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## February 2

Larry Banks, W1DYJ will speak on obtaining CW DXCC in Six Months

## President's Message

Hello.

This month's speaker will be Larry Banks, W1DYJ, who will be discussing "Obtaining CW DXCC in Six Months" - I'm sure many of us will profit from his observations. Larry was licensed in 1962 as novice KN1VFX and then Technician, K1VFX. He received W1DYJ in 1966 while in college in Cambridge – which he kept when he settled here permanently in 1969. He developed hospital Cardiac Diagnostic Systems as an engineer and manager for Hewlett-Packard Medical in Waltham and Andover from 1969 to 1985. From 1985 to 1993 he was the Section Manager responsible for establishing the Cardiac R&D lab's Computer Aided Design environment, the SW Testing and Quality group, and ongoing Technical Education. Moving to HP Corporate Education in 1993, he became Agilent Technology's manager for their global LMS (Learning Management System) when Agilent split out of HP in 1999. He "retired" in 2005. From 2005 to 2012 he consulted for Avago Technologies (now Broadcom), serving as global manager for their corporate LMS. Larry holds three degrees in Electrical Engineering from MIT. When he is not experimenting with antennas, he spends his time chasing DX and contesting, both in Woburn and at his second home in Maine, and traveling with his wife Maren. He is also the Net Manager and Newsletter Editor for the MMRA.

Last month, Dave Hoaglin, K1HT, presented a DXpedition video concerning the Navassa Island DXpedition. Thanks again, Dave, for this presentation.

Flea Market season is upon us ... the Algonquin Amateur Radio Club (AARC, Marlborough) will be on Saturday, 18 February. Ours is on 23 April. NEAR-Fest (Deerfield, NH) is on the 5th and 6th of May.

Dues are now due. These may be paid at the meeting, or by mail (FARA, PO Box 3005, Framingham, MA 01705-3005). Dues are still only \$15, \$10 for students and seniors over 65 years of age, with an additional \$10 for the repeater.

Paul, N1VAM

## FARA Horizons

- Feb 2: FARA Meeting: Larry Banks, W1DYJ, Obtaining CW DXCC in Six Months.  
Mar 2: FARA Meeting: Marcia Forde, KW1U, NTS Section Traffic Manager  
Mar 8: VE Session  
Apr 6: FARA Meeting  
Apr 23: FARA FLEA MARKET, KEEFE TECH  
May 4: Pizza Party!  
May 10: VE Session  
June 1: FARA Meeting  
July 12: VE Session  
Sep 8-10, 2017: Boxboro

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## Ashland Half Marathon

Dave Gilman, KC1DDH

We have been invited back to provide SAG and overall communications support for the spring 2017 Ashland Half Marathon / Marathon Park Prep race.

<http://www.marathonparkprep.com/>

The race will be held on Saturday March 18, 2017. The start gun is at 10:00 am and there will be a pre-race meeting and usually done around 2:00 pm.

We will need to fill the usual positions:

SAG vehicles / Water Stops

Start / Finish line

Communications assistants

Mark Richards will be command at this event with my administrative assistance. More details to follow as we get closer but we are looking to start lining up volunteers. If you are interested in coming out

and helping, please email me back with the following:

Name

Call sign

Phone number

Assignment request if applicable (No guarantees but will try to accommodate)

KC1DDH@Gmail.com

## FARA Scholarship Rules & Application

Richard Cosma, AA1VI

Requirements for FARA scholarship:

Open to any high school senior who will be attending college the next academic year or anyone currently enrolled in a college program.

Any applicant with an Amateur Radio license will receive preference. Non licensed relatives of FARA members will also receive consideration.

Membership in FARA is not required.

All applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2017. Contact Richard Cosma, AA1VI at [rcosma@rcn.com](mailto:rcosma@rcn.com) or call 508 877 8241

### Club Information 2017

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Meeting: Club meetings are normally held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30PM in the Framingham Police Station

Club Nets: FARA Net: Sunday, 7:30PM, 147.75/147.15 - social/chat, ARES preparedness

Club Station: FARA is actively looking for a new club station.

Club Web Site: [fara.org](http://fara.org)

Social Media: [facebook.com/faraw1fy](https://www.facebook.com/faraw1fy)  [twitter.com/fara\\_w1fy](https://twitter.com/fara_w1fy) 

Mail Address: PO Box 3005  
Framingham, MA 01705

Framingham Amateur Radio Association Scholarship Application

Mail to: Richard Cosma AA1VI  
95 Higgins Road, Framingham, MA 01701-4311  
Postmarked by April 15, 2017  
Please call before filling out application: 508 877 8241.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

E Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Present School \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

If high school senior, post-secondary education plans: \_\_\_\_\_

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Present GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Check: Exact \_\_\_\_\_ Estimate \_\_\_\_\_

Class rank \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Check: Exact \_\_\_\_\_ Estimate \_\_\_\_\_

SAT scores V \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ ( all applicants)

Is a copy of an up-to-date transcript attached? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If No please explain:

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Please list previous Amateur radio callsigns , if more than one \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_ First year licensed \_\_\_\_\_

Awards amateur BPL \_\_\_\_\_ date received \_\_\_\_\_

RCC \_\_\_\_\_ date received \_\_\_\_\_

WAS \_\_\_\_\_ date received \_\_\_\_\_

WAC \_\_\_\_\_ date received \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_ date received \_\_\_\_\_

Scholastic awards 1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Community Activities & Offices Held

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Other Scholarships

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Writing Sample: Please write an essay describing your future plans, public service activities and electronic projects. Use this page and any additional sheets that you need.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

