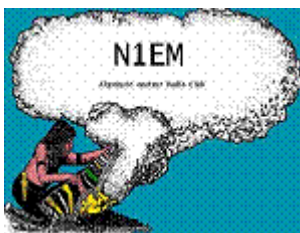


# Algonquin Amateur Radio Club

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## QRZ – The Newsletter for AARC members

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

October 2006

### Meetings!

**General club meeting:** October's AARC meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Thursday, the 12<sup>th</sup> in the Marlborough Middle School (Thresher Drive). October's meeting will feature a presentation by Ron Woods about message handling (part of the ARRL course on the topic).

**October's presentation:** Message handling has become a high profile activity in recent times for the Ham. At the October meeting, Ron Woods, W1PLW, (our ARRL Section Public Information Coordinator) will offer a presentation about the mechanics of NTS traffic handling, a practice session, and information about how to continue improving message handling skills. There should be something for everyone at every level in this presentation including an opportunity for skilled message handlers to offer the membership some useful tips. Just bring a sharp pencil, a desire to learn, and any bits of wisdom you are willing to share! (*contrib. by Ed Fitzgerald*)

### Future meeting topics:

- Nov** Banquet sign-up. Skywarn speaker. Discussion of operating activities in the outdoors (Tim Ikeda).
- Dec** Banquet
- 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, October 17<sup>th</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 in October:** This Halloween, the club will again assist Marlborough through a school watch. Members

wishing to volunteer should contact Quin Spear and/or attend the October club meeting for further information.

**Hazmat day:** The city of Marlborough has scheduled its household hazardous waste materials collection for Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of October, from 9 am until noon at the Easterly Water Pollution Control Facility. Don Cusson is organizing club volunteers for communication and co-ordination duty. Only residents of Marlborough can drop off their waste with this service. Residents-only collection dates for nearby towns:

Sudbury – Oct 14<sup>th</sup> at Curtis Middle School on 22 Pratts Mill Rd. 9am-1pm.

Hudson – Oct 15<sup>th</sup> at 200 Cox St. 8am-noon by appt. 800/255-5566 or, capacity permitting, near the end of the pick-up.

Southborough – Oct 28<sup>th</sup> at DPW, Cordaville Rd. 8am-noon.

Westborough – Oct 28<sup>th</sup> in the DPW Garage, Oak Street. 7:30am-noon.

**Labor day parade:** The club provided over a dozen volunteers and roughly 60 person-hours for communications support in this year's parade in Marlborough. In September's club meeting we reviewed our operations and have collected a list of suggestions to implement at next year's parade.

### Fleamarkets & Hamfests

**The Flea at MIT:** The last MIT flea market of the season is scheduled for Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> in the Albany St. Garage at the corner of Albany & Main St. in Cambridge, MA. Buyer's gate opens at 9 am. <http://web.mit.edu/w1mx/www/swapfest.html>

### Other fleas in the New England area:

Oct 6-7 (Fri-Sat): **Hosstraders** at the Hopkinton State

Fairgrounds in Hopkinton, NH. <http://www.qsl.net/k1rqg>

Oct 8 (Sun): Nutmeg Hamfest and ARRL CT State

Convention. Mountainside resort in Wallingford, CT. 9 am general admission. <http://www.nutmeghamfest.com>

### Member updates

Thank you, Dick and Marsha Marshall for attending the September meeting while in the area!

### On the Air in September...

This month, many special event stations are aligned with one of three themes: National Wildlife Refuge Week (Oct 8-14), Scouting's Jamboree on the Air (JOTA - Oct 21-22) <http://www.scout.org/jota/2006.html>, and the 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Coast Guard Auxiliary (Oct 28th). Some of the JOTA stations are being operated by scouts for partial completion of the requirements for their Radio Merit Badges. Lend them a hand with a contact! There are several good contests for DX this month: CQ Worldwide, EU, Oceania, US Islands, Asian Pacific and Germany. Try not to forget the school club roundup, and as always, there is an interestingly selection of QRP and digital mode contests to try.

