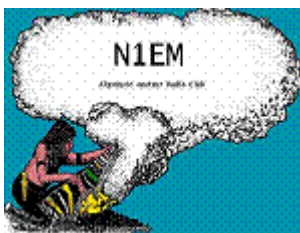


Algonquin Amateur Radio Club

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September 2006

Meetings!

The first AARC meeting of the 2006-2007 season will be held at 7:30 pm on Thursday, September 14th in the Marlborough Middle School (Thresher Drive). Discussion of the next season's objectives is the main topic. New this year is a monthly meeting 'door prize': For the next few months we will give a new ARRL repeater directory to one member or visitor at each meeting. October's meeting will feature a presentation by Ron Wood about message handling (part of the ARRL course on the topic).

The next MEMA meeting is scheduled for 7 pm on Tuesday, September 19th at the Marlborough E.O.C. Consult the MEMA webpage for the latest meeting information (www.qsl.net/n1em/EOC/EOChome.html).

Labor Day Parade

The club will again support communications for Marlborough's Labor Day Parade. As of now, Quin Spear has organized about fifteen members to monitor the dozen or so positions along the route. This year's parade starts around noon on Monday, September 4th and runs to approximately 2:30pm.

Field Day 2006

This year the club operated Class 2F from the Marlborough EOC on Saturday, June 24th. Assembly began around 10am with the hanging of a G5RV, a six-meter dipole and two short, multiband antennas outside the EOC. We maintained two full-time HF stations and one VHF/UHF position. An opening on 6 meters at the beginning of Field Day made for interesting SSB contacts into states like Ohio and Kentucky. The weather was damp and often overcast but conditions were cozy and dry in the EOC. Over the course of the day, approximately 15 people dropped in and we made over 120 contacts, including some DX, until operations shut down around 10pm. Field Day provided an excellent opportunity to evaluate the functionality of the EOC and allowed us to brainstorm future improvements.

Special thanks go to Don Cusson and the Marlborough Fire Department for providing the EOC for our operations.

School Watch 2006

Last season, the AARC completed the 2006 School Watch for Marlborough. A total of twelve volunteers organized by Ed Fitzgerald watched the school for nine evenings, contributing over 133 person-hours of community service.

ARRL On-line Auction

The first ARRL on-line auction will run from Monday, October 23rd through Friday, November 3rd. ARRL Business Services Manager Deb Jahnke (K1DAJ), said, "We are hoping to offer items that will interest our audience, ranging from DXpedition vacation rentals to restored Collins 75A4s." Participants need to register on-line approximately one week prior to the event. (contrib. by Ed Fitzgerald and ARRL)

“Extracurricular” Activities

The Flea at MIT – Scheduled for Sep. 17th in the Albany St. Garage and the corner of Albany & Main St. in Cambridge, MA. Buyer's gate opens at 9 am. See also: <http://web.mit.edu/w1mx/www/swapfest.html>

Other fleas in the New England area:

- Sep 10: South Eastern Massachusetts ARA (SEMARA) Tailgate, Dartmouth, MA (www.semara.org)
 - Sep 16: Annual Fall Flea Market & Auction - Rhode Island Amateur FM Repeater Service, Forestdale (North Smithfield), RI
 - Sep 17: Western Connecticut Hamfest - Candlewood ARA, Newton, CT (www.danbury.org/cara)
 - Oct 6-7: Hosstraders Hamfest, Hopkinton, NH
- For additional hamfests, consult the lists at:
<http://web.mit.edu/w1gsl/Public/ne-fleas>
<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html>

Member updates

Congratulations, Gerry Helder (N1FFX) on upgrading to Extra!

Notice: Club dues

Dues for the July 2006 – June 2007 season should be sent ASAP to the club Treasurer. Yearly memberships are \$10 per person or \$15 per family. Please include any changes in status.

One the Air in September...

This month, try out the Asian DX contest, the ARRL VHF party or the CQ Worlwide RTTY contest. Check QST or online at www.arrl.net for additional event station and contest info. Contest and event info courtesy of the ARRL.

