

FARA Monthly Hybrid Meeting 01/04/24
at McAuliffe branch and on Zoom 7:00 – 8:45 pm

Agenda: order to be determined

- **Introduction of Officers:**
- President: John Iwuc, KB1VXY
- Treasurer/webmaster: Steve Moro, N1MH
- Clerk Secretary: Richard Whalen, KC1NXT
- Director: Sumner Weisman, W1VIV

- **Check-ins** on Zoom:

Richard Whalen KC1NXT	Joe Wiesenfeld N1JIW
David Hoaglin K1HT	Barbara Irby KC1KGS
Bob Bosaz KC1OXG	Victor Anderson K1VEA
Adrian Zeffert AB2IX	James IrbyWB4EJR
David Levenson KB1VLS	

- **Check-ins** at library:

John Iwuc KB1VXY	Andy Boughton KC1DMM
Steve Moro N1MH	Sumner Weisman W1VIV
Steve Babbitt KC1LPZ	

- **Guests:** None
- **New license and call sign changes?** None
- **Reports:**
- **Treasurer and Webmaster's Report:** No expenses in December. Good turnout on renewals; currently about 40 paid members.
- **Clerk Secretary's report:** Minutes from November and December meetings were accepted.
- **Repeater Report:** Glenn KC1HPZ. Glenn was absent, no report. No discussion as to what more we need to do to accept the offer from BAA to buy us a new repeater.
- **Echolink report:** Andy Boughton, Echolink is working as normal.

Other business? None

- **Upcoming contests:**

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North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Jan 13 to 0559Z, Jan 14
North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Jan 20 to 0559Z, Jan 21
ARRL January VHF Contest	1900Z, Jan 20 to 0359Z, Jan 22
Winter Field Day	1900Z, Jan 27 to 1900Z, Jan 28

Upcoming meetings:

- February 1, 2024: Aircraft Tracking with SDR. Peter Morrison, AC1KY
- March 7, 2024: Antennas for 80 and 160 M. Bruce Rusch, W1HNZ
- April 4, 2024: My Tarheel Screwdriver Dipole. Andy Boughton, KC1DMM
- May 2, 2024: Club Officer Nominations. Satellite Communications. Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC
- June 6, 2024: Club Officer Elections and ARRL Field Day planning (June 22-23).

Other:

- Schedule a board meeting to address general club issues and program planning.
- Restaurant outing? Chinese buffet? Marlborough super buffet on rt 20, Cherry Blossom in Ashland rt 135? Other?

End Formal meeting? 19:10 local time.

- QLF Left Foot Contest. Various members present at the library tried morse code with their left foot on a large pedal.
- Video from 1935 of the Framingham Radio Club.
- We watched, 3B7M Saint Brandon (Indian Ocean, east of Madagascar) HAM DXpedition, K1HT to comment.
- Show and Tell!
 - Steve Moro, N1MH – HackRF with portapack SDR with transmit capability, 5mW output. Various screen shots
 - Bob KC1OXG – Xiegu 6100, new radio for him.

Meeting ended 20:10 local time.