



# QRZ

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## President's Corner

Thanks to all of the club members who helped make a successful 2022 Flea Market. The return of the flea market after 2 years is a significant milestone for the AARC and the local amateur-radio community. Many vendors and buyers were happy to be back. Perhaps we are turning a page on the covid era and can look forward to more in-person club activities.

Next month is April which means nominations for 2022-2023 club officers. Please consider contributing to AARC as an officer. If you have any questions about taking on a leadership role in the club, please feel free to contact myself or the other officers. Expanding the talent pool with new officers builds expertise and experience to sustain the club.

Our March club meeting will remain hybrid at the Middle School library and on Zoom. Dom, N1DM, will present on satellites.

73 de w1ku (Mike)

## AARC Tech Night via Zoom

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, 3/24/2022.

Since March has an extra week there will also be an open discussion night held on Thursday, 3/31/2022.

Classes will be held via Zoom. Although registration is required to attend, you will only be required to register once and then be able to attend all future classes.

For additional information contact Joe KA1GDQ.

[Register](#)

## March Meeting (Hybrid)

The next AARC meeting will be hybrid held on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the library of the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## 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. 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 \(PDF Format\)](#)

## 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

## MMRA VE Session

On Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

## 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.

## 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

## AARC 2022 Flea Market

The Flea Market which was held on February 19th, 2022 was a huge success thanks to everyone. The weather cooperated as well. There was no snow, and temperatures were seasonable. Seems that we had one of the better weekends of the month compared to what the weather could have been.

We met on Friday at 12:30pm to assist the custodians move all the desks from the cafeterias and setup the tables. Due to the current situation the school is utilizing desks rather than tables in both cafeterias. Friday evening we met again at 6pm to complete the setup in order to be ready Saturday morning upon arrival at 6am.

Thank you from all the officers to everyone, including school staff, that helped with the setup on Friday and the Flea Market on Saturday. Also, to the Flea Market Chairperson Ann KA1PON for her time and effort organizing the event who also thanks everyone for their help.

Friday afternoon volunteers were :

Ann (KA1PON)  
Deb (N1NVJ)  
Joe (KA1GDQ)  
Ken (KA1GFN)  
Steve (KC1LPZ)  
Sue (WB2OSY)

Friday evening volunteers were :

Ann (KA1PON)  
Dan (AC1JL)  
Deb (N1NVJ)  
Jim (KC1KZF)  
Joe (KA1GDQ)  
Ken (KA1GFN)

Saturday volunteers were :

Ann (KA1PON)  
Dan (AC1JL)  
Dave (KB1OUV)  
Deb (N1NVJ)  
Dianne (KA1NOJ)  
Jeff (KC1QFD)  
Jim (KC1KZF)  
Joe (KA1GDQ)  
Ken (KA1GFN)  
Kevin (AE1EI)  
Sue (WB2OSY) assisted with the cleanup at 12pm.

Tim (KA1OS) provided talk-in on the MMRA repeater. The AARC would like to thank the MMRA for the use of their repeaters.

Steve (KC1LPZ) assisted the MMRA VE team administering license exams.

There was a total of 273 in attendance. Masks were required to be worn by everyone while inside the school building. There were no issues encountered with compliance.

A total of nine door prizes were awarded as follows in the order drawn. Thank you to those that donated prizes.

NEAR-Fest admission (1) - K1DT  
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\$25 ARRL Gift Certificate - XYL of WX4DAB  
\$25 ARRL Gift Certificate - W1HQB  
\$40 HRO Gift Certificate - KA1OKP  
\$50 ARRL Gift Certificate - W1PA  
\$50 ARRL Gift Certificate - K1INFO  
\$100 DX Engineering Gift Certificate - KD1SH  
\$200 Grand Prize - AA1SE

The MMRA VE team administered exams for all license classes. We would like to thank all the members of the MMRA who volunteered their time. There was a total of eight applicants taking exams of which seven passed. One applicant, Howard AC1MN, went from being unlicensed to passing all elements and achieving his Extra class license. Another applicant, Nichole KC1QMD, passed her Tech exam to become a newly licensed ham. Welcome to Howard and Nichole as new members of the club. Congratulations to all!

de Ken, KA1GFN

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## 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](http://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 : 3/5/2022

Sponsor: Port City ARC, Greenland NH  
Location: Piscataqua Fish & Game Club  
Time: 2:00pm (Walk-ins allowed)

[More info](#)

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)

[More Info](#)

Date : 3/12/2022

Sponsor: Braintree EMA  
Location: BEMA Garage Sunset Lake (No walk-ins)  
Time: 9:30am & 10:30am (Register or Call ahead)

[More info](#)

Date : 3/13/2022

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 : 3/19/2022

Sponsor: Minuteman Repeater Association  
Location: Marlborough Fire Department  
Time: 9:00am (Walk-ins allowed)

[More info](#)

Date : 3/19/2022

Sponsor: GSARA, Manchester, NH  
Location: Brookside Congregational Church  
Time: 9:00am (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

[More info](#)

Date : 3/19/2022

Sponsor: Mohawk ARC  
Location: Gardner Police Dept Training Room  
Time: 10:00am (Walk-ins allowed)

[More info](#)

Date : 3/21/2022

Sponsor: BCRA VE TEAM  
Location: South Swansea Baptist Church  
Time: 5:30pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

[More info](#)

Date : 3/22/2022

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 : 3/26/2022

Sponsor: North Shore RA, Winthrop  
Location: American Legion Building Lower Level  
Time: 12:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

[More info](#)

Date : 3/27/2022

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 : 4/4/2022

Sponsor: Quaboag Valley ARC  
Location: West Brookfield Senior Center  
Time: 6:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

[More info](#)

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 : 4/14/2022

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](#)

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## ARRL Contests

March 5-6 : International DX - Phone

[More info](#)

April 10 : Rookie Roundup - Phone

[More info](#)

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## QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo

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

[More info](#)

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## Northeast HamXposition 2022 ARRL New England Division Convention

August 26, 27, and 28th in Marlborough, Massachusetts.

<http://hamxposition.org>