A Selection of Amateur Radio Special Events in September:

- Sep 1-Sep 2, 2100Z-2100Z, Brady, TX. Heart of Texas Ham Operators Group, WA5HOT. **World Championship Barbecue Goat Cookoff**. 21.360 14.250 7.295 3.875. Certificate. HOT-HOG, www.hothog.org.
- Sep 8, 1400Z-2300Z, Kent, OH. Portage County Amateur Radio Service, KD8CKP. **Kent State University Black Squirrel Festival**. 21.337 14.237 28.337 7.237. Certificate. www.portcars.org.

Sep 8-Sep 10, 0001Z-2400Z, Wellsville, MO. Wellsville Radio Group, WOS. **Celebrating Wellsville, MO sesquicentennial** (150 years). 21.040 14.040 7.235 3.963. Certificate. H. R. Thompson, K2HT, PO Box 95, Wellsville, MO 63384.

Sep 9, 1600Z-2200Z, Boulder, CO. Boulder ARC Youth Auxiliary, K1D. **Anniversary of Boulder ARC Kids Auxiliary**. 21.325 14.325. Certificate. www.qsl.net/w0dk.

Sep 9-Sep 10, 0000Z-2400Z, **Henri-Chapelle WWII American Military Cemetery, Belgium**. GDV Group, ON4USA. To honor the memory of all men who gave their lives in WWII. 21.250 14.205 14.044 7.044. QSL. www.qsl.net/on4usa.

Sep 9-Sep 10, 0000Z-2400Z, Staten Island, NY. Boy Scouts of America/Empire Contest Club, W2006WTC. **5th Anniversary of the World Trade Center**. 28.450 21.440 14.340 7.200. QSL. John Nistico, NY6DX, 26 John St, Sayville, NY 11782.

Sep 9-Sep 17, 0001Z-2400Z, San Bernadino, CA. Citrus Belt ARC, W6A through W6Q. **Route 66 On-the-Air**. 21.366 14.266 14.166 7.266. Certificate. www.qsl.net/w6jbt.

Sep 10-Sep 17, 0000Z-2400Z, Anaheim, CA. W6APD Anaheim Police ARC, K6P. **POW-MIA Remembrance Day Special Event**. 14253 21350 18150 24950. QSL. Mark McMullen, KM6HB, PO Box 27271, Santa Ana, CA 92799.

Sep 16, 1400Z-2000Z, New Orleans, LA. Southeast Louisiana ARC, K5R. **One year anniversaries of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita**. 14.250 7.250. Certificate. www.selarc.org.

Sep 16, 1600Z-2100Z, Pierre, SD. Pierre Amateur Radio Club, W0PIR. **South Dakota Vietnam War Memorial Celebration**. 14.245. Certificate. www.sdham.com.

Sep 16-Sep 17, 1300Z-2100Z, **Blue Ridge Bonanza, various locations**. QSL. www.cupnet.com/rvarc.

Sep 22-Sep 24, 2200Z-2200Z, McPherson, KS. McPherson ARC, W0TWU. **Scottish Festival, Highland Dance, Piping competition**. 28.400 14.313 7.295 3.998. Certificate. Richard Johnson, KC0SYS, 434 Smokey Hollow, McPherson, KS 67460.

Sep 23-Sep 24, 1400Z-2200Z, Manitowoc, WI. USS Cobia Club/ManCoRad Radio Club, N9BQV. **WWII Submarine USS Cobia AGSS-245 on the air**. 14.243 7.240 3.900. QSL. www.qsl.net/w9dk.

Sep 30-Oct 1, 1300Z-0400Z, Grandfather Mountain, NC. Goldsboro Amateur Repeater Club, W4GOL. **4th Annual East Coast Mile High Event and SET Deployment**. 144.200 50.125 21.325 14.280. QSL. www.qsl.net/n4zfg/garc/garc_index.htm.

