

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

Check-ins on Zoom:

Ron Rothman WO1E	Sumner Weisman W1VIV
Glenn Axelrod KC1HPZ	Steve Kondo K1STK
Bruce Rusch W1HNZ	Tom Turner KB1OQA
Jim Irby WB4EJR	Barbara Irby KC1KGS
David Hoaglin K1HT	Bill Nicholson N1WEN
Leandra MacLennan AF1R	d levenson KB1VLS
Don Levey - KC1HBG	Jeffrey Alper WB9PZD
Victor Anderson K1VEA	peter morrison AC1KY

• **Check-ins at library: record names and call signs**

Andy Boughton KC1DMM	John Iwuc KB1VXY
Stephen Babbitt KC1LPZ	Richard Whalen KC1NXT
Steve Moro N1MH	

• **Guests:** none

• **Member news:**

Anyone who would still like to pay respects to Gordy (K1GB/SK2024) contact Andy Boughton KC1DMM, or check Gordy's QRZ page.

• **Reports:**

- **Treasurer and Webmaster's Report:** Steve Moro (N1MH). Report with IRS and state attorney general office have been filed. Email to gmail addresses have been being rejected due to gmail settings, things are being worked on.
- **Clerk Secretary's report:** Richard Whalen (KC1NXT), requested that the minutes for the March meeting be accepted. KC1DMM moved, KB1VXY seconded. March minutes approved with 1 abstention (KC1NXT). I expect to be absent in May, and will need someone to take the task.
- **Repeater Report:** Glenn KC1HPZ. The repeater was tested for marathon on March 30-31 and returned to normal configuration. Avoid using the repeater on April 15 (Patriots Day/Marathon Day), There may be some more testing the weekend before the marathon. No DTMF or courtesy beeps when in "marathon mode".
- **Echolink report** Andy Boughton, KC1DMM - Was down 1am-1pm local time on April 4 due to power, otherwise working fine.

Other business?

Upcoming radio activities:

Missouri QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 6 to 0400Z, Apr 7 and 1400Z-2000Z, Apr 7
± Florida State Parks on the Air	1400Z-2200Z, Apr 6 and 1400Z-2200Z, Apr 7
± Mississippi QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 6 to 0200Z, Apr 7
± Louisiana QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 6 to 0200Z, Apr 7
New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 4 to 0500Z, May 5 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 5

- **Near-fest April 25 and 26 Thursday and Friday – note the day change**
- **ARRL Field Day June 22-23. 2024**
- **HamXposition in Marlborough August 22-26, Thursday to Sunday.**

- Thursday 8/22/24 at 8 PM: Juston McKenney, comedian
- Friday pm 8/23/24: DX/Contest Banquet Speaker, Adrian Ciuperca, KO8SCA, on Swains Island W8S DXpedition:
- Saturday PM 8/24/24, Grand Banquet Presentation Speaker Tamitha Skov, WX6SWW, Space Weather Woman
- Check website (hamxposition.org) for updates.

Upcoming meetings:

- 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?

Business meeting closed at 19:17. All in favor

Speaker: April 4, 2024: My Tarheel Screwdriver Dipole. Andy Boughton, KC1DMM Presented on the various antennas that he has tried in his small yard and how each have worked.