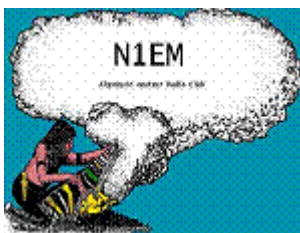


# Algonquin Amateur Radio Club

Founded 1976



## QRZ – The Newsletter for AARC members

[www.n1em.org](http://www.n1em.org)  
November 2006

### Meetings!

**General club meeting:** The AARC will hold its November 'kit building' meeting at 7:30 pm on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> in the offices of By Request Communications at 72 Cedar Street in Marlborough. Directions: South on I-495 to the Simarano Drive exit. At the first light turn left. Cedar St. is at the next light and #72 is the building diagonally across the intersection to the left. The entrance door is in the middle of the building and the sign over the door says "Block Engineering".

**November's activity:** This month the club will sponsor a project/kit night. Nancy Stevens, the Mayor of Marlborough, and members of the Wellesey ARC have been invited as guests. You may bring a project to work on, select a kit to build (supplied by David Haralambou and By Request Communications), or construct a 10-foot cable with connectors. BRC will supply cable and connectors as well. Choices (connectors with appropriate cable) include BNC, PL239, ethernet, RCA, stereo or mono plugs, and more. The brief meeting for club business will begin at 7:30, but the doors will open at 7:00. BRC should have everything you need, but if you have questions, please contact Ed Fitzgerald (*contributed by Ed*).

**January's activity:** The January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will feature Mike Keller of Hearst-Argyle speaking about High Definition television. Please note: Mike's talk will begin at 7:30pm, before we conduct club business. Be on time for the good stuff (*contributed by Ed*).

### Future meeting topics:

**Nov** Banquet sign-up. Kit night.  
**Dec** Banquet (Thursday Dec 14<sup>th</sup>)  
**Jan** Flea organization. HD TV speaker (Mike Keller)  
**Feb** Flea market prep  
**Mar** Microphone mechanics/operations (David Haralambou Demonstrations with assorted microphones + bring your favorite to test!)

**MEMA:** The next MEMA meeting is scheduled for 7 pm on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at the Marlborough E.O.C. Consult the MEMA webpage for the latest meeting information (<http://www.qsl.net/n1em/EOC/EOChome.html>).

### Volunteer operations

**School Watch supported:** Quin Spear co-ordinated the club's Halloween school watch for Marlborough's public schools. A report of the operation will be made shortly. Many thanks to all club members who participated.

**Hazmat day covered:** Don Cusson organized club volunteers for communication and co-ordination duty at Marlborough's hazardous waste collection day. It appears that even more town residents utilized the service than last year. Good work at providing for a smooth event!

### AARC Fleamarket: February 17, 2007

Mark this date! We have again reserved the Marlborough Middle School for the club's ham radio fleamarket. The event will run from 9:00am to 1:00pm on Saturday with an admission price of \$5. Vendor tables can be reserved for \$15 until February 9<sup>th</sup> or for \$20 at the door on the day for the event and on first come, first served basis (Each reserved table includes one admission. Setup for vendors begins at 7:00am). VEC test sessions will be held at 9:00am. Volunteers? Please contact the fleamarket committee. A copy of the flyer for the event is available on the club's website.

### AARC Winter Banquet

We will meet at Linguini's restaurant (Rt. 20 near RK plaza on the eastbound side of 20), on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> for this year's winter club banquet. Members are cordially invited to bring a spouse, partner or guest. Please contact Ed to sign up.

### Local ham events

#### Fleas in the New England area:

Nov 11 (Sat): **FARAFEST** in the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 279 Brick Kiln Road in Falmouth, MA. The admission is \$5 from 9am-1pm. ARRL VE sessions begin at 9am. <http://www.falara.org>

### On the Air in November...

Things are fairly quiet this month as we head into the winter holidays. Now that the leaves have fallen and it is not so cold that your fingers freeze without gloves, it is a good time to get to work on those antennas! Put some new ones up and fortify the others for the winter months ahead.

#### A Selection of Amateur Radio Special Events in November:

Nov 3-Nov 12, Knokke-Heist, Belgium. UBA Section ONZ, ON25CLM. Canadian Liberation March/Canadian Week. SSB and CW. <http://www.on4clm.be>  
Nov 4-Nov 19, 0000Z-2400Z, Pittsburgh, PA. Panther ARC, K3F. Fessenden First Voice Transmission. 21.260 14.260 7.260 3.920 . QSL. <http://www.pitt.edu/~sorc/parc>  
Nov 5, 1400Z-2100Z, Rocky Point, NY. Radio Central ARC, W2RC. Radio Central 85th anniversary of the first transatlantic wireless transmission from RCA's Radio Central transmitter site. 14.270 14.050 7.270 7.050. Certificate. <http://www.rcarc.org>

November 10-13, 1300-2100Z, Hampton, VA. US Army ARS, W4V. Veterans' Day observance from Fort Monroe, VA. 14.248 7.248 SSB. Certificate and special QSL card. <http://www.usaars.com>

