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President's Message

Hello,

I was glad to see the excellent attendance for the March meeting - Bob Peloquin's presentation on Alternative Power Sources was quite interesting. He covered several options, ranging in cost and complexity from inexpensive and easy to more involved (and correspondingly more expensive). There have been several QST articles on this subject in recent years.

This month's speaker will be Mark Richards, K1MGY, who will be discussing Amateur Radio Public Service.

I am saddened to report that Bev, N1LOO, past President and Flea Market Coordinator, has been hospitalized due to cancer. I do not know the details, but I'm sure I speak for all of us when I wish her well. A consequence of this is that she will not be able to chair the Flea Market; in her absence, Steve, KB1NIV, has volunteered to take this on. Thanks, Steve, for stepping forward on such short notice.

Don't forget, the Flea Market is Sunday, 6 April, from 9AM to noon at Keefe Tech. Exams will be offered. We will conduct registration from 9:00 to 9:30 AM and then begin the testing. If interested, be sure to bring:

- \$15 registration fee (cash or check made out to ARRL/VEC). The single \$15 fee is good for taking one, two, or all three elements at the session.
- Government issued picture identification such as a current drivers license or valid passport.
- FCC Registration Number (FRN) which is shown on your current FCC license or your Social Security Number. If you do not have a FRN you can register with the FCC and receive one free of charge through the following website: <https://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/coresWeb/publicHome.do>
- For license upgrades (General or Extra) bring your original signed license and a copy. The copy will be sent in to the ARRL with your paperwork.

Shack Update: The snow bank between the Lexington Street entrance to the Danforth Building and the Library parking lot has (finally) gone away, so we can use that entrance for shack access. Thanks to Sumner for keeping on top of this situation.

The May meeting will be the customary post-Flea Pizza Party. We will not be meeting at the Police Station.

FARA Horizons

April 3:	Mark Richards, K1MGY on Amateur Radio Public Service: More Than Just Communications
APRIL 6:	FARA FLEA MARKET AT KEEFE TECH!!!
May 1:	Post Flea Market Pizza Party
May 3-4:	New England QSO Party
June 5:	Show and Tell Night/DXpedition Video/Election of Officers
June 28:	Field Day
July 17-19:	ARRL National Convention, Hartford, CT

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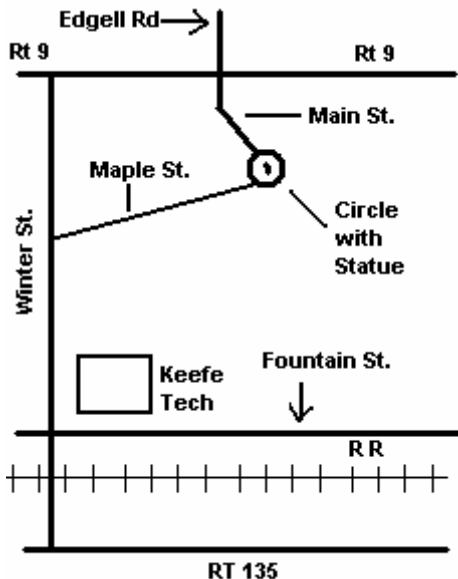
FRAMINGHAM FLEA

Sunday, April 6, 2014

Hours 9AM to 12 Noon

Door Prizes - Grand Prize: NEW 2M/440 HT!

Buyers \$5 - Under 12 free with adult!



Directions

KEEFE TECH SCHOOL (keefetech.org)

750 WINTER ST Framingham, MA

Take the FRAMINGHAM CENTRE/STATE COLLEGE exit off Rt.9, then SOUTH on MAIN St.(0.2 mile) to the circle with the statue.Turn right on Maple St.(first exit from circle).Follow Maple St.(0.7 mile) to the end and turn left onto Winter St. School parking lot is 1.2 miles on the left. Keefe is also accessible from Rt 135. Take the bridge over the R R tracks at Winter St. Cross Fountain St. and continue on Winter St. The School Parking lot is on the right (0.1 mile).

TALK-IN 147.15

For more info, check our web site: fara.org/flea

HAM LICENSE EXAMS

Exam Info call: Jim 508-435-6487

Sellers Info

Bev 508-626-2012
(Before 9:00 pm)

6 foot table + 1 admission
\$20 in advance,
\$25 at the door
Setup - 7:30 AM
Free coffee and donut
AC power available
Load/unload assistance
available

For advance table reservations, send this form and a check to:

FARA, POB 3005, Framingham, MA 01705

Enclosed is a check for \$_____, for _____six foot tables at the FARA FLEA MARKET.

Name_____Call Sign_____

Address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Phone(_____)_____Email_____

REMAINING SPACES ARE \$25 AT THE DOOR

Field Day isn't too far off - June 28 - once again we'll be having a picnic with radios, rather than a fully competitive entry. We will be setting up, as last year, at the Upton State Forest. Weather permitting, we'll be operating from 11 AM to 6 PM. If there is anyone with fond memories of our former (larger-scale) Field Day operations, who would also like to organize our activity for next year, please let us know.

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. Contact Richard Cosma, AA1VI at rcosma@rcn.com for an application or more information.

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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: W1FY, the club station and shack, is open Saturday mornings from 9:00-12:00. Call the club number, 508-879-8097 to confirm.

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