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The Newsletter for AARC members

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President's Corner

Welcome to May. This month brings the return of Marlborough Hazmat Day, led by the EOC with support from the AARC. Please consider helping out if you are vaccinated and comfortable. Hopefully some of our other activities will be able to resume this summer and fall. Watch for updates on the AARClst.

Club elections are in May. Please send your votes to Ann via paper mail or electronic mail.

√	Office	Candidate
	President	Mike Powell - W1KU
	Vice President	Skip Youngberg - K1NKR
	Treasurer	Ken Horton - KA1GFN
	Secretary	Tim Ikeda - KA1OS
	Activities Manager	Joe Reynolds - KA1GDQ

Our club speaker this month will continue our series of Ham Nation and Amateur Radio Newslines contributors with Gordon West WB6NOA.

Our June meeting is traditionally project night; please consider sharing one of your radio-related projects with the club. Neither slides nor a formal presentation are necessary, and your visual aid can be as simple as pointing your webcam at your project.

73 de w1ku (Mike)

May Meeting (Online)

The next AARC meeting will be held on May 13th 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.

Treasurer's Report

There was no income for April to report. Expenses were \$200 for ARRL Liability Insurance renewal, \$16.88 for N1EM Domain Registration renewal, and \$25 for an Amazon gift card for Valerie Hotzfeld (NV9L) who was the speaker at our monthly meeting.

de Ken, KA1GFN

Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Reminder: The next joint Marlborough/Hudson Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is scheduled for Saturday May 22, 2021.

We supply support for these events from 8 AM to 1 PM. The gates will be open for the residents from 9 AM to 12 Noon. The location will be the same as in the past, the Marlborough Easterly Treatment Plant. This is off of Route 20 at the Home Depot side of the city. It is behind the Half Way Café.

This year there will be new vendors doing the collection. Latex paint will not be collected. Also they layout of the collection area will be expanded so hopefully it will allow us to have a better flow for the cars.

Thank you for your service,
Eric Williams KV1J
Marlborough EMA Communications

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.

2020-21 Club Officers / Appointments

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Of Apples and Hits

Got your vaccination series yet? Mask getting a little rumpled and moldy? Running out of things to do and itching (not the mask variety) to go out and blow the stink off? Me, too.

Last evening, I read in a college alumni magazine that:

“In 1665, ‘social distancing’ orders emptied campuses throughout England as the bubonic plague raged. A 24-year old student named Isaac Newton from Trinity College in Cambridge was among those forced to return indefinitely to his childhood home.

“There Newton’s creativity flourished. During his time away from school, he made major progress in his research on gravitation, light, and mathematics. The year he spent away was later referred to as his annus mirabilis, the ‘year of wonders.’”

Our AARC “campus” certainly has been emptied. Our year of wonders has been filled with Zoom meetings, virtual this-that-and-the-others, video binging—and maybe a bit of shack clean-up and antenna work. And you’ve got to admit that whatever magic it is that brings us together as an organization has really taken a hit because of that empty campus.

News coverage makes it sound like things are starting to open up. Let’s hope so. It’s not too soon to be looking forward to Field Day. (You know, that major “it’s-really-not-a-contest” operating event, always held on the last bad-weather weekend in June.) I suspect, though, that club face-to-face club activities will still be held under a fairly conservative contact policy. Still, I’m sure there’ll be a way to rejuvenate the social fabric of the club. Field Day has always been the “social fabric weaver” for all clubs. Joe, KA1GDQ, will have more information for us as plans get definitized. Stay tuned!

de skip, K1NKR

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.

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.

NIEM.org

de Joe, KA1GDQ

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](#)

ARRL Hamfests

Date : 5/22/2021
Event: 29th Annual Hamfest
Sponsor: Southern Berkshire Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.sberk.org>
Location: Goshen, 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](#)

VE Exam Sessions

Date : 5/8/2021
Sponsor: Braintree EMA
Location: BEMA Garage Sunset Lake
Time: 8:30am (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
[More info](#)

Date : 5/8/2021
Sponsor: Braintree EMA
Location: BEMA Garage Sunset Lake
Time: 9:30am (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
[More info](#)

Date : 5/8/2021
Sponsor: Braintree EMA
Location: BEMA Garage Sunset Lake
Time: 10:30am (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
[More info](#)

Date : 5/8/2021
Sponsor: Port City ARC, Greenland NH
Location: Piscataqua Fish & Game Club
Time: 2:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
[More Info](#)

Date : 5/8/2021
Sponsor: Blackstone Valley ARC, Inc.
Location: Our Saviours Parish
Time: 9:00am (Walk-ins allowed / Pre-registration via email preferred)
[More Info](#)

Date : 5/16/2021
Sponsor: New England Amt Radio Inc
Location: New England Sci-Tech
Time: 1:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
[More info](#)

Date : 5/17/2021
BCRA VE Team, Swansea, MA
Location: TBD
Time: 5:30pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
[More Info](#)

Date : 5/18/2021
Sponsor: New England Amt Radio Inc
Location: New England Sci-Tech
Time: 6:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
[More Info](#)

Date : 5/19/2021
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 : 5/20/2021
Sponsor: Canton EMA & EMARG
Location: Mansfield Fish & Game Club
Time: 7:00pm (Walk-ins allowed)
[More info](#)

Date : 5/22/2021
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 : 6/1/2021
Sponsor: New England Amt Radio Inc
Location: New England Sci-Tech
Time: 6:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
[More info](#)

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](#)

ARRL Contests

June 12-14 : June VHF
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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
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August 21-22 : 10GHz & Up - Round 1
[More info](#)

August 22 : Rookie Roundup - RTTY
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