Algonquin Amateur Radio Club

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The Newsletter for AARC members

November 2026 Issue

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President's Corner

At the October 8 meeting, our member Darin Larabee KC1WVQ gave us a really interesting presentation on Parks On The Air (POTA) from the perspective of a new ham. I received several really nice comments on his presentation. Thank you Darin, the club seemed to really like the presentation.

At our next meeting on November 12, our knowledgeable friend Dom Mallozzi N1DM who has given us several great presentations in the past, has volunteered to give us another presentation. This one on **"MeshCore for the Beginner By A Beginner"** which has recently grown in popularity.

On October 17, I attended a meeting in Springfield sponsored by the ARRL with Tom Frenaye K1KI and other club presidents. Some of the topics were about:

* ARRL is fighting HOA's restrictions on antennas
* Loosening some restrictions on tech licenses
* Declining memberships and getting new Hams
* Different activities at different clubs
* Balloons around the world
* Communications being used on Facebook and Discord
* Phil Temples K9HI New England Division Vice Director stepping down
* Jon N1ILZ Eastern MA Section Manager stepping down

FYI: The 90-30 repeater (147.30) from Weymouth that was moved to Holbrook has been moved again and now resides in Quincy

Very much looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on November 12.

Glenn Ghidaleson WA2KRS

President

November Meeting

The next AARC meeting will be held on November 12 at 7:30pm in the library of the 1Lt Charles W. Whitcomb School, 25 Union St, Marlborough, MA. Enter from Agoritsas Drive next to police station and use Door #1 at rear of building.

Treasurer's Report (October)

Income was $60 from membership dues and $50 from Flea Market table reservations. Expenses were $187.85 for ARRL books for Lincoln-Sudbury High School.

Ken KA1GFN
Treasurer

AARC Flea Market 2027

The Algonquin Amateur Radio Club Flea Market will be held on February 13, 2027 at the 1Lt Charles W. Whitcomb School, 25 Union St, Marlborough MA 01752.

Flea Market Flyer

AARC Sunday Night Net

Please join us every Sunday Night at 7:00pm on the N1EM/R 446.675- (PL 88.5) repeater. All licensed Amateur Radio operators are welcome to check-in.

Algonquin Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 258, Marlborough, 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 1Lt Charles W. Whitcomb School, 25 Union St, Marlborough, 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 Marlborough. 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.

2026/27 Club Officers / Appointments

President	Glenn Ghidaleson	WA2KRS
Vice President	Ann Weldon	KA1PON
Secretary	Adam Crossman	KC1RTI
Treasurer	Ken Horton	KA1GFN
Newsletter	Ken Horton	KA1GFN
Website	Sandor Toth	NB1N

Hudson High School Scavenger Hunt

On Wednesday morning, October 21, members of the Algonquin Amateur Radio Club supported the W1HUD Hudson High Radio Club Scavenger Hunt.

The Hunt was designed and organized by the Club Advisor/Teacher, Troy Lefebvre, KC1RUC. The students were divided into 4 teams of 2 students. They were accompanied by a school staff member and a licensed radio operator. They were then tasked to go out into the school grounds and find 9 different bags that contained questions for each team to try to answer.

The teams used portable radios on the N1EM UHF repeater to contact one the two base stations and try to answer the questions they found at each station. The answers were multiple choice. They received points depending on how many tries it took to get the correct answer. They then also need to use a GPS app to record the location of each station.

The radio learning experience was that each team needed to use the ham radio to contact the base station following a script using proper communications procedures. The licensed operator with each team oversaw the operation and the students were using their call signs. The field part of the exercise took about one and a half hours.

The students did a great job and quickly became comfortable using the radio and the radio protocols. It was a lot of fun for both the students and ham support team.

Amateur Radio Team:

Troy KC1RUC
Linda KC1RWC
Ann KA1PON
Joe KA1GDQ
George N1ABC
Eric KV1J

W1HUD's Repeater Festival '26

Hosted by Hudson High School's HAM Radio Club

All youth based groups are welcome to participate in this repeater based contact activity. The goal is to introduce students / youth members to some of the entry level topics related to amateur radio. The Repeater Festival is an event that will take place throughout the month of November.

Make a contact - If you hear W1HUD on air during the month of November please answer the call to make a contact for a student. Note, each student is eligible to make a contact so feel free to answer W1HUD more than once, the students will work out any duplicates.

Please see the following link for details.

More Information

Interested Groups: Please email me at talefebvre@hudson.k12.ma.us. We will get you on the list as a participating group. You can enter and participate at any point throughout November.

MMRA VE Session

On Saturday, November 14 at 9:30am, the Minuteman Repeater Association (MMRA) will hold an Amateur Radio License exam session at the Marlborough Public Library, Meeting Room 2, Marlborough, MA. Parking and entrance accessible from Witherbee St.

Candidates under the age of 13 must have a parental consent form: ExamTools COPPA Form

Register for exam session at HamStudy.org