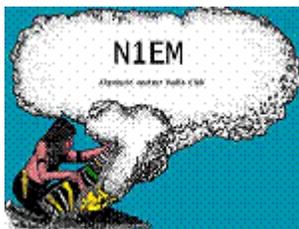


# Algonquin Amateur Radio Club

Founded 1976



## QRZ – The Newsletter for AARC members

[www.n1em.org](http://www.n1em.org)  
September 2007

### Meetings!

**General club meeting :** The next AARC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Marlborough Middle School (on Thresher Drive). Topics include plans for speakers and project nights. This year's theme: "Improve Your Hobby." If you cannot attend, please send any suggestions or goals for this year's program. There are still a few meeting dates that are open for additional events, programs or projects.

**MEMA:** The next MEMA meeting is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Marlborough E.O.C. More MEMA information is available at: <http://www.qsl.net/n1em/EOC/EOChome.html>

### ARRL Field Day 2007

This June, the club hosted Field Day in the Marlborough EOC and manned stations for the entire duration of the event. The club again ran as class 2F this year: two HF, <100W stations and a supplemental VHF/UHF rig. New antennas included a trap-40/80m dipole, a 6m moxon and a 2m beam. In addition to running the full 24 hours of the exercise, adding PSK31 mode to operations help to double our score over that of last year. The lower bands were fine for most of the weekend and there was even a last-minute opening on 6m into Florida. Thanks go to Frank McInnis for organizing the club's efforts and Don Cusson for securing the EOC site for our overnight activities.

### AARC supports the Marlborough Labor Day Parade

Quin Spear organized eleven members and friends to support communications at this year's Labor Day Parade in Marlborough.

### Club dues

The club's new season began on July 1<sup>st</sup> and dues are being collected now. For those without lifetime memberships, the fees are \$10/person or \$15 for a family membership (over 65: \$3).

### The Flea at MIT fall schedule

September 16<sup>th</sup> & October 21<sup>st</sup> - Cambridge MA. The Flea and MIT. In the Albany St. Garage at the corner of Albany & Main Streets. Buyer's gate opens at 9 am.

### Other area fleamarkets...

Oct 6<sup>th</sup>: 19th Annual Amateur Radio & Electronics Hamfest Mt. Tom Amateur Repeater Association. Springfield Turnverein Club, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

<http://www.mtara.org/flea07.html>

Oct 7<sup>th</sup>: Connecticut State Convention, Nutmeg Hamfest Alliance. Mountain Ridge Resort, 300 High Hill Road, Wallingford, CT. <http://www.nutmeghamfest.com>

Oct 12-13<sup>th</sup>: New England Amateur Radio Festival (NEAR-Fest). Deerfield Fairgrounds, Highway 43, Deerfield, NH. <http://www.near-fest.com>

### Operating activities...

A plethora of events and contests are available this month. There are at least two dozen special event stations celebrating the 68<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, and others commemorating 9/11 and hurricane Katrina. The Blue Ridge Bonanza is an ambitious, two-day event with thirteen stations being set up along various portions of the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway. Contact all to qualify for a special certificate.

### September: A selection of special event stations

Sep 14-Sep 16, 0000Z-0000Z, Staten Island, NY. Empire Contest Club, W2007WTC. **World Trade Center Memorial Operation.** 14.200. QSL. [electric911@msn.com](mailto:electric911@msn.com)

Sep 15, 1400Z-2000Z, Hammond, LA. Southeast Louisiana ARC, K5R. **2nd annual commemoration of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.** 14.250 7.250. Certificate. [groups.yahoo.com/group/K5R](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/K5R)

Sep 15, 1600Z-2300Z, San Diego, CA. USS Midway CV-41 COMEDTRA, N16IW. **62nd Commissioning Anniversary of USS Midway CV-41.** 14.325 7.260. QSL. [w9bq@aol.com](mailto:w9bq@aol.com)

Sep 19-Sep 23, 0000Z-2359Z, Santa Ana, CA. W6APD/Anaheim Police ARC, K6P. **POW-MIA Recognition Day, 3rd Fri. in September.** 21.350 18.150 14.253 7.250. QSL. [km6hb@arrl.net](mailto:km6hb@arrl.net)

Sep 21-Sep 22, 2200Z-2000Z, Tionesta, PA. Forest County ARC, K3M. **1st Annual Hamfest/Flea Market** benefiting the Hunting and Fishing Museum of PA. 14.255 7.255 3.865. QSL. [forestcounty@verizon.net](mailto:forestcounty@verizon.net)

