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President's Corner

After years of off-and-on discussion and approval at the March meeting, AARC now has a storage room. Special thanks to Ken, Deb, Ann, Jed and Barrie who corralled much of the club's property. Joe also hosted two more successful tech nights in March.

The April meeting speaker will be AARC's own vice president, Skip K1NKR, presenting amateur image modes.

The April meeting also includes officer nominations for 2022-2023. If you have ever considered taking an officer role in AARC, please consider accepting nomination. If you have ideas for the club and would like to take a leadership role in making them happen, this is the time to make your case. If you have any questions, contact any of the officers.

We hope to see you at the April meeting.

73 de w1ku (Mike)

Dues and Membership Forms

Membership dues along with updated membership forms for membership year 2021/2022 are due before or at the April 2022 meeting. These can be submitted in-person to the Treasurer, Ken Horton KA1GFN, or sent to the club's PO Box shown at the top of the form. The membership form can be downloaded from the club's website.

[Membership Form \(PDF Format\)](#)

Northeast HamXposition 2022 ARRL New England Division Convention

August 26, 27, and 28th in Marlborough, Massachusetts.
<http://hamxposition.org>

April Meeting (In-person)

The next AARC meeting will be hybrid held on April 14th at 7:30pm in the library of the 1st Lt. Charles W. Whitcomb Middle School, 25 Union Ave, Marlboro, MA. Enter from Agoritsas Drive next to police station and use Door #1 at rear of building.

Amateur Radio License Applications Fee

New Amateur Radio License Applications Fee To Become Effective April 19, 2022. This fee will apply to new licenses, renewals and vanity calls. It will not apply to license upgrades or administrative changes.

MMRA VE Session

On Saturday, April 16th at 9:00am, the Minuteman Repeater Association (MMRA) will hold a VE session at the Marlboro Central Fire Station (EOC), 215 Maple St (RT 85), Marlborough, MA.

[More Info](#)

AARC Tech Night

The club is currently holding Tech Night on the 4th Thursday of every month to discuss topics pertaining to Amateur Radio. The next class will be held on Thursday, 4/28/2022. This month it will be conducted in-person at the Marlboro Fire Station (EOC), 215 Maple St (RT 85), Marlborough, MA. The topic for discussion is antenna construction.

For additional information contact Joe KA1GDQ who will also be sending out further information.

Algonquin Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 258, Marlboro, MA 01752

The Algonquin Amateur Radio Club holds meetings the second Thursday of each month at 7:30pm. There is no meeting in July and August. Meetings are held at the 1st Lt. Charles W. Whitcomb Middle School, 25 Union Ave, Marlboro, MA. / Door #1. Anyone with an interest in Amateur Radio is welcome to attend.

The AARC operates the N1EM/R 446.675 PL 88.5 repeater in Marlboro. Access to the repeater is open to all licensed Amateur Radio operators. A controlled net is conducted on the N1EM repeater every Sunday evening at 7pm.

2021-22 Club Officers / Appointments

President	Mike Powell	W1KU
Vice President	Skip Youngberg	K1NKR
Secretary	Tim Ikeda	KA1OS
Treasurer	Ken Horton	KA1GFN
Activities	Joe Reynolds	KA1GDQ
Newsletter	Ken Horton	KA1GFN
Website	Sandor Toth	NB1N

Museum Musings—The Spirit of ‘76

Well, maybe not museum but old newsletters and such. As the club was arranging for permanent, central storage space, Ann, KA1PON, said that she had “lots of old club records.” I volunteered to review, purge, organize, and archive them.

The first step was to read through old copies of the club newsletter. It was a way to kill a few cold evenings in March.

Our newsletter was originally “QRZ, The Monthly Bulletin of the Algonquin Amateur Radio Club.” Volume 1, Issue 1 was April 1976. Subsequent publication apparently skipped July (and December?). Over the years the newsletter has run two (occasionally one) to eight pages. The name “QRZ” lasted through at least 1992; that’s the extent of the “lots of old club records” that I “inherited.”

From Issue 1: “The second meeting of the newly-organized Amateur Radio Club was conducted on 24 March 1976, in St Mary’s school, Broad St, Marlboro. You may wonder why the club remains unnamed. Very simple, we’ve had several considered: Marlboro AR Club, Middlesex AR Club, and Highland City Club. Those who have attended the last meetings strongly feel that we should wait until the membership is increased and they can select a name representative of all towns surrounding Marlboro—a very reasonable approach. So for the time being your club will remain unnamed.” (The name “Algonquin” was adopted before the 2 May issue, but the newsletter was immediately named the QRZ in April.)

The 1976 through 1992 issues that I’ve reviewed so far were pretty much pre-computer as we know it: typed and reproduced. In the oldest of the old days they were in all-uppercased, too. (Was it a Commodore or a TRS-80?) And remember mimeograph? And postage stamps?

