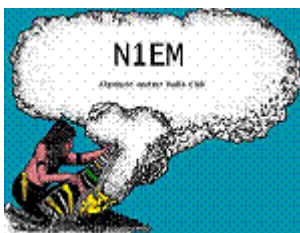


Algonquin Amateur Radio Club

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QRZ – The Newsletter for AARC members

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March 2007

Meetings!

General club meeting : Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 8th at 7:30 pm at the Marlborough EOC (Central Fire Station 215 Maple Street aka. Rt 85 – Please use the entrance on the north side of the station).

The guest speaker for the meeting is David (Shack Haralambou), President of By Request Communications. Shack's talk will begin at 7:30 pm sharp, followed by club business.

Future meeting topics:

- Mar** "Microphone Mechanics and Applications" presentation by David (Shack) Haralambou, President of By Request Communications, Inc. Location: Marlborough EOC.
- Apr** Greg Algieri (WA1JXR) - ARRL Speaker to discuss Antenna Modeling. Nominations for club officers. Location: Marlborough EOC.
- May** Elections and planning for the 2007 Field Day. Location: Marlborough EOC.
- Jun** Kit night - By Request Communications will again open its doors for members to bring a project to build or choose from a stock of small kits available. Guests from the CMARA or FARA clubs will be invited to attend.

MEMA: The next MEMA meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 20th at the Marlborough E.O.C. Please consult the MEMA webpage for the latest meeting information: <http://www.qsl.net/n1em/EOC/EOHome.html>

Hosstraders to Close After 31 Years

The organizers of the Hosstraders flea market recently announced that they chose to stop hosting the twice yearly event. The market began 31 years ago as an outgrowth of the Hosstraders HF Net when Norm Blake (WI1TT), Joe Demaso (K1RQG), Bob Tiffany (W1GWU) wanted to close the winter net season with a swap fest in New England. The first event had 61 participants. Since that time, the events became a pro-

minent draw for hams in the region and have helped raise over \$1.3 million for the Shriners' Hospitals. The organizers provided no specific reasons for their decision but noted that they wished to "take things out on a high note" with the final Hosstraders swapfest held on October 2006.

AARC Flea Market

Thanks go to David Haralambou for leading our flea market this year. Additional thanks go to all our volunteers on a well-attended and very successful event. We will have further details in April's QRZ.

Flea Markets in the NE Area

- Mar 17 - Pomfret CT, Eastern Connecticut ARA. Pomfret Community School. Talk-in: 147.225 PL 156.7
- Mar 18 - Henniker NH, Contoocook Valley RC. Henniker Community School. 8am. Talk-in: 146.895 - PL 100
- Mar 31 - Londonderry NH, Interstate Repeater Society. Londonderry Lions Club. Talk-In: 146.850 PL 85.4
- Mar 31 - Lewiston ME, ARRL Maine State Convention & Androscoggin ARC. Ramada Conference Center, 20 Pleasant St. 8am. Talk-In: 146.61-
- Apr 01 - Framingham MA, Framingham ARA. Keefe Technical School, 750 Winter Street. 9am. Talk-in: 448.025 PL 88.5. There is a pre-flea market sale with a 5% discount at the FARA club on Saturday, March 10th at 10:00 am. Please contact w1viv@arrl.net if you wish to attend the pre-flea.

On the Air in March...

A Selection of Amateur Radio Special Events in March:

