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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 New Year! We had a great turnout of 26 people to hear Greg Algieri, WA1JXR speak on antenna analyzers. It was an excellent presentation, where Greg showed and demonstrated various antenna analyzers and what they can do. Through the use of his laptop, he also projected the outputs from them. Greg will be back next season to speak to us on transmission lines and coax.

The exciting news at FARA is that we now have an Emergency Coordinator! Alex Sayegh, KB1JYD has had extensive experience in EMCOMM through the Worcester Emergency Communications Team and is a former RACES officer of Shrewsbury. Let's welcome Alex and assist him in this important and vital role.

Question: Do we have ANYONE in the club interested in becoming certified in EMCOMM Level 1? There are only a few of us in FARA who are! Please be aware that the offer to reimburse members for successfully completing this on line ARRL course still stands, provided your dues are current. This is a \$45 course for ARRL members and \$75 for non members. What do you have to lose? You can complete the course at your own convenience at home and not attend scheduled classes. We are, after all, an ARRL Special Service Club and we do have to show some involvement in emergency communications. FARA will be getting involved with the town of Framingham in terms of what we can provide as an EMCOMM service, so now is your opportunity to get on board!

The FARA flea market will be here before you know it (March 29). Start thinking about how you can help with this important annual event. Bev, N1LOO is our flea market chair and will be looking for your assistance. I also have been thinking about having a FARA Night Out in either February or March. The place I have in mind is the Marlborough Super Buffet which is an all you can eat Chinese/American/Japanese restaurant. It's a good deal for \$12-\$13. Are there any other suggestions?

Have you paid your dues for the season? Our treasurer Tom, N1FTB reports that dues have been slow in coming. Like you, FARA has its expenses and we do have a lot of projects which require funding. So please pay your dues at the meeting on January 8 or mail them to the PO Box.

Our January 8 meeting will be at the Framingham Police Station at 7:30 PM. It will be our annual Show and Tell/QLF contest. Bring in anything related to ham radio or electronics and tell us about it! There will also be prizes for the QLF contest.

73, Gordy K1GB

MTARA Packet Radio Seminar

The Mount Tom Amateur Repeater Association, located in Western Massachusetts <http://www.mtara.org> is offering a ~FREE~ Packet Radio seminar on Saturday, January 24, 2009.

Are you interested in Packet Radio operations? If so, Brian-N1URO will demonstrate what it takes to get into this facet of Amateur Radio. Brian will show you what equipment you need, how to hook it all up, and how to make contacts on packet.

At this seminar, Brian will demonstrate:

AX-25. - Flexnet and TCP/IP protocols. - DX Packet Cluster. - Using the Packet system.

Date:

Saturday, January 24th (Snow Date TBA if Necessary)

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Place:

Holyoke Community College
303 Homestead Avenue (Rte 202)
Holyoke Massachusetts 01040-1099

Location:

Kittredge Building

Room:

People's Savings Bank Conference Room

Time:

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

There is plenty of free and convenient on-site parking. Again, the seminar is ~free~ of charge and everyone, Ham and non-Ham alike is welcome to attend.

If you are interested, please send an e-mail to n1kxr@comcast.net or, n1uro@n1uro.com, brian@uroweb.net or, k1iss-n1fi@comcast.net indicating that you are planning to attend. Pre-registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

Membership Dues

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

Regular FARA \$15
Student / Retired \$10
Repeater (voluntary) \$10

2008 Scholarship Rules

1. Must be a member of FARA.
2. Applications must be turned in or post marked by April 15, 2009.
3. Must be a license radio amateur.
4. Preference will be given to graduating high school seniors.

For applications contact Richard Cosma
AA1VI 508 877 8241

Or richard.cosma@alkermes.com

FARA Sunday Night Net Control Schedule 2009

KB1NIV
1/11 3/1 4/19 6/7

W1EQW
1/18 3/8 4/26

W1VIV
1/25 3/15 5/3

W1NXC
2/1 3/22 5/10

K1GB
2/8 3/29 5/17

WA1HAM
2/15 4/5 5/24


KB1FHJ
2/22 4/12 5/31

FARA Horizons

- Jan: (MEETING) Show and Tell Night/QLF contest
- Jan 7: VE Session
- Feb: (MEETING) Jim Podsiadlo, AE1C on Peter I DXpedition
- Feb 21-22: ARRL CW DX Contest
- March: Joint meeting with MMRA group at FARA;
Speaker: Miles Mann, WF1F on SSTV on the ISS
- March 7-8: ARRL SSB DX Contest
- March 14: Field Trip to Antique Radio Museum in Carlisle.
- March 21: License in a Weekend
- March 29: FARA Flea Market
- April: (MEETING) Dom Mallozzi, N1DM on Antennas
- May: (MEETING) Pizza Party
- May 2-3: New England QSO Party
- June: Fox Hunt and talk on Fox Hunting by Kevin Paetzold K1KWP
Election of Officers
Field Day

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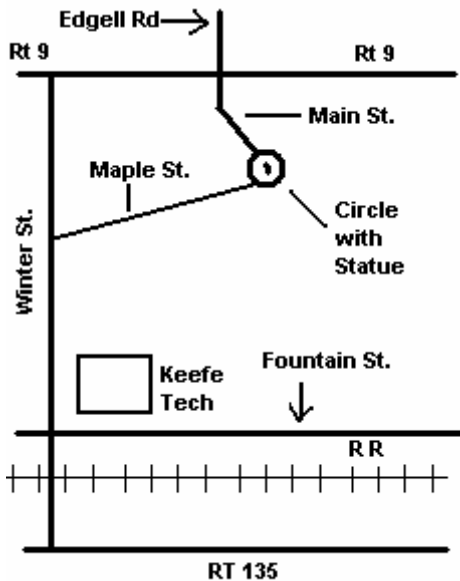
FRAMINGHAM FLEA

Sunday, March 29, 2009

Hours 9AM to 1 PM

Door Prizes - Grand Prize: NEW 2M 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

<p>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</p>	<p>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 _____ <p style="text-align: center;">REMAINING SPACES ARE \$25 AT THE DOOR</p> </p>
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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>