western Massachusetts Section Technical Specialist and North Worcester County ARES DEC.