

# The Framingham Circuit

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## Thursday, August 5

### This Month's Meeting

Marjie, KA1HIA

Something's spinning at [www.fara.org/~fara](http://www.fara.org/~fara). Come to this month's meeting as Paul, N1DGT explains what's happening on the club Website.

### Submitting Material to the Circuit

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

by phone  
(508) 435-2055 (before 9:00PM please!)

by mail

### President's Message

FARA Field Day 1997 was, to say the least, an absolute blast. No doubt in my mind that Field Day is the biggest event that FARA has during the entire year. Radio, socializing, food, and fun are the key ingredients. The Field Day "Bosses" Martin, AA1ON, and Dave, K1HT did a marvelous job once again with planning and coordinating the effort making sure we were all pulling in the same direction making sure it all came together on time and in a safe manner. Of course Field Day would not be Field Day if it were not for the food masterfully put together by our master chef Dick, K1KTK. I don't remember who was in charge of the weather this year but that person should be appointed for life. If you were not able to attend this year or you did and want to revisit the experience, I suggest you visit the FARA Web site at <http://www.fara.org/~fara> for a look at the Field Day photos.

On another topic, if the 147.15 repeater is sounding better to you lately, it's not a coincidence. If you remember, following last winter, the repeater sounded terrible. This was due to a rapidly deteriorating Stationmaster repeater antenna which was taken down by Dennis, KE6DPL, with some help from a ground crew. At the same time a newly purchased Cushcraft ARX-270 was put up as a temporary antenna while the Stationmaster was assessed to see if it could be repaired. Well, on the Thursday night of our July monthly meeting a band of thunderstorms whipped through the area and our new ARX-270 got zapped by lightning. Fortunately, the repeater survived but the antenna didn't. It's currently on display at the club shack for anyone to see the nice hole in the radome and what's left of the antenna inside it. Repairs to the Stationmaster by Dennis and its reinstallation by him and Danny, T93M, has gotten us back on the air and sounding good. Much thanks to Dennis, Danny and the ground crew for getting us back on the air with minimal down time.

Finally, hope to see you all at the FARA Family Picnic on August 31 at the YMCA Harrington Outdoor Center in West Boylston. See the July newsletter or give me a call for details. Have an enjoyable summer and see you at the meeting and at Field Day. 73

Jim, W1EQW

#### Field Day 1997 - W1FY & N1LOO

by Dave K1HT & Martin AA1ON

We can tell the story of a Field Day effort from several perspectives: the results achieved, the people involved, the targets set, the lessons learned, and the resolutions for next year. This year's results brought yet another improvement in our total score, to 9,062 -- over 500 points above our 1996 score. Some other groups seem to have done even better, but we may place 6th nationwide in class 3A this year. In their second year in 3A the Billerica club (W1TQ) posted a fine score, 9,882, and bumped us out of first place in Massachusetts. (We shouldn't feel bad, though -- in the past they've come in first nationwide in 5A.) We had set ourselves a target of breaking the 10,000-point barrier, but that will have to wait until next year.

We made gains over 1996 on several bands: 20 SSB up more than 160 QSOs, 80 CW up 130, packet up 30, and VHF up over 50. Offsetting these advances, we

## Field Day 1999, W1FY/N1LOO Scores:

Band	CW	SSB
80	105	250
40	403	246
20	604	473
15	99	89
10	109	141
VHF	1	284
Novice/Tech		142
Total	1321	1625

## FARA Thanks...

FARA would like to thank the following organizations for their contributions to this year's Field Day.

Applebee's  
 McDonalds, Rt 30 Framingham  
 Poland Spring  
 Mass Army National Guard  
 WBZ



### Field Day 1999 on the Web

[www.gsl.net/fara/fieldday/fdhome.html](http://www.gsl.net/fara/fieldday/fdhome.html)

Is where you will find a complete wrap-up of Field Day 1999 and along with Field Day's from the previous three years.

In the Field Day 1999 section you will find the scores along with a very nicely done picture section assembled by Sharon, KC1YR. Pictures taken by Peter, KA1AXY, Sharon, KC1YR and Leo, W1HAM have all been made into photo albums that are quickly viewed through the web.

There is also a page devoted to "FARA in the News" where you will find newspapers articles from the Boston Globe and the Metrowest Daily News about FARA's Field Day endeavors.

There is also a Real Media file of an interview with Dick, K1KTK on WBZ Radio's "New England Weekend."



Field Day Pictures in this Newsletter were taken by Sharon, KC1YR.

**IOTA '99, AA1IZ: George's Island NA-148 - Photo by Kerianne, KB1DZM**



Nine FARA members operated from George's Island in Boston Harbor for the Islands on the Air Contest on July 23rd to 25th.

From left to right Martin, AA1ON, Bob, W1RH, Sharon, KC1YR, Lee, KA1USL, Dennis, NB1B, Dave, K1HT, Adam, N1KO, Steve, AA1IZ and Bev, N1LOO. Look for a complete article in an upcoming issue.

FARA Picnic  
YMCA Harrington Outdoor Center  
Boylston, MA  
(off rt 290)  
September 5, 1999  
12-6 PM  
Waterfront open 2 - 5 PM  
\$5 per person over 12  
Please bring a side dish or dessert

**Post Meeting "Shmoozes"**

By George, N1XAN

Due to popular demand, FARA will bring back the past popular post General Meeting "Shmoozes". Attendees are asked to bring a donation of anything edible that goes with a cup of coffee such as cake, cookies, barbecued rattlesnake, anything as long as it isn't on the endangered species list, but covered by FARA's insurance. Controlled substances and uncontrolled appetites not allowed!

**Membership Dues**

Annual membership dues are as follows: (Make checks payable to FARA)  
Regular FARA \$10  
Student / Retired \$5  
Repeater (voluntary) \$10

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**FARA Horizons**

- Aug 5: Monthly Meeting
- Aug 23: Board Meeting
- Sep 5: FARA Picnic
- Sep 11: Emergency Test

**Amy and Martin's Wedding July 3rd, 1999**

Amy Nichols and Martin Bayes were married on July 3rd at the Saphire Manor Inn in Sharon, Massachusetts.

Martin, AA1ON, has been a member of FARA for over 10 years. Amy, KB1DXN, recently received her license at License in a Weekend.

Lee, KA1USL was best man. Several FARA members were present.

Photos were taken by Sharon, KC1YR. More can be found on her Web Site at: <http://members.tripod.com/~smachlis/martinamy/>

