

FARA Monthly Meeting April 2026 Minutes

FARA held its April meeting on 4/2/26 in the Framingham McAuliffe Library. The meeting was hybrid with eleven people in person and eight people via Zoom. The president, John Iwuc KB1VXY, chaired the meeting.

Treasurer and Webmaster's Report

Steve Moro N1MH sent the report in advance.

No new members.

No major expenses

Meeting videos and minutes are posted on the website.

Secretary's Report

Bruce Rusch W1HNZ was not available.

Repeater and EchoLink Report

Glenn Axelrod KC1HPZ, the repeater trustee, gave the report. We confirmed and acknowledged the request for the use of our repeater for the Boston Marathon. We are waiting on scheduling information about the planned move of our repeater to the new radio shack at MEMA.

Andy Boughton KC1DMM reported that Marty Sullaway NN1C, the ham radio repeater coordinator for the Marathon, heard a rumor that our repeater move will occur before the Marathon on April 20. We think the EchoLink node is working properly. Members were told to not transmit on the repeater on April 20.

Field Day

John pointed out that if we're going to have a club Field Day gathering then we need a chairperson. Otherwise we may arrange something at the last minute ad hoc. Another option would be to operate from home and submit contacts under the club.

Upcoming Radio Activities

Louisiana QSO Party, Apr 4 & Apr 5

Mississippi QSO Party, Apr 4 & Apr 5

New Mexico QSO Party, Apr 11 & Apr 12

Missouri QSO Party, Apr 11 & Apr 12

Africa FT4 DX Contest, Apr 11

Georgia QSO Party, Apr 11 & Apr 12

North Dakota QSO Party, Apr 11 & Apr 12

Florida State Parks on the Air, Apr 17, Apr 18, Apr 19, & Apr 20

Texas State Parks on the Air, Apr 18 & Apr 19

Georgia State Parks on the Air, Apr 18 & Apr 19

Michigan QSO Party, Apr 18 & Apr 19

Ontario QSO Party, Apr 18 & Apr 19

International Vintage Contest HF, Apr 19

Quebec QSO Party, Apr 19

ARRL Rookie Roundup, SSB, Apr 19

Nebraska QSO Party, Apr 25 to Apr 27

Florida QSO Party, Apr 25 & Apr 26

Indiana QSO Party, May 2 & May 3

Delaware QSO Party, May 2 & May 3

New England QSO Party, May 2 & May 3

Nearfest XXXIX, May 1 & May 2, Hillsborough County 4H Fairgrounds, 17 Hilldale Lane, New Boston, NH

Upcoming Meetings

Thursday May 7, 2026, Sumner Weisman W1VIV will present on "74 Years of Being a Ham". Also nominations for officers. Meeting will be at the McAuliffe Library.

Thursday June 4, 2026, Elections, maybe a Field Day video and discussion. Meeting will be in the Costin Room of the Framingham Main Library.

Thursday September 3, 2026, Steve Hewlett W1NIV will present on "A Primer On VHF Contesting".

Thursday October 1, 2026, Tony Brock-Fisher K1KP will present "The Journey from Polar Explorer to Aurora" video with live Q&A by the author.

Thursday November 5, 2026, John Rokicki KC1VMZ will present on "APRS, Emergency Communications and Net Central"

Presentation

After the conclusion of the business meeting Darin Larabee KC1WVQ gave a very professional presentation titled "Getting Started in POTA from the Perspective of a New Ham".

Jonathan Slawsby W5GI provided pictures and a lot of interesting information about his POTA experience including his operations on Anegada.

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List of Attendees

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In Person

Andy	Boughton	KC1DMM
John	Iwuc	KB1VXY
Darin	Larabee	KC1WVQ
Larry	Griffin	KB1GMU
Peter	Morrison	AC1KY
Nels	Anderson	K1UR
Jonathan	Slawsby	W5GI
Steve	Hewlett	W1NIV
Glenn	Ghidalesson	WA2K
Steve	Ciavarini	NQ1F
Paul	McDonough	WA1WYZ

Zoom

Alexander	Marrero	KC1YGJ
Bob	Bosaz	KC1OXG
Ron	Rothman	WO1E
Bradley	Goodman	KC1VDD
Glenn	Axelrod	KC1HPZ
David	Hoaglin	K1HT
Jim	Irby	WB4EJR
Richard	Whalen	KC1NXT