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## President's Corner

Happy Spring...

I want to share the ARRL theme for this coming year. "Always be positive when making comments to another ham operator." Any criticism should be made in a positive manner to not discourage the other operator. An excellent plan for keeping all hams involved in the hobby.

Congrats to Troy, KC1RUC at Hudson High School for having the students on the repeater most Friday mornings. The students usually have questions to ask about activities that they like and if you share that activity. Please remember simple answers will keep the students involved. I know it is difficult to give simple answers but we must remember they are teenagers and that is many years ago in our past!!!!

Belated thank you to Ken, KA1GFN and Deb, N1NVJ for picking up and returning all the supplies for the Flea Market from the storage area. It is a great help to have all supplies in one place. Thank you again.

See all at the meeting April 13th at 7:30 pm. Dennis, WIUE will be speaking about digital involvement in the ham radio hobby.

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Ann, KA1PON

## Treasurer's Report - March 2023

Income was \$30 from membership dues and expenses were \$360 for Flea Market bus.

Ken, KA1GFN

## April Meeting

The next AARC meeting will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the library of the 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Charles W. Whitcomb Middle School, 25 Union St, Marlboro, MA. **Enter from Agoritsas Drive next to police station and use Door #1 at rear of building. Due to a concert that evening do not enter from the front of the school due to traffic.**

## Membership Dues 2022/23

Dues for the 2022/23 are due if you have not already paid. Membership forms and dues can be sent to the club's PO Box or can be paid at the meeting. Dues are \$10 for individuals and \$20 for family. Checks should be made payable to AARC. If you have any questions contact Ken KA1GFN by email at [treasurer@n1em.org](mailto:treasurer@n1em.org).

[Download Membership Form](#)

## AARC Sunday Night Net

Please join us every Sunday Night at 7:00pm on the N1EM/R 446.675- (PL 88.5) repeater. You do not need to be a member of the club. All licensed amateur radio operators are welcome and encouraged to check-in.

## MMRA VE Session

On Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am, the Minuteman Repeater Association (MMRA) will hold a VE session at the City Church, 72 Jefferson Street, Second Floor, (Shoe Box Building), Marlborough, MA 01752.

[More Info](#)

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Charles W. Whitcomb Middle School, 25 Union St, 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.

## 2022-23 Club Officers / Appointments

President	Ann Weldon	KA1PON
Vice President	Steve Babbitt	KC1LPZ
Secretary	Tim Ikeda	KA1OS
Treasurer	Ken Horton	KA1GFN
Activities	Open	
Newsletter	Ken Horton	KA1GFN
Website	Sandor Toth	NB1N

## Club Constitution Updated

Our Constitution as updated at our 9 March 2023 meeting. There were three areas of change:

1 – The number of officers was reduced to be the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The position of Activities Manager was removed. This role can be appointed and can be more flexible. For example, one person can be responsible for meeting speakers, another for an event like the ships weekend and so forth. It was also suggested that a person be appointed to be responsible for managing the club's inventory of supplies and equipment.

2 – The language of the Constitution was changed to allow the use of electronic technologies for meetings and communication.

3 – A section was added regarding how the club's assets shall be handled in the event that the club is dissolved.

The proposed changes were announced and discussed at the 9 February 2023 meeting. Paper mail ballots were sent out to all paid members with a SASE. Ann, KA1PON, hand addressed all the envelopes. Ken, KA1GFN, collected the returns and tabulated the results.

We have 41 paid members. There were 35 votes received. All votes were in favor of the changes. The proposed changes passed with 85 percent of the total membership voting in favor and no votes against the change. The required threshold to approve the change was 66 percent.

Our webmaster, Sandor NB1N, has posted the new document on our web. It is posted on the "Join" page.

Eric Williams, KV1J

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## ARRL Hamfests - April 2023

4/8/2023 - Seacoast Amateur Radio Flea Market

Location: Hampton, NH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Port City Amateur Radio Club

Website: <https://w1wqm.org/>

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4/23/2023 - ECARA Flea Market

Location: Thompson, CT

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association

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

[More info](#)

## Local Club History

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In 1923, Henry Ford bought the property we now recognize as Longfellow's Wayside Inn in Sudbury, very close to the Marlborough line. In 1928 he established a school at the Wayside Inn site. Originally dubbed the Wayside Inn Trade School, the school eventually became identified as the Wayside Inn Boys School in 1932. The Sudbury endeavor was not new. Earlier, in 1916 Ford had established what became a trade school in Dearborn with an enrolment of 1800. The local school was never even one-tenth that size.

Ford's Sudbury school supported a bit over 100 boys who had been selected from among Massachusetts' foster home communities. "Supported" worked both ways because the students were paid a stipend of 20 cents per hour for eight hours per day and a six-day week, from which they paid \$7.00 for room and board and were expected to budget the remainder for personal use.

Ford had quite particular ideas about education and its role in fulfilling society's needs. The program had a four-year curriculum (starting at age 14 or 15) and placed 1/3 emphasis on academics and 2/3 emphasis on practical learning by doing. All students took the full curriculum of classes ranging from english, mathematics, biology, physics, and civics to electricity, steam fitting, plumbing, and agriculture.

Nice local history, but what's this got to do with us?

On October 30, 1929, one of the boys' diary entries included, "Tonight the Radio Club [note capitalization] had their first lesson in Morse code which we are all eager to learn."

A later (4 November) diary entry reads, "In the evening the boys are doing washing, practicing, and building their radios. Some are reading, listening to the radio, and so forth." Building? Hmmm...

But (February 8, 1932), "Haskell and Hays have strung a set of wires between their dormitories for the purpose of communicating with one another by code... only these two fellows have had the perseverance enough to keep at the code until they could learn it well enough to communicate with one another... every morning they sit on the beds and send jokes back and forth between rooms while their laughter irritates those who do not understand the dots and dashes..."

Might having a no-code Tech ninety years ago have spawned the first long-lasting radio club in the area?