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

Oct 6-Oct 7, 1230Z-2300Z, Paintsville, KY. Amateur Radio

Community Service, KI4OIP. **Kentucky Apple Festival and 100**

**years of Amateur Radio.** 14.250 7.230 3.910 1.900. QSL. Amateur Radio Community Service, PO Box 75, Paintsville, KY 41240.

Oct 6-Oct 7, 1500Z-2300Z, Honobia, OK. McCurtain County Amateur Radio Club, KD5YQI. **Annual Bigfoot Festival**, Honobia, OK. 21.230 14.270 7.270 3.900. Certificate. Gary Brock, PO Box 1656, Idabel, OK 74745.

Oct 6-Oct 7, 1600Z-2000Z, Cincinnati, OH. Queen City Emergency Net, W8T. **Tall Stacks on the air! Cincinnati's Riverboat Festival**. 14.260 7.265. Certificate. [www.qcen.org](http://www.qcen.org).

Oct 6-Oct 15, 1300Z-0000Z, Albuquerque, NM. The High Desert Amateur Radio Club of NM, Inc, NM5HD. **Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta 2006**. 21.255 14.275 7.260. QSL. [www.nm5hd.com](http://www.nm5hd.com).

Oct 7-Oct 8, 1600Z-0300Z, Menlo Park, CA. **24th Month, Amateur Radio-Technology Day, N6T, Stanford Linear Accelerator Center**. 14.240 7.240 14.044 7.044. QSL. [www.fars.k6ya.org](http://www.fars.k6ya.org).

Oct 7-Oct 15, 0001Z-2400Z, Milford, CT. Lake Effect Amateur Radio Club, W1M. **National Wildlife Refuge Week**. 21.310 14.265 7.240 7.055. QSL. Kevin Gunther, 2 Milford Point Rd, Milford, CT 06460.

Oct 13-Oct 15, 1700Z-1700Z, Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge, OK. **W5-National Wildlife Refuge Amateur Radio Club, W5NWR/WM. 2006 National Wildlife Refuge Week**. 21.310 14.265 7.240 3.880 RTTY and CW. QSL. [www.pilgrimriver.com/nwr2006](http://www.pilgrimriver.com/nwr2006).

Oct 14, 1330Z-2000Z, Yorktown, VA. Williamsburg Area Amateur Radio Club, K4RC. **Promoting Yorktown Battlefield and Historical Triangle**. 21.350 18.150 14.250 7.261. QSL. Certificate for working all three K4RC special event stations -- Jamestown Island (May) and Yorktown Battlefield (Oct). [www.qsl.net/waarc](http://www.qsl.net/waarc)

Oct 14, 1700Z-2359Z, Los Gatos, CA. Loma Prieta Amateur Radio Club, N2RDT. **17th anniversary of October 17, 1989, Loma Prieta Earthquake**. 147.540 52.000 14.250 7.250. Certificate. David Katinsky, 25570 Radonich Rd, Los Gatos, CA 95033. [n2rdt@arrl.net](mailto:n2rdt@arrl.net).

Oct 16-Oct 21, 0100Z-1800Z, Hazelcrest, IL. Tri-Town Radio Amateur Radio Club, W9H. **75th anniversary of our club**. 146.490 28.490 14.249 7.249. QSL. [www.w9vt.org](http://www.w9vt.org).

#### A Selection of Contests in October:

**Oct 3-10 EU Autumn Sprint:** SSB, EU Sprint Gang, 1600Z-1959Z

Oct 7 (CW is 1600Z-1959Z Oct 14). Exchange: your call, serial number, name, other station's call. [www.eusprint.com](http://www.eusprint.com)

**California QSO Party:** CW/SSB, sponsored by the Northern California Contest Club, 1600Z Oct 7-2200Z Oct 8. Frequencies: 160-2 meters. Exchange: serial number and state/province (DX send DX) or CA county. [www.cqp.org](http://www.cqp.org)

**Oceania DX Contest:** Wireless Institute of Australia (WIA) and New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART), Phone 0800Z Oct 7-0800Z Oct 8 (CW is 0800 Z Oct 14-0800Z Oct 15). Work VK/ZL/Oceania stations only. Exchange: RS(T) and serial number. [www.oceaniadxcontest.com](http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com)

**10-10 Day Sprint:** Phone/CW/Digital, 0001Z-2359Z, Oct 10. One QSO per station, regardless of mode. Logs due Oct 25 (see Aug QST, p 88 or [www.ten-ten.org](http://www.ten-ten.org)).