Sep 22, 1300Z-2100Z, Moraine State Park, PA. Butler County Amateur Radio Public Service Group, K2BSA/3. **30th Anniversary- 1977 Moraine State Park Jamboree**, at Fall Moraine Trail Council Camporee. 14.260 7.275. Certificate. [cja@fyi.net](mailto:cja@fyi.net)

Sep 22, 1400Z-2000Z, Milton, ON. Mississauga ARC, VE3MIS. **Annual special event operation at Halton Country Radial Railway Museum.** 14.250 7.210. Certificate. [www.marc.on.ca](http://www.marc.on.ca)

Sep 22-Sep 23, 1300Z-2100Z, **Blue Ridge Bonanza: 13 Stations on the Blue Ridge Parkway.** Certificate. [AB4YZ@ARRL.net](mailto:AB4YZ@ARRL.net). Stations are 14.200-14.260 and 7.225-7.285, spaced 5KHz apart (in order of mile marker – lowest miles = lowest freq.)

Mile	Station
0	Rockfish Gap, VA. Roanoke Valley ARC, W4CA.
45.6	Buena Vista, VA. Covington ARC, W4CA.
61.6	Natural Bridge, VA. Roanoke Valley ARC, W4CA.
76.5	Apple Orchard, VA. Lynchburg ARC, W4CA.
84	Peaks of Otter, VA. Roanoke Valley ARC, W4CA.
115.1	Explore Park, VA. Roanoke Valley ARC, W4CA.
176	Mabry Mill, VA. Franklin County ARC, W4CA.
188.8	Groundhog Mountain, VA. Roanoke Valley ARC.
199.5	Fancy Gap, VA. Roanoke Valley ARC, W4CA.
213	Blue Ridge Music Center, VA. Roanoke Val. ARC, W4CA.

217.5 Cumberland Knob, NC. Forsythe ARC, W4NC.  
 317.4 Linville Falls, NC. Forsythe ARC, W4NC.  
 408.6 Mount Pisgah, NC. Forsythe ARC, W4NC.  
 Sep 22-Sep 23, 1400Z-2000Z, Burke, NY. North Franklin ARS, N2NNY. **Boyhood home of Almanzo Wilder, husband of Laura Ingalls.** 14.250 14.050 7.250 7.050. Certificate. k3kyr@arrl.net  
 Sep 27-Sep 30, 1400Z-0200Z, Kingwood, WV. Preston County Amateur Radio Operators, W8B. **66th Annual Preston County Buckwheat Festival.** 14.040 7.040 14.225 7.175. Certificate. Richard Wolfe, PO Box 512, Kingwood, WV 26537.  
 Sep 28-Sep 30, 0000Z-1800Z, Denver, CO. BSA/Denver Area Council, WB7TNE/DAC. **BSA Camporee Denver Area Council.** 146.520BEC 21.360 14.290 7.270 EchoLink Node 63925. QSL. wb7tne@arrl.net  
 Sep 29-Sep 30, **68th Anniv. of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and ISAR 2007 Competition.** Freqs. on 40/20/15/10m. Stations are:  
 Ann Arbor, MI. N8A Marquette, MI. K8G  
 Arleta, CA. W6W Media, PA. K3G  
 Baltimore, MD. K3K Merchantville, NJ. K2C  
 Dallas, TX. N5G Merritt, NC. W1C  
 Fredericksburg, VA. K4F Milford, OH. W8E  
 Honolulu, HI. K6H Palmyra, NE. W0ER  
 Huntington, WV. K8E Paris Landing, TN. N4U  
 Hyattsville, MD. K3A Port Huron, MI. N8B  
 Kansas City, MO. W0Z Rowlett, TX. K8K  
 Lighthouse Point, FL. K4Z St Thomas, VI. N2A  
 Londonderry, NH. N1C Trinity, AL. N4S  
 Sep 29, 1400Z-1900Z, Pittsburgh, PA. USS Requin SS481 ARC, NY3EC. **Reunion for Former Crew Members of USS Requin SS481.** 14.265 14.048 7.265 7.048. Certificate. Art Mueller, WA3BKD, 1532 Millers Run Rd, McDonald, PA 15057.  
 Sep 29-Sep 30, 1400Z-2100Z, Middletown, RI. Newport County Radio Club, W1SYE. **Norman Bird Sanctuary 33rd Annual Harvest Fair.** 14.265 3.940 7.265. QSL. W1SYE, Box 3103, Newport, RI 02840.  
 Sep 29-Sep 30, 1600Z-1600Z, Metropolis, IL. Midwest ARC, W9W. **Celebrating Metropolis, hometown of Superman.** 14.280 7.220. Certificate. n9yws@comcast.net

### A selection of contests in September

#### Sep 8-13

**ARRL September VHF QSO Party,** 1800Z Sep 8-0300Z Sep 10 (see Aug QST, p 103, or [www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests)).

