

**FARA Monthly Hybrid Meeting 06/06/24**  
**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:**

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| Steve Moro N1MH       | Richard Whalen KC1NXT |
| Glenn Axelrod KC1HPZ  | Ralph Devlin N1LAH    |
| David Hoaglin K1HT    | Peter Morrison AC1KY  |
| Victor Anderson K1VEA | Jeff Alper WB9PZD     |

- **Check-ins at library:**

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| Andy Boughton KC1DMM  | John Iwuc KB1VXY  |
| Jonathon Slawsby W5GI | Bruce Rusch W1HNZ |
| Sumner Weisman W1VIV  | Ron Rothman WO1E  |
| Paul McDonough WA1WYZ | John Andrusioh    |

- **Guests:**

- John Andrusioh is a friend and neighbor of Andy and may be interested in becoming a ham.
- Paul McDonough is a Framingham resident and ham who doesn't regularly attend our meetings and needs some help setting up antennas.

- **Member news:**

- **Reports:**

- **Treasurer and Webmaster's Report:** The primary expenses in May were: Annual renewal of liability insurance and renewal of web hosting contract.
- **Clerk Secretary's report:** Richard Whalen was absent for the May meeting and hence did not take minutes. John Iwuc said that he may have taken minutes and will look into getting them submitted.
- **Repeater Report:** Glenn KC1HPZ. Submitted paperwork/application to ARRL, just before they were hacked. ARRL is working on catching up. The current license is good until mid July
- **Echolink report:** Andy Boughton, KC1DMM, working ok. There was a large amount of static after the net on Wednesday, June 5; the source is unknown.

- **New nominations?**

- No new nominations were offered.
- Voting for officers:
  - Slate consisting of current officer was put up for approval vote:
    - President – John Iwuc KB1VXY
    - Vice President – Ron Rothman WO1E
    - Treasurer/Web master – Steve Moro N1MH

- Secretary/Clerk – Richard Whalen KC1NXT
  - The slate was approved with no opposition. The candidates abstained from voting. The secretary will update the records with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- **Program planning committee:**
  - **September 5, 2024** - How he became a ham – Jonathon Slawsby
  - **October 3, 2024:** Kay Savetz, K6KJN will talk about “Twenty Things I’ve Learned While Curating the Digital Library of Amateur Radio & Communications”
  - **There will be work done over the summer to come up with more speakers.**
- **Net Participation Contest winner:**
  - The participants talked about their experience and estimated their level of participation.
  - Winner is **Jonathon Slawsby**

**Business meeting closed at 7:16pm.**

After the business meeting there was a discussion about Field Day (June 22-23). It was decided that there needed to be a visit to the offered location of 104 Otis Street in Northborough to understand what could be put where and the plan was to do that on June 8 after meeting for hotdogs. The hopes are to have 3 stations: CW (40m), FT8(20m) and SSB (phone, 15 or 10m). Various other needs were discussed and who would be responsible for them. The plan is to setup at 11:00am on Saturday, June 22 and start operating at 2:00pm local time.

**Upcoming radio activities:**

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| ARRL June VHF Contest               | 1800Z, Jun 8 to 0259Z, Jun 10                          |
| West Virginia QSO Party             | 1600Z, Jun 15 to 0400Z, Jun 16                         |
| ARRL Kids Day                       | 1800Z-2359Z, Jun 15                                    |
| His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB | 1200Z, Jun 22 to 1200Z, Jun 23                         |
| ARRL Field Day                      | 1800Z, Jun 22 to 2100Z, Jun 23                         |
| RAC Canada Day Contest              | 0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1                                     |
| North American QSO Party, RTTY      | 1800Z, Jul 20 to 0559Z, Jul 21                         |
| Alabama QSO Party                   | 1500Z, Jul 27 to 0300Z, Jul 28                         |
| North American QSO Party, CW        | 1800Z, Aug 3 to 0600Z, Aug 4                           |
|                                     | 0400Z, Aug 24 to 0400Z, Aug 26                         |
| North American QSO Party, SSB       | 1800Z, Aug 17 to 0600Z, Aug 18                         |
| Hawaii QSO Party                    | 0400Z, Aug 24 to 0400Z, Aug 26                         |
| Kansas QSO Party                    | 1400Z, Aug 24 to 0200Z, Aug 25 and 1400Z-2000Z, Aug 25 |
| Ohio QSO Party                      | 1600Z, Aug 24 to 0400Z, Aug 25                         |

**HamXposition in Marlborough August 22-26, Thursday to Sunday.**

- Thursday 8/22/24 at 8 PM: Juston McKenney, comedian
- Friday pm 8/23/24: TBD

- Saturday PM 8/24/24, Grand Banquet Presentation Speaker Tamitha Skov, WX6SWW, Space Weather Woman