**Oct 10-15 Pennsylvania QSO Party:** CW, Phone, PSK31, RTTY. Nittany ARC from 1600 Z Oct 14-0500Z Oct 15 and 1300Z-2200Z Oct 15. Exchange: serial number and ARRL/RAC section (PA stations send PA county). [www.nittany-arc.net/paqso.html](http://www.nittany-arc.net/paqso.html)

**North American RTTY Sprint:** NCJ, National Contest Journal, 0000Z-0400 Z Oct 15. Exchange both call signs, serial number, name, and S/P/C. [www.ncjweb.com](http://www.ncjweb.com)

**EU Autumn Sprint:** CW, 1500Z-1859Z Oct 14 (see Oct 3-8)

**Oceania DX Contest:** CW, 0800Z Oct 14-0800Z Oct 15 (see Oct 3-8)

**FISTS Fall Sprint:** CW, FISTS CW Club from 1700Z-2100Z Oct 14. Exchange: RST, QTH (S/P/C), Name, FISTS number if member, nonmembers send power output. [www.fists.org](http://www.fists.org)

**Asia-Pacific Sprint:** CW, Asia-Pacific Sprint Contest Committee, 0000Z-0200Z Oct 15. Frequencies (MHz): 14.030-14.050 and 21.030-21.050. RST and serial number. <http://jsfc.org/apsprint>

**RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest:** CW, 0700Z-1900Z Oct 16 (see Sep 30-Oct 1).

**Oct 16-20 School Club Roundup:** all modes, 1300z Oct 16 - 2400z Oct 20. (See Jan QST, p 103)

**Oct 21-23 Illinois QSO Party:** CW/Phone, Western Illinois ARC. 1700Z Oct 22-0100Z Oct 23. Exchange: RS(T) and S/P/C (IL stations send county). [www.w9awe.org/ILQP2006.html](http://www.w9awe.org/ILQP2006.html)

**USI W/VE Islands QSO Party:** CW/Digital/SSB, US Islands Awards Program from 1600Z Oct 21-2359Z Oct 22. Frequencies: 160-6 meters. Exchange: RS(T), island name and USI or CISA number (S/P/C for non-island stations). [http://members.cox.net/usi1/contest\\_rules.html](http://members.cox.net/usi1/contest_rules.html)

**QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party:** CW, QRP ARC International, 1200Z Oct 21-2400Z Oct 22, operate 24 hrs max. [www.qrparci.org](http://www.qrparci.org)

**Worked All Germany:** CW/SSB, The Deutscher Amateur Radio Club, 1500Z Oct 21-1459Z Oct 22. Exchange: RS(T) and serial number or DOK code. [www.darc.de/referate/dx/fedcg.htm](http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/fedcg.htm)

**JARTS WW RTTY Contest:** Japanese Amateur Radio Teleprinter Society, 0000Z Oct 21-2400Z Oct 22. Exchange: RST and age (Multiop sends 99, YL may send 00 Haha!). [www.edsoftz.com/JARTS](http://www.edsoftz.com/JARTS)

**Oct 28-29 CQ World Wide DX Contest:** SSB, CQ Magazine, 0000Z Oct 28-2400Z Oct 29 (CW is 0000Z Nov 25-2400Z Nov 26). Exchange RS(T) and CQ zone. [www.cqww.com](http://www.cqww.com)

**10-10 International CW/Digital Contest:** 0001Z Oct 28-2359 Z Oct 29. (See Aug QST, p 88 or [www.ten-ten.org](http://www.ten-ten.org).)

*(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
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Secretary	Tim Ikeda