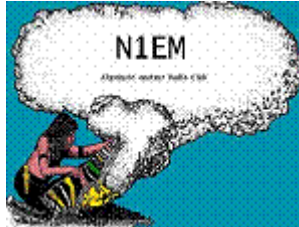


# Algonquin Amateur Radio Club

Founded 1976



## QRZ – The Newsletter for AARC members

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October 2005

### Meetings!

Our club's next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Marlborough Middle School. The key presentation will be on antennas. Ed Fitzgerald will guide discussion in this meeting. Ed will also accept final orders for the FARApole 6m-20m antenna, which members can purchase as a group at discounted rates from the Falmouth Amateur Radio Association. The adjustable FARApole antenna was featured in the December 2004 issue of QST (For details, visit [www.falara.org](http://www.falara.org)).

Additional topics include the presentation of proposed changes to the club constitution & by-laws, and initial planning for the club's holiday dinner.

The next MEMA meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Tue, October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Marlborough E.O.C.

### MEMA: Volunteers requested for Hazmat day

Hazmat day is scheduled for Sat, October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Easterly Water Treatment Plant on

Boston Post Road East from 9 am to 12 noon. Volunteers will be needed by 8:30 am.

### News!

#### Club constitution and by-laws to be presented

The committee to review our club's constitution and by-laws has compiled a recommended series of changes. The old and newly developed versions will be presented for comparison and discussion at the October club meeting. A vote on these changes could be held at November's meeting. Copies will be available upon request after the presentation at October's meeting.

#### May's AARC School Watch

The AARC fielded eleven volunteers\* this May for a watch of Marlborough High School's grounds around the period of senior graduation. Overall, we provided coverage over seven evenings, averaging about 5-5½ hours night, for a total contribution of 116 person-hours. Thanks to Ann for chairing the school watch committee and organizing coverage schedules.

School Watch Volunteers:

Barrie Brozenske, K3BUZ  
Kevin Colomey  
Ed Fitzgerald, K1DIN  
David Haralambou  
Gerry Helder, N1FFX  
Tim Ikeda, KE6GLW  
Dick Mahoney, N1ZCD  
Frank McInnis, K1IX  
Peter Simoneau, KD1QS  
Ann Weldon, KA1PON  
Eric Williams, KV1J

*\* And two friendly dogs. Although the dogs were present for only ten hours, in dog years that's more like 70 hours.*

## **AARC provides support for Marlborough Labor Day Parade**

Ten AARC volunteers assisted organizers in the recent Labor Day Parade. This year's parade was successful, if unusually long. AARC coverage lasted from 10:45 am to 3:30 pm and contributed nearly 37 person-hours of support to the community. Special thanks go to Quin Spear for organizing the club's efforts.

Parade Volunteers:

Ed Fitzgerald, K1DIN  
Gerry Helder, N1FFX  
Tim Ikeda, KE6GLW  
Chip Read, N2IOF  
Peter Simoneau, KD1QS  
Quin Spear, K1ZFH  
Ann Weldon, KA1PON  
Eric Williams, KV1J  
Matthew Williams, W1MAT  
Ron Wood, W1PLW

## **Field trips**

A tour of the ARRL headquarters in Newington, CT is tentatively scheduled for January 2006. Among the tour highlights are exploring their museum, visiting the ARRL testing center, and working contacts as guest operator of W1AW while using some of the finest equipment you'll ever touch.

Recent trips: The "Original Yankee Steam-Up" day on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the New England Wireless and Steam Museum in RI was attended by several club members (I see Dave, Jen and Frank in pictures snapped by Ed). Ed is creating a slideshow of the trip for a later meeting.

## **CERT Family Day cancelled**

The Family Day was cancelled for this year. Local CERT teams faced possible deployment in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and it was uncertain whether team members would be available to host the day's events.

## **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](http://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.

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