- Mar 1-4, 1600Z-2000Z, Arlington Heights, IL. Returned Peace Corps VolunteerARC, KA9NLX. **To honor US Peace Corps volunteers past and present.** 21.375 14.325 7.283. Certificate. John Paskevicz: jpaskev@aol.com
- Mar 1-31, 0000Z-0000Z, Claremore, OK. Oklahoma DX Association, MANY 1X1S. **Oklahoma Amateur Radio Centennial Event.** 14.260 14.045 7.260 7.045. QSL. OKDXA - 100th. www.okdx.org
- Mar 2-3, 2300Z-1500Z, Cheyenne, WY. ShyWy ARC, W7S. **Read Across America Dr Seuss Night.** 18.110 7.225 3.900. Certificate. homepage.mac.com/love_to_teach/ReadAcrossAmerica/Education51.html
- Mar 3, 2100Z-2300Z, Rockwood, TN. Tamke-Allan Observatory, N4TAO. **Celebrating "March 3, 2007 Lunar Eclipse".** 14.240 7.240. QSL. www.roanestate.edu/obs
- Mar 3-4, 1500Z-2200Z, Milan, OH. Thomas Edison Memorial Radio Club, NI8G. **Celebrating Thomas Edison Museum and Tom O'Connor.** 21.370 14.270 7.270 3.770. QSL. NI8N1@yahoo.com
- Mar 10-11, 1500Z-2200Z, Newport News, VA. Hampton Roads/Peninsula Combined Radio Clubs, K4M. **Battle of Hampton Roads (145th anniversary) and USS Monitor Center Opening.** SSB 28.362 21.362 CW 14.062 PSK31 14.070. Certificate. cverser@marinersmuseum.org
- Mar 10-11, 1500Z-2300Z, San Antonio, TX. Southwest Research Center ARC, W5RRA. **30th Anniversary of SWRC ARC.** 28.450 21.350 14.250 7.250. Certificate. JWallace@swri.org
- Mar 10-11, 1700Z-2300Z, Lancaster, NY. Lancaster ARC, W2SO. **20 year anniversary of the Lancaster ARC.** 15 20 40 80 meters. QSL. jglor@adelphia.net
- Mar 11, 0000Z-1300Z, Tustin, CA. Yamon DX Federation, W6YDX. **Celebrating the essence of Daylight Savings Time (DST).** 14.250 7.250 7.040 3.850. QSL. w6ydx@dxer.com
- Mar 15-25, 0100Z-2350Z, San Juan, PR. Family Radio Club, KU9UUU. **Discovery of Puerto Rico.** 14.332 7.235 3.903 1.892. QSL. J.M. Zacher, 39W345 Central Dr, Elgin, IL 60124. 3905 Century Club and OMISS frequencies YLISSB daytime.

Mar 16-19, 1200Z-1200Z, Stuart, FL. Martin County ARA, W4M.
Martin County Hamfest and Ham Radio Expo. 147.06 28.350
21.350 14.280. QSL. www.mcaraweb.com

Mar 17, 1400Z-2100Z, Dunedin, FL. Mid Florida DX Association,
N2D. **Memorial SES for W2NDP SK Club founder and
President.** 14.260. QSL. www.W4FDX.com

Mar 17, 1500Z-2200Z, Macon, GA. Macon ARC, W4BKM. **25th
Annual Cherry Blossom Festival.** 145.370 14.240 10.110 7.055.
Certificate. www.qsl.net/w4bkm

Mar 24, 1300Z-1900Z, Warner Robins, GA. Middle Georgia Radio
Association, WR4MG. **Young Astronaut's Day at the Museum of
Aviation.** 28.350 21.300 14.250 7.200. Certificate.
www.wr4mg.org

Mar 25, 1500Z-2330Z, Beaver, WI. Menominee River Radio Club,
K9S. **Celebrate 100 years of maple syrup production.** 21.360
14.260 7.260 3.860. QSL. ks8o@arrl.net

Mar 31, 1300Z-1600Z, Brampton, ON. Peel and Mississauga ARCs,
VE3XR. **Ham-Ex Annual Hamfest.** 14.265 7.260 7.055. QSL.
QSL direct or via bureau to VA3QSL. www.ham-ex.org

Mar 31, 1400Z-2300Z, Saint Joseph, MO. Missouri Valley ARC,
WØP. **Commemorating the First Run of the Pony Express.**
21.305 18.145 14.255 7.245. Certificate. Al Clark, 7202
Washington St, Saint Joseph, MO 64504.

Mar 31, 1400Z-2100Z, Stuart, FL. Martin County ARES, W4W. **10th
anniversary of SKYWARN of Martin County.** 145.150 444.900
14.280. Certificate. www.piccentric.com/wx4mc

Mar 31-Apr 1, 1500Z-0100Z, Laramie, WY. University ARC, N7UW.
**Operating from the highest university in the US: elevation 7250
feet.** 28.450 21.350 14.250 7.250 3.850. Certificate.
uwacadweb.uwyo.edu/UARC

Contests in March:

Mar 3-6

ARRL International DX Contest: Phone, 0000Z Mar 3-2400Z Mar 4
(see Dec 2006 QST, p 99 or www.arrl.org/contests).

DARC 10-Meter Digital "Corona":

RTTY/AMTOR/PACTOR/PSK31/Clover, by Deutscher ARC from
1100Z-1700Z Mar 4 (see Nov 2006 QST, p 104 or
www.darc.de/referate/dx/cqdlcont/fgdcc.htm).

