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President's Message

I have just returned from our very successful flea market! Thanks to everyone in FARA who participated and made this come off so smoothly. EVERYONE's contribution to the event was important, even if they did something prior to the actual event. Thanks to Bev, N1LOO for her excellent work as flea market chair, and Sumner, W1VIV for making us profitable at the club table.

The BIG news at FARA is our two meter repeater. Thanks to the efforts of Lou N1UEC and Eric KB1PJN, we have a new, FREE repeater on 147.15 donated by Doucette Radio. This is a commercial grade machine, and when brand new in 1995 cost between \$10K-\$15K. Rick K1RJZ recently said that until recently, the Motorola MSF5000 was the Rolls Royce of high end repeaters. This is still a work in process, and the linking will be reinstated once we are certain that the hardware is functioning satisfactorily. Meanwhile, try the repeater and have some fun; you will be very pleased at the 75W signal it's putting out!

This is April, and Field Day is only a couple of months away. Are we going to be sticks in the mud again this year and do absolutely nothing for Field Day? I think having a one day picnic/Field Day where we set up a rig on 20 meters using battery power would be nice. We did this two years ago at Hopkinton State Park and everyone seemed to enjoy it.

Our meeting on April 2 at the Framingham Police Station will feature Dom Malozzi, N1DM speaking on antennas. Antennas are ALWAYS a very popular subject with hams and Dom will touch upon various types discussing the pros and cons.

I am thinking of having a FARA night out during our summer hiatus. It will give us the opportunity to come together as a group in a relaxed social setting outside of the club meetings. Let me know of any ideas you may have for restaurants.

73, Gordy K1GB

2009 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 scholarships@fara.org

Spring Flea Market—Photo by Lowell, KB1FHJ



Morse Code Seminar

Date: April 11, 2009

Location: Club shack

Time: 9:00 am to 12 noon

Sponsor: Framingham Amateur Radio Assoc.

Featuring equipment displays and demonstration Come and practice sending with straight keys, bugs and paddles. There will be receiving contests with actual FCC type exams –See if you can still copy 5, 13 or 20 wpm. Hear the clicks of Western Union telegraph sounders and try to decode them.

This seminar will be hosted by Sumner W1VIV ex-Navy Radio operator and Ed W1NXC ex-Merchant Marine radio operator. Prizes and certificates will be awarded to Participants and a special code aptitude test will be Given to non-Hams, to find out if they could learn Morse Code with little difficulty.

Everyone Welcome! No entrance fee! No age limit!

FARA Horizons

- April 2: (MEETING) Dom Mallozzi, N1DM on Antennas
- April 11: Morse Code Seminar
- May 2-3: New England QSO Party
- May 7: (MEETING) Pizza Party
- May 13: VE Session
- June 4: Fox Hunt and talk on Fox Hunting by Kevin Paetzold K1KWP
Election of Officers
- June 27-28: 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, 508-879-8097 to confirm.

Club Web Site: <http://www.fara.org>