**North American Sprint:** CW, 0000Z-0400Z Sep 9 (see Feb QST, p 99 or [www.ncjweb.com](http://www.ncjweb.com)).

**YLRL Howdy Days:** CW/SSB, by the YL Radio League from 1400Z Sep 11-0200Z Sep 13, [www.ylrl.org](http://www.ylrl.org).

**WAE DX Contest:** SSB, 0000Z Sep 8-2359Z Sep 9 (See Aug QST, p 96, or [www.darc.de/referate/dx](http://www.darc.de/referate/dx)).

**Second-Class Operators Club (SOC) Marathon Sprint:** CW, from 1800Z to 2400Z Sep 8. [www.qsl.net/soc](http://www.qsl.net/soc).

**Arkansas QSO Party:** CW/SSB/PSK31, by K1ARK from 1400Z Sep 8 to 0600Z Sep 9 and 1500Z-2400Z Sep 9. [www.arkan.us](http://www.arkan.us).

**Tennessee QSO Party:** CW/Phone/Digital, by the Tennessee Contest Group from 1800Z Sep 9-0300Z Sep 10. [www.tnqp.org](http://www.tnqp.org).

#### Sep 15-16

**North American Sprint:** SSB, 0000Z-0400Z Sep 18 (see Feb QST, p 102 or [www.ncjweb.com](http://www.ncjweb.com)).

**Scandinavian Activity Contest:** CW, by Suomen Radioamatooriilitto ry (SRAL) from 1200Z Sep 15-1200Z Sep 16 [www.sk3bg.se/contest/sacnsc.htm](http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/sacnsc.htm).

**Washington State Salmon Run:** CW/SSB/Digital, by the Western Washington DX Club from 1600Z Sep 15-0700Z Sep 16 and 1600Z-2400Z Sep 16. [www.wwdxc.org](http://www.wwdxc.org).

**South Carolina QSO Party:** Phone/CW/Digital, by the Columbia ARC from 1300Z Sep 15-2100Z Sep 16. [carc.ham-radio-op.net](http://carc.ham-radio-op.net).

**QCWA Fall QSO Party:** Phone/CW/Digital, by the Quarter Century Wireless Association from 1800Z Sep 15-1800Z Sep 16. [qcwa.org/2007-qso-party-rules.htm](http://qcwa.org/2007-qso-party-rules.htm).

**QRP Afield:** CW/Phone/Digital, by the New England QRP Club, 1500Z-2100Z Sep 15. [www.qsl.net/wq1rp/main.htm](http://www.qsl.net/wq1rp/main.htm).

#### Sep 22-23

**Scandinavian Activity Contest:** SSB, 1200Z Sep 22-1200Z Sep 23 (see Sep 15-16).

#### Sep 29-30

**CQ Worldwide RTTY DX Contest:** by CQ Magazine from 0000Z Sep 29-2400Z Sep 30. [www.cq-amateur-radio.com](http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com).

**Texas QSO Party:** CW/Phone/Digital, by the Northwest ARS from 1400Z Sep 29-0200Z Sep 30 and 1400Z-2000Z Sep 30. [www.txqp.org](http://www.txqp.org).

**TOEC WW Grid Contest:** CW, by the Top of Europe Contesters (TOEC) from 1200Z Sep 29-1200Z Sep 30. [www.sk3bg.se/contest/toecwwgc.htm](http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/toecwwgc.htm).

**CQIR Ireland Calling:** CW/SSB, by the Irish Radio Transmitters Society from 1200Z Sep 29-1200Z Sep 30. [www.irts.ie](http://www.irts.ie).

**Fall QRP Homebrewer Sprint:** CW, by New Jersey QRP Club from 0000Z-0400Z Sep 25. [www.njqrp.org](http://www.njqrp.org).

**FISTS Coast to Coast Contest:** CW, sby FISTS Northwest Club, K7FFF, from 1700Z Sep 29-1700Z Sep 30. [www.tomochka.com/k7fff](http://www.tomochka.com/k7fff).

**Classic Exchange:** AM/SSB, from 1300Z Sep 30-0700Z Oct 1. [qsl.asti.com/CX](http://qsl.asti.com/CX).

*(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. 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 (K1DIN)
Vice President	Ron Wood (W1PLW)
Treasurer	Frank McInnis (K1IX)
Secretary	Tim Ikeda (KA1OS)