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The Newsletter for AARC members

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## President's Corner

At our May meeting the current officers were re-elected and all accepted for another year beginning in July.

Our June meeting is traditionally project night. Members are encouraged to share brief descriptions or updates of amateur-radio-related projects. No slides required; taking advantage of the virtual meeting by pointing your webcam at a bench is just fine!

AARC is preparing to participate in field day at Crow Island in a joint operation with the Waltham Amateur Radio Association (WARA, W1MHL). Several of our members, including Crow-Island host and liaison Ron N1CNG, have been meeting with WARA to develop plans. We will provide an update at the June meeting.

In a hopeful sign for normalcy, Marlborough plans to have the Labor Day Parade in 2021. AARC typically provides support for this event with planning taking place over the summer. Also, the middle school has (tentatively) agreed we can meet in the library next fall.

Thanks to our members for participating in recent public service to the city of Marlborough.

I hope to see you on Thursday.

73,  
de w1ku (Mike)

## Treasurer's Report

There was no income for May to report. Expenses were a \$25 for an Amazon gift card for Gordon West (WB6NOA) who was the speaker at our monthly meeting.

de Ken, KA1GFN

## June Meeting (Online)

The next AARC meeting will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm online via Zoom. Information on joining this virtual meeting will be sent out in advance via email. See President's Corner for additional information.

## 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.

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. So please sign up. I will send a copy of the script to anyone that has not received one and have a quick training session.

The slides from the net are now available on the club's website and will be updated every couple of weeks.

[N1EM.org](http://N1EM.org)

de Joe, KA1GDQ

## HamXposition is ON!

HamXposition - September 10th, 11th, and 12th, 2021 at the Best Western Royal Plaza in Marlborough, MA.

[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 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

## Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The Marlborough Emergency Management Team, which includes many hams from the Algonquin ARC, supported the bi-annual joint Hudson-Marlborough Household Hazardous Waste Collection event on May 22. This was the first event since the one and a half year hiatus due to the COVID restrictions. This resulted in even higher volumes than we have seen in past years. With the pent up demand, we had cars already filling the queue in a 0.6 mile double row before we opened at 9 AM.

The rain held out and it was a warm day with our team on duty from 8 AM till the last car went through the queue at 1:20 PM. While we had the N1EM UHF repeater as a backup, this year we used the new EMA Motorola handhelds on the EMA VHF public service frequency.

A total of 491 cars were serviced. This was over 10 percent more than past years and we were open for 1 hour less time. We did expect the vendor to have a faster throughput then they had this time. So we could have serviced more cars since we turned cars away at the end.

Thanks to the following hams that helped out -  
Ann Weldon KA1PON  
Steve Babbitt KC1LPZ  
Frank McInnis K1IX  
Matthew Williams W1MAT  
Ed Fitzgerald K1DIN  
Jim Whelan KX1M  
John Shoucair KC1OYG  
Eric Williams KV1J

Thank You to all for putting in the extra effort to make this a success!  
Eric Williams  
Communications Officer – Marlborough EMA

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## DMR New England Digital Swap Net

**Note time change for swap net.**

WHEN: **MONDAY NIGHTS at 7:30pm** 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.

## FCC License Fee Update

On December 30th, the FCC published a report and order indicating they have lowered the proposed amateur radio license fee from \$50 to \$35. The fee is not implemented yet. **If your license expires soon, remember that licenses can be renewed as early as 90 days before expiration to stay ahead of the fee.** The effective date of the fee schedule has not been established, but it will be announced at least 30 days in advance.

The proposed GMRS license fee was also lowered from \$50 to \$35, down from the current fee of \$70. The license term will remain unchanged at 10 years.

[More Info](#)

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## ARRL Hamfests

Date : 8/29/2021  
Event: Western Connecticut Hamfest  
Sponsor: Candlewood Radio Association  
Website: <http://cararadioclub.org>  
Location: Newtown, CT  
[More info](#)

Date : 9/10/2021 - 9/12/2021  
Event: Northeast HamXposition,  
ARRL New England Division Convention  
Sponsor: FEMARA  
Website: <http://hamxposition.org>  
Location: Marlborough, MA  
[More info](#)

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## ARRL Contests

June 12-14 : June VHF  
[More info](#)

June 19 : Kids Day  
[More info](#)

June 26-27 : Field Day, **ARRL to extend rule waivers from 2020, with addition of Class D and E power limits of 150W PEP**  
[More info](#)

July 10-11 : IRAU HF World Championship  
[More info](#)

August 7-8 : - 222MHz and Up Distance Contest  
[More info](#)

August 21-22 : 10GHz & Up - Round 1  
[More info](#)

August 22 : Rookie Roundup - RTTY  
[More info](#)

## VE Exam Sessions

Date : 6/5/2021  
Sponsor: Port City ARC, Greenland NH  
Location: Piscataqua Fish & Game Club  
Time: 2:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)  
[More info](#)

Date : 6/12/2021  
Sponsor: Braintree EMA  
Location: BEMA Garage Sunset Lake, Braintree MA  
Time: 8:30am (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)  
[More info](#)

Date : 6/12/2021  
Sponsor: Braintree EMA  
Location: BEMA Garage Sunset Lake  
Time: 9:30am (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)  
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Date : 6/13/2021  
Sponsor: New England Amt Radio Inc  
Location: New England Sci-Tech, Natick MA  
Time: 1:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)  
[More Info](#)

Date : 6/15/2021  
Sponsor: New England Amt Radio Inc  
Location: New England Sci-Tech, Natick MA  
Time: 6:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)  
[More Info](#)

Date : 6/17/2021  
Sponsor: Canton EMA & EMARG  
Location: Mansfield Fish & Game Club  
Time: 7:00pm (Walk-ins allowed)  
[More info](#)

Date : 6/19/2021  
Sponsor: GSARA, Manchester NH  
Location: Brookside Congregational Church  
Time: 9:00am (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)  
[More Info](#)

Date : 6/21/2021  
Sponsor: BCRA VE Team, Swansea MA  
Location: TBD  
Time: 5:30pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)  
[More Info](#)

Date : 6/23/2021  
Sponsor: MIT Radio Exam Team  
Location: MIT Campus, Room 1-150 MIT, Boston  
Time: 7:30pm (Walk-ins allowed)  
[More info](#)

## VE Exam Sessions (Continued)

Date : 6/26/2021  
Sponsor: New England Amt Radio Inc  
Location: New England Sci-Tech, Natick MA  
Time: 7:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)  
[More info](#)

Date : 6/26/2021  
Sponsor: North Shore RA, Winthrop, MA  
Location: American Legion Building - Lower Level  
Time: 12:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)  
[More info](#)

Date : 6/29/2021  
Sponsor: New England Amt Radio Inc  
Location: New England Sci-Tech, Natick MA  
Time: 6:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)  
[More info](#)