



Algonquin Amateur Radio Club
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QRZ – The Newsletter for AARC members

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September 2005

Meetings!

The first club meeting of the 2005-2006 season will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8th at the Marlborough Middle School. A key goal for the next year is establishing specific themes for each meeting. Current suggestions and facilitators/ organizers for topics include:

Lightning safety - Tim Ikeda
Antenna discussion - Ed Fitzgerald
Antenna kit/building night - Ed
QRP - Tim
HDTV - David Haralambou
Digital modes (Echolink/IRLP, APRS etc.)
Test equipment night
Kit building night
Emergency portable radio

Organizers are not necessarily experts in these areas. They are volunteers who will help arrange speakers and demonstrations and may need assistance contacting appropriate sources. If you would like to contribute (time, energy, or suggested contacts) to the presentation of any of these themes, please contact the organizer or send us a note. We will review themes and set dates at the September meeting (If we can arrange for a speaker, the first meeting may

include a presentation on lightning safety from a local company).

MEMA meeting

Tuesday, September 6th to plan CERT day 2005 (also, see below).

News!

Community Emergency Response (CERT) Family Day

The 2nd annual Massachusetts CERT Family Day and Public Safety Fair will be held in Marlborough on Saturday, September 10, 2005. The fair runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Ward Park (Rain-out location: Bigelow School). Invite your friends and neighbors; the CERT Family Day is free and open for everyone in community. The fair will include speakers, demonstrations, kid's games & rides, music, and food & safety vendors. Our club has once again placed an ad in the CERT brochure and will be hosting a table at the event. Volunteers are requested for staffing our table. Please sign up at the next MEMA meeting or contact one of the club officers.

Sponsor web site: <http://www.maemp.org/>

Kit building night a success

Last June, our meeting at season's end included a kit building session at By Request Communications' facility. Members were encouraged to either bring their own projects or choose from a selection of kits provided by the club. Some examples of these 1-2 hour construction projects were: a liquid-level alarm, an LED roulette wheel, an audio pre-amp, a GPS-to-radio APRS modulator and a programmable LCD message board. Among the several new faces we met were two kids who also have an interest in Amateur Radio. Thanks to David Haralambou and Jen O'Rourke for procuring the kits, providing refreshments and setting up soldering stations in the facility.

Club constitution and by-laws

A committee to review our club's constitution and by-laws was established by the end of last season. The goals were to pull together the most current version, update sections as necessary and present recommendations at the fall meetings. The committee's progress will be reported at our September meeting and published in the next newsletter.

Field trips

The club will again be organizing field trips. Some adventures under consideration include a

visit to W1AW, the headquarters of the ARRL in Newington, CT, and an excursion to the New England Wireless and Steam Museum in East Greenwich, RI (<http://users.ids.net/~newsm/>). The wireless and steam museum will hold their "Original Yankee Steam Up" day for 2005 on Saturday, October 1st. That is the one day in the year when the various steam engines are brought online for public demonstration. Other trip suggestions and organizational assistance are welcome. We are still in the early planning stages for most of these events.

Options for future club newsletter mailings

We will continue to mail the club newsletter to all members who prefer this format. At your request we can email text-only or pdf-encoded versions of the newsletter instead. Fast-downloading versions will also be accessible through our N1EM website (www.n1em.org)

Current club officers

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| 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.

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