Nov 11, 1200Z-2400Z, Nutley, NJ. Robert D. Grant United Labor ARA, N2UL. CQ Veterans Day, Labor remembers our heroes. 28.420 14.260. Certificate. <http://rdgulara.org>

Nov 11, 1300Z-1900Z, Brownsville, TX. Charro ARC, W5CRC. Return of the Snow Bird to South Texas. 28.335 21.335 14.335. QSL. <http://www.qsl.net/w5crc>

Nov 11, 1430Z-2039Z, Grand Rapids, MI. Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance, W8USA. Veteran's Day. 14.250 7.250 14.070 7.040. QSL. <http://www.w8usa.org>

Nov 11, 1500Z-2230Z, Baton Rouge, LA. Baton Rouge ARC, W5KID. Veteran's Day. CW 28.060 21.060 14.060 10.106 7.040 SSB 14.250 to 24.320. QSL. [www.lsu.edu/brarc/USS\\_Kidd.htm](http://www.lsu.edu/brarc/USS_Kidd.htm)

Nov 17-Nov 19, 1400Z-2200Z, Calhoun, GA. Cherokee Capital ARS, K4C. Celebrating the 10th anniversary as a club. 14.270 7.270 14.060 7.040. Certificate. <http://www.qsl.net/k4woc>

Nov 18, 1400Z-2000Z, Guthrie, OK. Edmond ARS, K5EOK. Oklahoma Statehood Day from original State Capitol Building. 21.340 14.240 7.240 3.840. Certificate. [www.k5eok.org](http://www.k5eok.org)

Nov 18, 1400Z-2359Z, Smithsburg, MD. Cheese Hollow ARS, W3HAM. 10th anniversary of W3HAM as a club call. 14.270 7.230 7.061 3.920. Certificate. <http://www.w3cwc.org>

Nov 24, 1400Z-2000Z, Provincetown, MA. Steamship Portland ARA, W1P. 108th anniversary of sinking of SS Portland off Cape Cod. 144.565 18.130 14.260 7.260. QSL. Henry Brown, K1WCC, 19 Sao Paulo Dr, E Falmouth, MA 02536.

Nov 25-Nov 26, 0000Z-2400Z, All USA Call Area., 10-10 International Club Station, W6OI. Celebrating 44 years and 75,000 members. 28.340 to 28.400 PSK 28.120. Certificate. <http://www.10-10.org>

Nov 25-Nov 26, 1500Z-2000Z daily, The Villages, FL. The Villages ARC, K4VRC. Eleventh anniversary of the club, from Sumter

Landing Square. 14.310 7.250 3.940 146.925. Certificate. <http://www.synh.com/tvarc>

### **Contests in November:**

#### **Nov 11-13**

ARRL EME Contest: from 0000Z Nov 11-2400Z Nov 12.

Frequencies: 50-1296 MHz (see Aug QST, p 95, or [www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests)).

Japan International DX Contest: Phone, from 0700Z Nov 11-1300Z Nov 12 (see Apr QST, p 100, or [jidx.org/jidxrule-e.html](http://jidx.org/jidxrule-e.html)).

Worked All Europe DX Contest (WAEDC): RTTY, from 0000Z Nov 11-2359Z Nov 12. Same rules as WAEDC Phone and CW, except everyone works everyone. QTC can only be exchanged between continents (see Aug QST, p 88, or [www.waedc.de](http://www.waedc.de)).

OK/OM DX Contest: CW, sponsored by the Czech Radio Club (CRC) from 1200Z Nov 11-1200Z Nov 12. Frequencies: 160-10 meters. Info: [okomdx.radioamater.cz](http://okomdx.radioamater.cz).

CQ WE (Western Electric):CW/Phone/ Digital, from 1900Z Nov 11-0500Z Nov 13. Frequencies: 160 meters-70 centimeters (no repeater contacts). Info: [cqwe.cboh.org](http://cqwe.cboh.org)

#### **Nov 18-20**

ARRL November Sweepstakes: Phone (see Nov 4-5).

North American Collegiate ARC Championship: Phone (see Nov 4-5).

LZ DX Contest: CW/SSB, Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs from 1200Z Nov 18-1200Z Nov 19. Frequencies: 80-10 meters. [www.qsl.net/lz1fw/contest](http://www.qsl.net/lz1fw/contest).

RSGB 1.8MHz Contest: CW, from 2100 Nov 18-0100Z Nov 19 (see Feb QST, p 99). [www.rsgbhfcc.org](http://www.rsgbhfcc.org).

#### **Nov 25-26**

CQ WW DX Contest: CW, from 0000Z Nov 25-2400Z Nov 26 (see Oct QST, p 102 or [cqww.com](http://cqww.com)).

*(Special event and contest information courtesy of the ARRL).*

### **Algonquin Radio Club - P.O. Box 258, Marlborough MA 01752**

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](http://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 25<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month. Plain text files are preferred and can be mailed to [newsletter@n1em.org](mailto: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
Treasurer	Frank McInnis
Secretary	Tim Ikeda