



# QRZ

The Newsletter for AARC members

- Club Meeting (**Online at 7:00pm**)
- Sunday Night Net & DMR NE Swap Net
- Lantern Battery Challenge (LBC)
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## President's Corner

As we close out 2020, I look back on a successful if unusual year for AARC. We were extremely fortunate to have a busy and well-attended flea market in February before the shutdowns began. We transitioned to virtual meetings and remote speakers early in the pandemic. In May, AARC welcomed two new officers to expand our pool of club leaders. We had a successful Field Day in June at Crow Island while following physical distancing recommendations.

Using amateur radio, the club came together while physically apart for Halloween Schoolwatch, one of AARC's core service activities for the city of Marlborough.

The weekly club net has seen increased check-ins during the pandemic, and several members have stepped up as net control operators. Finally AARC is encouraging creative and social operating this winter (December - March) through the "lantern battery challenge."

In lieu of our annual banquet to celebrate the club's year, we will hold an informal social hour over Zoom on December 10th at 7:00pm (**note time is earlier than regular meetings**). Join us for some trivia on amateur radio and the club. The membership at the November meeting expressed hope that sometime in 2021 we can gather for a true in-person celebration.

Happy holidays. Stay safe smartly through this winter with hope for a brighter 2021.

73 de Mike w1ku

## December Meeting (**Online**)

The next AARC meeting will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup> at **7:00pm online**. Information on joining this virtual meeting will be sent out in advance via email. See President's Corner for additional information.

## Treasurer's Report

There was no income to report for the month of November. The club purchased two copies of the Gordon West Technician Class including DVD for a total of \$47.72 and these will be available for club members to borrow. Also, a donation of \$50 was made to QSL.net for the website and email.

## 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.

## SUNDAY NIGHT NET NEEDS OPERATORS

The AARC Sunday Night Net is looking for Net Control Operators. I would like to have 4-8 operators so we can rotate it around. This way I don't have to do everyone Sunday. My work schedule, for the next 6+ months, is going to be 12hrs on many Sundays (almost every other Sunday).

So please sign up. I will have a quick training session and everyone will get a copy of the script (if you haven't received one already).

Thank you

de Joe KA1GDQ

## 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 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.

## 2020-21 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

## Lantern Battery Challenge (LBC)

AARC's Lantern Battery Challenge kicked off at 0000Z on 1 December, but you can start anytime! See the [November newsletter](#) for info and the AARClst announcement with the rules (the few rules that there are). [Click here to view rules](#)

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## VE Exam Sessions

Date : 12/10/2020  
Sponsor: Canton EMA & EMARG  
Location: Mansfield Fish & Game Club, Mansfield  
Time: 7:00pm (Walk-ins allowed - Please pre-register)  
[More info](#)

Date : 12/12/2020  
Sponsor: Braintree EMA  
Location: BEMA Garage Sunset Lake  
Time: 08:30am (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)  
[More info](#)

Date : 12/12/2020  
Sponsor: Braintree EMA  
Location: BEMA Garage Sunset Lake  
Time: 09:30am (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)  
[More Info](#)

Date : 12/12/2020  
Sponsor: ALERT/West Rockingham ARES  
Location: Londonderry Video Center, Londerry , NH  
Time: 08:00am (Walk-ins allowed)  
[More Info](#)

Date : 12/12/2020  
Sponsor: Blackstone Valley ARC, Inc.  
Location: Our Saviours Parish, Woonsocket, RI  
Time: 09:00am (Walk-ins allowed, pre-registration via email preferred)  
[More Info](#)

Date : 12/21/2020  
Sponsor: BCRA VE Team  
Location: TBD, Swansea, MA  
Time: 5:30pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)  
[More info](#)

Date : 12/23/2020  
Sponsor: MIT Radio Exam Team  
Location: MIT Campus, Room 1-150 MIT, Boston  
Time: 7:30pm (Walk-ins allowed)  
[More info](#)

Date : 12/26/2020  
Sponsor: North Shore RA  
Location: American Legion Building, Winthrop, MA  
Time: 12:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)  
[More info](#)

## DMR New England Digital Swap Net

WHEN: **MONDAY NIGHTS at 9:00pm** for 1 hour  
WHERE: NEDECN "NEW ENGLAND WIDE",  
3181 TALK GROUP  
NET CONTROLS: K1NR, WA1NVC, N1JAF, NE1B  
<https://groups.io/g/NewEnglandDigitalSwapNet>

You can read the For Sale items, and if you join, you can post For Sale items.

de Gene, K1NR

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## ARRL Contests

December 4-6 : 160 Meter Contest  
[More info](#)

December 12-13 : 10 Meter Contest  
[More info](#)

December 20 : Rookie Roundup (CW)  
[More info](#)