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The Newsletter for AARC members

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President's Corner

As AARC prepares to elect new officers, I would like to thank Joe for 3 years of service as activities director, Tim for multiple years of service as secretary, Ken for 2 years of service as treasurer, and Skip for 2 years of service as vice president. All have contributed significantly to keeping the AARC and our activities running through challenging times.

The 2022 Lantern Battery Challenge concluded on April 30th. If you participated, please share a brief summary of your adventures at the meeting.

Our speaker this month will be Lou Tramontozzi KA1HIH, speaking on antique radios.

73 de w1ku (Mike)

Rich, W1BN, Silent Key

Rich devoted many hours to AARC public-service activities as well as participating in operating events. He ran the overnight watch at the EOC for Field Day and introduced FT8 to that event. His success with digital HF contacts using a compromised indoor antenna at his home station was an inspiration to other hams facing antenna restrictions.

Dues and Membership Forms

Membership dues along with updated membership forms for membership year 2021/2022 may be paid before or at the May 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 \(PDF Format\)](#)

May Meeting (In-person)

The next AARC meeting will be held in-person on May 12th 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.

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, May 21st at 9:00am, the Minuteman Repeater Association (MMRA) will hold a VE session at the City Church - Shoe Box Building 72 Jefferson Street, Marlborough, MA 01752.

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Northeast HamXposition 2022 ARRL New England Division Convention

August 26, 27, and 28th in Marlborough, Massachusetts. Online ticketing is now open on their website.

<http://hamxposition.org>

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

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

Vigilance

A couple of years ago a Congressman astounded a testifying admiral when he asked, "With the weight of all the equipment and personnel being placed there, will the island flip over?"

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Even earlier, an article surfaced that someone proposed changing the value of pi to a whole number in laws and specifications so that they'd be simplified. It was a hoax, but its popularity pointed out that lawmaking is a messy, sometimes illogical, and seldom scientific process.

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The ham radio connection? At the recent ARRL New England Division cabinet meeting Fred, AB1OC, reported that an RF "health protection" (my words) law had been proposed in NH. Fortunately, it was successfully put off for "further study" at the last moment. Imagine requiring a setback of antennas by at least 1,640 feet from residentially zoned areas, parks, playgrounds, hospitals, nursing homes, day care centers, and schools—just based upon complaints of "symptoms," whose source is protected as anonymous.

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This is not a Chicken Little "The sky is falling" advisory. Nothing of this type is currently going on in Massachusetts, but occasionally (state-wide and municipality-wide) proposals arise for health, safety, zoning, and other laws that have potential impact to Amateur Radio activity. Sometimes these arise over legitimate concerns; sometimes they really just respond to some commercial or not-in-my-backyard interest. Significantly, they result in a messy, sometimes illogical, and seldom scientific process. And they crop up without warning.

The message to us all: keep up on what's going on locally. If you respond, do so logically, politely, and judiciously as a good citizen and interested Amateur. Most importantly, pass information on to your club, your ARRL Section Manager, and the New England Division Director.

The cabinet meeting covered more subjects than just this one. The PowerPoint file used for the meeting is posted on the ARRL New England Division website.

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de Skip, K1NKR

New England QSO Party

The 2022 New England QSO Party will be held on May 7-8.

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VE Exam Sessions

Date : 5/7/2022

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

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Date : 5/12/2022

Sponsor: Billerica Amt Radio Society
Location: Chelmsford Bible Church Pre-Register
Time: 7:00pm (Walk-ins allowed / Pre-Register)

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Date : 5/14/2022

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

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Date : 5/14/2022

Sponsor: Blackstone Valley ARC, Inc.
Location: Our Saviours Parish - Registration preferred
Time: 9:00am (Walk-ins allowed)

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Date : 5/15/2022

Sponsor: New England Amt Radio Inc
Location: New England Sci-Tech
Time: 1:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

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Date : 5/16/2022

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

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Date : 5/17/2022

Sponsor: New England Amt Radio Inc
Location: New England Sci-Tech
Time: 6:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

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Date : 5/18/2022

Sponsor: MIT Radio Society W1MX
Location: Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Time: 7:30pm (Walk-ins allowed)

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Date : 5/19/2022

Sponsor: Canton EMA & EMARG
Location: Mansfield Fish & Game Club
Time: 7:00pm (Walk-ins allowed)

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Date : 5/21/2022

Sponsor: Minuteman Repeater Association
Location: City Church - Shoe Box Building, Marlboro
Time: 9:00am (Walk-ins allowed)

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Date : 5/28/2022
Sponsor: North Shore RA, Winthrop
Location: American Legion Building Lower Level
Time: 12:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
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Date : 5/31/2022
Sponsor: New England Amt Radio Inc
Location: New England Sci-Tech
Time: 6:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
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Date : 6/4/2022
Sponsor: Port City ARC, Greenland NH
Location: Piscataqua Fish & Game Club
Time: 2:00pm (Walk-ins allowed)
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Date : 6/5/2022
Sponsor: New England Amt Radio Inc
Location: New England Sci-Tech
Time: 1:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
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Date : 6/9/2022
Sponsor: Billerica Amt Radio Society
Location: Chelmsford Bible Church Pre-Register
Time: 7:00pm (Walk-ins allowed / Pre-Register)
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Date : 6/11/2022
Sponsor: Braintree EMA
Location: BEMA Garage Sunset Lake (No walk-ins)
Time: 9:30am & 10:30am (Register or Call ahead)
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ARRL Hamfests & Conventions

5/21/2022 - Seacoast Amateur Radio Flea Market
Location: Goshen, CT
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Southern Berkshire Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.sberk.org>
[More info](#)

6/11/2022 - Vintage Radio Communications Museum
Outdoor Swap Meet
Location: Windsor, CT
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: The Amateur Radio Club of the Vintage Radio
and Communications Museum
Website: <https://www.vrcmct.org>
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ARRL Contests

June 4-5 : International Digital Contest
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June 11-13 : June VHF
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June 18 : Kids Day
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June 25-26 : Field Day
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