A Selection of Contests in September:

All-Asian DX Contest: Phone, Sep 2 0000Z-Sep 3 2400Z (June QST, p 98, or www.jarl.or.jp/English).

IARU Region 1 Field Day: SSB, by IARU Societies, Sep 2 1300Z-Sep 3 1300Z (see June QST, p 98)

North American Sprint: CW, Sep 10 0000Z-0400Z (Feb QST, page 99 or www.ncjweb.com).

YLRL Howdy Days: CW/SSB, by YL Radio League, Sep 12 1400Z-Sep 14 0200Z, work 24 out of the 36 hour period. www.ylrl.org

WAE DX Contest: SSB, Sep 9 0000Z-Sep 10 2359Z (Aug QST, p 88, or www.darc.de/referate/dx).

ARRL September VHF QSO Party: 1800Z Sep 9-0300Z Sep 11 (Aug QST, p 88).

Tennessee QSO Party: CW/Phone/Digital, by Tennessee Contest Group, Sep 10 1800Z-Sep 11 0100Z. www.k4ro.net/tcg/tqp/tqp06_rules.html.

G3ZQS Memorial Straight Key Contest: CW, by FISTS, Sep 8 2300Z-Sep 10 2300Z. Use straight keys to be eligible for awards. www.fists.org.

ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest: Sep 16-17 0600 local-2400 local (Aug QST, p 88).

ARRL EME Contest: from Sep 16 0000Z-Sep 17 2400Z. (August QST, p 88).

North American Sprint: SSB, 0000Z-0400Z Sep 18 (See Feb QST, p 102, or www.ncjweb.com)

Scandinavian Activity Contest: CW, by Experimenterende Danske Radioamatorer (EDR), Sep 16 1200Z-Sep 17 1200Z (phone Sep 23 1200Z-Sep 24 1200Z). www.sk3bg.se/contest/sacsc.htm.

Washington State Salmon Run: CW/SSB/Digital, by Western Washington DX Club, Sep 16 1600Z-Sep 17 0700Z & Sep 17 1600Z-2400Z. www.wwdxc.org.

South Carolina QSO Party: Phone/CW/Digital, by Columbia Amateur Radio Club (CARC) from Sep 16 1300Z-Sep 17 2100Z. www.kf4ghc.net.

QCWA Fall QSO Party: Phone/CW/Digital, by Quarter Century Wireless Association, Sep 16 1800Z-Sep 17 1800Z. qcwa.org/2006-qso-party-rules.htm.

QRP Afield: CW/Phone/Digital, by New England QRP Club, Sep 16 1500Z-2100Z. www.qsl.net/wq1rp/main.htm.

Get Your Feet Wet Weekend: CW, by FISTS CW Club, Sep 15 0000Z-Sep 18 0000Z. www.fists.org.

CQ Worldwide RTTY DX Contest: by CQ Magazine from Sep 23 0000Z-Sep 24 2400Z. www.cq-amateur-radio.com.

Scandinavian Activity Contest: SSB, 1200Z Sep 23-1200Z Sep 24 (see Sep 16-17).

Texas QSO Party: CW/Phone/Digital, by Northwest Amateur Radio Society (NARS) from Sep 23 1400Z-Sep 24 0200Z & Sep 24 1400Z-2000Z. www.txqp.org.

Fall QRP Homebrewer Sprint: CW/PSK31, by New Jersey QRP Club from Sep 25 0000Z-0400Z. www.njqrp.org.

Arkansas QSO Party: CW/SSB/PSK31, by K1ARK, Sep 30 1600Z-Oct 1 0600Z & Oct 1 1800Z-Oct 2 0200Z. www.arkan.us.

TOEC WW Grid Contest: CW, by Top of Europe Contesters (TOEC) from Sep 30 1200Z-Oct 1 1200Z. www.sk3bg.se/contest/toecwwgc.htm

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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. Plain 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
Treasurer	Frank McInnis
Secretary	Tim Ikeda