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President's Corner

With nearly 2 feet of snow last weekend and the groundhog seeing his shadow today, at least we are halfway through Winter. During one cold January weekend, I attended a virtual AARL New England Division cabinet meeting, organized by newly-elected director Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC. Much of the discussion focused on club activities and engaging with new licensees of all ages.

In the spirit of connecting to new amateurs, AARC had an excellent January "Tech Night" organized by our Activities Director Joe, KA1GDQ. A mix of new and not-so-new amateurs joined on Zoom, and between the planned topics and the informal chat, I think everyone learned something. Another virtual event is planned for this month.

The February AARC meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on the 10th in the Whitcomb Middle School library and on Zoom. The main agenda will be preparation for the flea market on Saturday February 19th.

73, de w1ku (Mike)

Treasurer's Report

Income for January was \$315 from Flea Market table reservations, \$50 from membership dues and a \$20 donation. Expenses were \$159.27 for annual renewal of Zoom license and \$31.16 for masks for Flea Market.

de Ken, KA1GFN

February Meeting (Hybrid)

The next AARC meeting will be hybrid held on February 10th 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. The meeting will also be held online via Zoom. Anyone with an interest in Amateur Radio is welcome to attend. See President's Corner for additional information.

AARC 2022 Flea Market

The AARC 2022 Flea Market will be held on Saturday, February 19, at the Marlborough 1Lt Charles W. Whitcomb School (formerly the Intermediate/Middle School) 25 Union St. or off Bolton St. (Rt. 85) Marlborough, MA. The MMRA will hold a VE session at 9am.

Volunteers will be needed the day of the Flea Market and the evening before to assist with setup. There will be further discussion at the January meeting.

Masks will be required to be worn by everyone at all times while inside school building.

[Flea Market Flyer \(PDF Format\)](#)

[More info](#)

AARC VE Session

On Saturday, February 19th at 9:00am, the Algonquin Amateur Radio Club (AARC) will hold a VE session at the Algonquin Amateur Radio Club Flea Market.

[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 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

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| 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 |

Welcome Newcomers

Here's to our recent licensees! Most of you were locals; some from farther away merely availed themselves of convenience the MMRC/AARC VE session.

In an era when the average age of Radio Amateurs increases every year, accessing even (pardon the expression) mature, grown-ups helps immensely on that statistic.

Now, thanks to the club's new licensee membership policy, you have the opportunity to become active members. Emphasis on active: don't let newcomer status get in the way. Case in point. A few years ago I had the privilege of being on the training team at the Nashua Area Radio Club (Society) that licensed Jamie Finchum AC1DC, his teenage son Connor KC1GGX, and his pre-teen daughter Abby AB1BY. The three became active, stalwart members of that club, participating heavily in contests, demonstrations, and Field Days; introducing outdoor activities like Summit On The Air; and accepting appointments and officerships. They grew as their interest in and contribution to the hobby matured.

Being active is important. We're a unique club in that we have a constitutionally-defined Activities Manager. I've been in a number of clubs on both coasts and in Europe; none have had such an officer. In most clubs the president and VP either share the load of managing activities or appoint temporary chair people to do so for each activity. Having a CEO-like officer like Activities Manager minimizes this burden on our other officers and keeps them focused on the business of keeping the club on a sound footing.

Joe KA1GDQ is our Activities Manager. Being at the helm of everything from the Sunday Night Net to Field Day, to the flea market, to our participation in Museum Ships Weekend and many, many other activities, he does immense service for the club. But it takes more than one person to run a club—it takes active members to do so. Remember his repeated pleas to establish a rotation of net control stations for Sunday night?

And that's where new (and not-so-new) members can help. Don't be hesitant to step up. We have myriad activities that would benefit from new blood—or at least a few new calories of support. You'll learn something. You'll advance in the hobby. And you'll support what has always been intended as your club.

de Skip, K1NKR

Dues and Membership Forms

Membership dues along with updated membership forms for membership year 2021/2022 are due before or at the March 2022 meeting. They 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 \(PDF Format\)](#)

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

VE Exam Sessions

Date : 2/5/2022

Sponsor: Port City ARC, Greenland NH

Location: Piscataqua Fish & Game Club

Time: 2:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

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Date : 2/6/2022

Sponsor: New England Amt Radio Inc

Location: New England Sci-Tech, Natick

Time: 1:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

[More Info](#)

Date : 2/8/2022

Sponsor: New England Amt Radio Inc

Location: New England Sci-Tech, Natick

Time: 6:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

[More Info](#)

Date : 2/10/2022

Sponsor: Billerica Amt Radio Society

Location: Chelmsford Bible Church Pre-Register

Time: 7:00pm (Walk-ins allowed / Pre-Register)

[More info](#)

Date : 2/12/2022

Sponsor: Braintree EMA

Location: BEMA Garage Sunset Lake (No walk-ins)

Time: 9:30am & 10:30am (Register or Call ahead)

[More info](#)

Date : 2/19/2022

Sponsor: Algonquin Amt Radio Club Flea Market

Location: Lt. Charles W Whitcomb School, Marlboro

Time: 9:00am (Walk-ins allowed)

[More info](#)

VE Exam Sessions (Continued)

Date : 2/19/2022
Sponsor: ALERT/West Rockingham ARES
Location: Londonberry Police Dept, NH
Time: 8:00am (Walk-ins allowed)
[More info](#)

Date : 2/21/2022
Sponsor: BCRA VE TEAM
Location: South Swansea Baptist Church
Time: 5:30pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
[More info](#)

Date : 2/22/2022
Sponsor: New England Amt Radio Inc
Location: New England Sci-Tech, Natick
Time: 6:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
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Date : 2/26/2022
Sponsor: North Shore RA, Winthrop
Location: American Legion Building Lower Level
Time: 12:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
[More info](#)

Date : 2/22/2022
Sponsor: New England Amt Radio Inc
Location: New England Sci-Tech, Natick
Time: 1:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
[More info](#)

Date : 3/5/2022
Sponsor: Port City ARC, Greenland NH
Location: Piscataqua Fish & Game Club
Time: 2:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
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Date : 3/8/2022
Sponsor: New England Amt Radio Inc
Location: New England Sci-Tech, Natick
Time: 6:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
[More Info](#)

Date : 3/10/2022
Sponsor: Billerica Amt Radio Society
Location: Chelmsford Bible Church Pre-Register
Time: 7:00pm (Walk-ins allowed / Pre-Register)
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ARRL Contests

February 14-18 : School Club Roundup
[More info](#)

February 19-20 : International DX - CW
[More info](#)

March 5-6 : International DX - Phone
[More info](#)

April 10 : Rookie Roundup - Phone
[More info](#)

Boston Marathon

The BAA is still seeking Amateur Radio volunteers for the Boston Marathon which takes place on Monday, April 18, 2022. Volunteer registration will close on February 18, 2022.

[More info](#)

QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo

The next QSO Virtual Ham Expo will take place on March 12 & 13, 2022.

[More info](#)