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President's Message

Last month, Mike Egan, KB1WIQ, gave a presentation on Software-Defined Radios. Due to a family commitment, I was unable to attend, but I understand that it was very interesting and was enjoyed by all. Thanks, Mike.

This month's speaker is Dom Mallozzi, N1DM, who will be discussing Digital Mobile Radio (DMR). There is some information on this available online (for instance: http://www.trbo.org/docs/Amateur_Radio_Guide_to_DMR.pdf); a little advance reading might be helpful in understanding this material.

The following weekend is our Flea Market (Sunday, 10 April, from 9AM to noon at Keefe Tech) ... Ham Radio, Computer, Electronics, License Exams ... don't miss it! Volunteers are still needed. We have a larger than usual number of items to sell at the club table, so we'll be loading our cars on Saturday (instead of early Sunday morning).

With respect to the license exams, for those interested in upgrading your operating privileges, 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.

We will conduct registration from 9:00 to 9:30 AM and then begin the testing.

At the end of the month is the Spring NEAR-Fest - 29-30 in Deerfield, NH (see <http://www.near-fest.com> for details).

Also that weekend is the Framingham Earth Day Festival (Saturday, April 30th from

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FARA Horizons

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| Apr 7: | Monthly Meeting- Don Mallozzi, N1DM |
| Apr 10: | <u>FARA Flea Market, Keefe Tech</u> |
| Apr 29-30: | NEAR-Fest, Deerfield, NH |
| Apr 30: | Framingham Earth Day Festival |
| May 5: | No Meeting—Pizza Party |
| May 11: | VE Session, FARA Shack |
| Jun 2: | Monthly Meeting- Tom Walsh, K1TW |
| Jun 25-26: | ARRL Field Day |
| July 13: | VE Session, FARA Shack |

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11am to 3pm, at the Framingham Centre Common, just north of Rt 9). Last year we supported this event and got some positive exposure for the club. We set up and operated our Field Day HF station. We plan to do the same this year, weather permitting. Stop by if you're in the area.

Another upcoming event ... Field Day ... June 27-28, 2015. We'll be discussing this soon. In the past, FARA's been one of the more active clubs; recently, we've taken a more relaxed approach (a picnic with radios). If you're new to the HF bands, here's your opportunity to do some operation. Think about how you'd like to participate, and bring your suggestions to the club.

Another item to add to your calendars ... Boxboro 2016, the ARRL New England Division Convention, September 9-11 2016 (At the Holiday Inn, Boxborough, Massachusetts - see <http://boxboro.org/2016/index.html> for details). This is now an ANNUAL event. Also note that they are looking for speakers - see their website for details.

FARA Scholarship Rules & Application

Requirements for FARA scholarship:

Open to any high school senior who will be attending college in 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, 2016. Contact Richard Cosma, AA1VI at rcosma@rcn.com or call 508 877 8241 for additional information.

Submitting Material to the Circuit

Material may be submitted for publication by sending it directly to the editor. This can be done by US Mail, or via the Internet (preferred). The deadline for each issue is the **Wednesday**, one week before the monthly meeting.

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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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