Open Ukraine RTTY Championship: by the Ukrainian Amateur
Radio League (UARL) from 2200Z Mar 3-0159Z Mar 4 (low
bands-160 and 80 meters-two separate 2 hour periods) and 0800Z-
1159Z Mar 4 (high bands 40-10 meters). www.ucc.zp.ua

Spartan Sprint: CW, by the Adventure Radio Society, from 0200Z-
0400Z Mar 6 (Monday evening in the US: times will change during
Daylight Savings Time; see Web site). Held on the first Monday of
every month. Frequencies (MHz): 3.560, 7.040, 14.060, 21.060,
28.060 (QRP calling frequencies). www.ARSqrp.com

Mar 10-12

Wisconsin QSO Party: Phone/CW, by the West Allis RAC from
1800Z Mar 11-0100Z Mar 12. Frequencies (MHz): CW 3.550,

3.705, 7.050, 14.050 and 21-440; Phone 3.890, 7.230, 14.290,
21.350, 28.400, 50-440. www.warac.org

Oklahoma QSO Party: Phone/CW/Digital, by the Oklahoma DX
Association (OKDXA) from 1400Z Mar 10-0200Z Mar 11 and
1400Z-2000Z Mar 11. Frequencies (MHz): SSB -- 3.860, 7.260,
14.260, 21.360, 28.360; CW: 3.545, 7.045, 14.045, 21.045, 28.045.
www.okdxa.org

Idaho QSO Party: CW/Phone/Digital, from 1300Z Mar 10-0200Z
Mar 11 and 1300Z Mar 11-0200Z Mar 12. Frequencies (MHz): CW
35 kHz above band edge; Phone: 7.260, 14.260, 21.335, 28.470
MHz, plus 50, 144, 440 MHz. www.nt4tt.com

North American RTTY Sprint: by NCJ from 0000Z-0400Z Mar 11.
Frequencies 80-20 meters. North American stations work everyone;
others work NA stations only. www.ncjweb.com

EA PSK31 Contest: by the Unión de Radioaficionados Españoles
(URE), from 1600Z Mar 10-1600Z Mar 11. Frequencies: 80-10
meters. www.ure.es/hf/concursos/eapsk31/baseseapsk31ingles.pdf

AGCW QRP Contest: CW, by the DL Activity Group CW (AGCW-
DL) from 1400Z-2000Z Mar 10. Frequencies: 80-10-meters.
www.agcw.org

Mar 17-18

Russian DX Contest: CW/SSB, from 1200Z Mar 17-1200Z Mar 18.
Frequencies: 160-10 meters. www.rdxcc.org

Virginia QSO Party: Phone/CW/Digital, by the Sterling Park ARC
from 1800Z Mar 17-0200Z Mar 19. Frequencies (MHz): CW: 1.805
and 50 kHz above band edge; Phone: 1.845, 3.860, 7.260, 14.270,
21.370, 28.370, Novice/Tech 28.370.
www.qsl.net/sterling/VA_QSO_Party/QSOParty.htm

10-10 Mobile Contest: any mode, by 10-10 International from 0000Z-
2359Z Mar 17. Frequencies: 10 meters only. www.ten-ten.org

CLARA and Family 2007 HF Contest: Phone/CW, by the Canadian-
Ladies Amateur Radio Association from 0000Z-2400Z Mar 13 and
0000Z-2400Z Mar 17, operate 24 hours max. Frequencies (MHz):
CW: 14.033, 21.033, 7.033, 3.688; Phone: 28.300, 21.255, 14.120,
14.285, 7.033, 7.200, 3.750, 3.900.
www.clara.comm.sfu.ca/events.html

9KCC Contest: CW/SSB, by the 9K Contest Club (Kuwait) from
1200Z-1600Z Mar 18. Frequencies: 15 meters only.
www.qsl.net/9kcc/9KCCRule.htm

BARTG Spring RTTY Contest: by the British Amateur Radio
Teledata Group from 0200Z Mar 17-0200Z Mar 19. Frequencies:
80-10 meters. www.bartg.demon.co.uk

Mar 24-26

CQ WW WPX Contest: SSB, by CQ Magazine from 0000Z Mar 24-
2400Z Mar 25 (CW is May 26-27). Frequencies: 160-10 meters.
www.cqwpw.com

EU EME Contest: CW/SSB, 0000Z Mar 24-2400Z Mar 25. 432
MHz, 5.7 GHz and up (see Feb QST, p 101 or www.dubus.org)
(*Special event and contest information courtesy of the ARRL*)

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The Algonquin Amateur Radio Club (AARC) holds meetings on the second Thursday of each month (No meetings in July and August). Meetings are open to all in the community with an interest in Amateur Radio. For directions, contact a club officer or visit our web site at www.n1em.org. Meeting times are listed in this newsletter. The AARC also operates the N1EM repeater on 446.675 MHz, -offset, PL 88.5 Hz. This machine is open to all licensed amateur operators. An informal open net on this repeater is conducted Sundays at 8:00 PM.

We publish QRZ monthly from September through June. The deadline for submissions is the 25th of the preceding month. 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.

Current club officers

President	Ed Fitzgerald
Vice President	Peter Simoneau
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