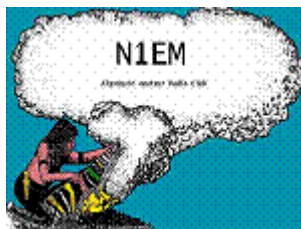


Algonquin Amateur Radio Club

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QRZ – The Newsletter for AARC members

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Annual holiday meeting!

The club will hold its annual holiday meeting at Kennedy's Pub in Marlborough on Thursday, December 8th. The reservations are for 7:30 pm. If you plan to attend, please send an RSVP by the 1st of December to David Haralambou (president@n1em.org).

The next MEMA meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 20th at the Marlborough E.O.C. ID badges should be ready for distribution at this meeting. There will also be time for testing the rigs and antennas installed in the E.O.C.

Amendments to the AARC Constitution & By-laws passed at November meeting

The proposed changes to the club's Constitution and By-Laws passed at the club's November general meeting. Out of 25 returned ballots, 22 members voted in favor of accepting the revised documents and three abstained, opting to support what the majority of the club preferred. No votes were cast against the changes. The approved versions will be available for downloading at www.n1em.org.

AARC Flea Market

The club is again holding its annual ham radio/electronics-oriented flea market this winter at the Marlborough Intermediate Elementary School on Saturday, February 18th 2006 (9:00 am – 1:00 pm). VEC exams will begin at 9:00 am. Additional details may be found in the flea market flyer included in the mailed editions of this newsletter. For further information, contact Ann Weldon, KA1PON

Woodrow Wilson – S.K.

“Woody” Wilson (K1KTW) passed away on November 2nd. A former club officer, Woody leaves behind Ann, his wife, a son, two daughters and six grandchildren. The AARC sent a donation in his name to the Alzheimer's Association at 36 Cameron Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140-1102.

Club membership renewal date shifted to July 1st

Membership renewal dates were changed in the new By-Laws to match the terms of the elected club officers. The new dues year runs from July 1st to June 30th of the following year. To avoid the problems of requesting dues for half a year before the new policy takes effect,

the club voted to extend memberships by six months for free. Those who pay annual dues should now expect to renew their memberships by June 30th 2006. Members who previously paid for 2006 will have their membership terms extended to June 30th, 2007. If you receive QRZ by mail, your current renewal status is indicated above your name on the envelope. Please inform the club secretary or treasurer if you find any error in your record.

Field trips

A tour of the ARRL headquarters in Newington, CT remains in the plans for January 2006. We are determining the availability of tours on Saturdays.

Regional Hamfests in December

None. Stay inside and use mail-order instead. It's going to be cold!

The AARC flea market in February 18th is the earliest one scheduled for New England.

Contests of note

ARRL 160m CW: 2200Z 12/2 – 1600Z 12/4

ARRL 10m: 0Z 12/10 – 2400Z 12/11

North American Meteor Scatter Contest: 0Z 12/10 – 0700Z 12/18

(www.ykc.com/wa5ufh/Rally/NAHSMS.htm)

PSK31 Death Match: 0Z 12/17 – 2400Z 12/18

(www.mdxa1.org/deathmatch.html)

ARRL Straight Key Night: 0Z 1/01 – 2359Z 1/01 (A good time to hear vintage and antique radios on the air).

Any contests or special event stations you would like mentioned in QRZ? Please send a note to the club secretary for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Current club officers

President	David Haralambou
Vice President	Ed Fitzgerald
Treasurer	Frank McInnis
Secretary	Tim Ikeda
Activities Director	Peter Simoneau

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The Algonquin Amateur Radio Club (AARC) holds meetings on the second Thursday of each month. There are no meetings in July and August. For locations, please read this newsletter, contact a club officer or visit our web site at www.n1em.org. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM and are open to anyone with an interest in Amateur Radio. The AARC operates the N1EM repeater on 446.675 MHz, -offset, PL 88.5 Hz. Access to this repeater is open to all licensed amateur operators. An informal open net is conducted Sundays at 8:00 PM on this repeater.

QRZ is published monthly from September through June. The deadline for submissions is the 25th of the preceding month. Plain text files are preferred and can be mailed to newsletter@n1em.org. For further information about QRZ and the AARC please send inquiries to the address listed above.