Topics:

- Repeaters, early space station stuff, dinner dances (yes, dinner dances)
- Chasing after delinquent dues
- Heavy DX emphasis
- News: FCC, births, local contest results. And lots of non-news
- Inserts of lists, QST articles, operating aids, repeater lists
- Technical quizzes

Things I learned:

- There was a prior KA1OS in the club.
- For a long while there was a Club net on HF (sometimes 21MHz, sometimes 3.5MHz).
- Flea market came and went, and came, and...

Throughout the years, there were irregular presentations at meetings, but at least once there was a move to limit

business meetings to one hour to allow for speaker time. Some things never change.

History is interesting and informative. Now I’ll head on to some other records. There are some newspaper clippings, correspondence of affiliation, and municipal proclamations. Everything will be eventually recorded on a CD-ROM and only the most valuable retained as hardcopy artifacts.

de Skip, K1NKR

AARC Sunday Night Net

Please join us every Sunday Night at 7:00pm on the 446.675 repeater (PL 88.5 / -5.0mhz Offset). You do not need to be a member of the club and all licensed amateur radio operators are welcome to check-in.

de Joe, KA1GDQ

ARRL Contests

April 10 : Rookie Roundup - Phone

[More info](#)

ARRL Hamfests & Conventions

4/9/2022 - Seacoast Amateur Radio Flea Market

Location: Hampton, NH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Port City ARC

Website: www.w1wqm.org

[More info](#)

4/24/2022 - ECARA Flea Market

Location: Thompson, CT

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Assoc.

Website: <http://www.ecara.net/>

[More info](#)

4/29/2022 - 4/30/2022

New England Amateur Radio Festival (NEAR-Fest)

Location: Deerfield, NH

Type: non-ARRL Convention

Sponsor: FEMARA

Website: <https://near-fest.com>

[More info](#)

VE Exam Sessions

Date : 4/9/2022
Sponsor: Braintree EMA
Location: BEMA Garage Sunset Lake (No walk-ins)
Time: 9:30am & 10:30am (Register or Call ahead)
[More Info](#)

Date : 4/9/2022
Sponsor: Port City ARC, Greenland NH
Location: Piscataqua Fish & Game Club
Time: 12:00pm (Walk-ins allowed)
[More info](#)

Date : 4/14/2022
Sponsor: Billerica Amt Radio Society
Location: Chelmsford Bible Church Pre-Register
Time: 7:00pm (Walk-ins allowed / Pre-Register)
[More info](#)

Date : 4/16/2022
Sponsor: Minuteman Repeater Association
Location: Marlborough Fire Department
Time: 9:00am (Walk-ins allowed)
[More info](#)

Date : 4/18/2022
Sponsor: BCRA VE TEAM
Location: South Swansea Baptist Church
Time: 5:30pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
[More info](#)

Date : 4/21/2022
Sponsor: Canton EMA & EMARG
Location: Mansfield Fish & Game Club
Time: 7:00pm (Walk-ins allowed)
[More info](#)

Date : 4/23/2022
Sponsor: ALERT/West Rockingham ARES
Location: Londonberry Police Dept, NH
Time: 8:00am (Walk-ins allowed)
[More info](#)

Date : 4/23/2022
Sponsor: CCDX ARC
Location: CT River Sportsmen's Club, Swanzey, NH
Time: 3:00pm (Walk-ins allowed)
[More info](#)

Date : 4/23/2022
Sponsor: North Shore RA, Winthrop
Location: American Legion Building Lower Level
Time: 12:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
[More info](#)

Date : 5/7/2022
Sponsor: Port City ARC, Greenland NH
Location: Piscataqua Fish & Game Club
Time: 2:00pm (Walk-ins allowed)
[More info](#)

Date : 5/12/2022
Sponsor: Billerica Amt Radio Society
Location: Chelmsford Bible Church Pre-Register
Time: 7:00pm (Walk-ins allowed / Pre-Register)
[More info](#)

Date : 5/14/2022
Sponsor: Braintree EMA
Location: BEMA Garage Sunset Lake (No walk-ins)
Time: 9:30am & 10:30am (Register or Call ahead)
[More info](#)

Date : 5/16/2022
Sponsor: BCRA VE TEAM
Location: South Swansea Baptist Church
Time: 5:30pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
[More info](#)

Date : 5/19/2022
Sponsor: Canton EMA & EMARG
Location: Mansfield Fish & Game Club
Time: 7:00pm (Walk-ins allowed)
[More info](#)

Date : 5/21/2022
Sponsor: Minuteman Repeater Association
Location: Marlborough Fire Department
Time: 9:00am (Walk-ins allowed)
[More info](#)

Date : 5/28/2022
Sponsor: North Shore RA, Winthrop
Location: American Legion Building Lower Level
Time: 12:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
[More info](#)