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Thursday, May 3 This Month's Meeting

Jim, WB2PID and Charles, WA3ITR will give a presentation on the Arecibo Astronomical Observatory in Puerto Rico.

And...Gordy will be making a major announcement regarding a special event for FARA.

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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President's Message

Happy spring, FARA Nation! The weather is improving, and the Red Sox season is well underway! Another sure sign of spring is the Boston Marathon. Our Vice President, Leo, WA1HAM sent an email and pictures of FARA's involvement in this annual event. Thanks to all who sacrificed sleep and endured nor'easter conditions to provide our invaluable public service as Hams.

This leads me to something which Leo has been hammering home for the past year. We have a great source of individuals within FARA to be sure. However, we need more of you talented individuals to step up and give a little bit of your time to the club. Currently, the Emergency Coordinator's position is available. Is there ANYONE in our group who is interested in serving as FARA's EC? This can be a shared post so that one person does not have the entire burden on their shoulders. Coordinating communications for emergencies and public service events is root of our existence as Hams.

Another position which will be available at the end of our season is that of Publicity Officer. After 10 years of dedicated service, Sharon, KC1YR, is stepping down. Thank you, Sharon for all you have done! Is there anyone out there who would like to succeed Sharon and have a good feeling that you are helping your club?

In short, we need new blood to get involved with FARA to make it the great organization that it is!

Our meeting on May 3 will feature a slide presentation by Jim, WB2PID and Charles, WA3ITR from the Wellesley ARA on the Arecibo Astronomical Observatory in Puerto Rico. This is quite an amazing complex and you can get more info at www.naic.edu. Finally, I will be making a major announcement regarding a very special upcoming event for FARA.

73, Gordy K1GB

FARA Members Volunteering for the Boston Marathon

Photo by Bob, K5TEC



Badges!!!

By Sumner, W1VIV

If you are on this list, your new FARA badge is ready for pickup at our radio shack. Come to our next meeting on May 3rd to get your badge.

Paul, AB1GH

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Steve, KB1OCI

More From the Marathon

Photo by Steve, W3EVE



Did You Miss It?

FARA's annual pizza party photos by Lowell, KB1FHJ



FARA Email Reflector

If you have email and aren't signed up for the FARA email reflector, you're missing out on the last-minute news and updates. To sign up, send an email to Sharon at kc1yr@kc1yr.com requesting her to add you to the reflector.

Shopping Online?

Use fara.org/amazon and help out the club. FARA receives a small percentage of your order.

Membership Dues

Annual membership dues are as follows: (Make checks payable to FARA)

Regular FARA \$15

Student / Retired \$10

Repeater (voluntary) \$10

New England QSO Party Rules

Object: To contact as many New England stations in as many New England counties as possible on 80-40-20-15-10m. (New England stations work anyone)

Date: First full weekend of May (May 5-6, 2007 and May 3-4, 2008).

Contest Period: 2000Z Saturday until 0500Z Sunday (4pm EDT Saturday until 1am EDT Sunday) and 1300Z Sunday until 2400Z Sunday (9am EDT Sunday until 8pm EDT Sunday).

Categories: Single operator high power, low power and QRP categories, plus multi operator, single transmitter. Use the same four categories for mobiles. Single operator stations using assistance during the contest (packet or Internet spotting nets, etc.) will compete in the multi single category.

Contest Exchange: Send signal report and state/province (DX stations send signal report and "DX"). New England stations send signal report, county and state.

Valid Contact: Work New England stations once per band/mode. New England stations work anyone (and must copy the county for New England stations worked). CW contacts must not be made in the phone band segments. Mobiles can be worked again in new counties. County line QSOs should be logged as two separate QSOs. Crossmode, crossband and repeater QSOs are not permitted.

QSO Points: Count one point per phone QSO, two points per CW (includes digital modes) QSO.

Multiplier: Stations outside of New England use counties as multipliers for a total of 67 CT/8 MA/14 ME/16 NH/10 RI/5 VT/14). New England stations use states(50), Canadian provinces(14) and DXCC countries as multipliers.

Scoring: Total score is QSO points times the multiplier. Mobiles count QSO points per county and multipliers from all counties (counted once).

Suggested frequencies: CW - 3540 7035 14040 21040 28040, SSB - 3850 7280 14280 21380 28380

Reporting: Logs should indicate times in UTC, bands, modes, calls and complete exchange. Multipliers should be clearly marked in the log. New England stations put your club's name on the summary sheet. Entries must be submitted within 30 days and sent to NEQP, P O Box 3005, Framingham MA 01705-3005 or via e-mail to logs@neqp.org (Cabrillo format preferred). Send a large SASE for a printed copy of the results.

Awards: Certificates will be awarded to the top scorers (25 QSO minimum) in each New England county, U S state, Canadian province and DXCC country. There are thirty twenty plaques available to be awarded to top scorers, and some special awards are available to non-New England stations (check the web site for the current list).

More information: The New England QSO Party web site is at <http://www.neqp.org>. Check there for information on planned fixed station and mobile activity from New England counties, contest software information, county abbreviations, plaques to be awarded, and information on New England state county awards. NEQP results will be posted on the web site when they are complete. Questions can be addressed to info@neqp.org.


New England stations: We hope you will be able to get on for at least a short period of time to make some QSOs! Join in the fun!

FARA Horizons

May 3:	Club Meeting
May 5-6:	New England QSO Party
May 9:	FARA VE Session 7:30pm
June 7:	General Meeting: Ray Bintliff, W1RY on Antique Radio and election of officers.
June 23-24:	Field Day

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- Meeting: Club meetings are normally held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30PM in the basement of the Danforth Museum, on Lexington St.
- 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 8:30-12:00. Call the club number, 879-8097 to confirm.
- Club Web Site: <http://www.fara.org>