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The Newsletter for AARC members

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President's Corner

Why are you a member of AARC? To connect with or operate with fellow amateurs? To serve the community? To experience the flea market up close? Club meeting discussions, both technical and non-technical? For the social connections? All are valid reasons, and participating in any one contributes to the club's success. I was reminded recently by a member that one of the great features of AARC is the ability to pick and choose which of these reasons are for you. Contest clubs, repeater clubs, and other focused clubs have a role, but a general amateur radio club provides a menu of choices. If you'd like to add something to that menu, let me or one of the officer's know.

Our guest speaker for the October meeting will be Tom Frenaye, K1KI, speaking about the New England QSO Party. Tom is also a candidate for ARRL New England Division Director.

For those who are ARRL members, there is a 3-way race for New England Division Director this year. Paper ballots will be mailed to members around October 1st and must be received back at ARRL HQ by November 19th. Every vote counts; the last election was decided by less than 50 votes. Candidate Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC, will also speak at AARC prior to the election. The incumbent, Fred Hopengarten, K1VR, visited our club in 2020 and our Field Day site in 2021.

Members are welcome to join the October meeting in the Whitcomb School library or on Zoom. Our pilot of hybrid meetings went well in September, and we will continue with that for the time being.

73, de w1ku (Mike)

NEAR-Fest

Near-Fest, Deerfield NH - Oct. 15 & 16, 2021
[More Info](#)

October Meeting (Hybrid)

The next AARC meeting will be hybrid held on October 14th 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. 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.

Treasurer's Report

For September, there was no income to report. Expenses were \$99.39 for pizza after the Labor Day Parade, and \$13.26 for a "For Deposit Only" stamp.

de Ken, KA1GFN

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. So please sign up.

de Joe, KA1GDQ

MMRA VE Session

On Saturday, October 9th 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 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

Hazardous Waste Collection Day

On Saturday October 16th we will be supporting the bi-annual joint Hudson-Marlborough Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. This will be similar to last Spring with our support from 8 AM to 1 PM. It is at the Marlborough Easterly Treatment plant off of Rt 20 near Home Depot. We will be using the Emergency Management VHF radios but please also bring a UHF portable on the NIEM repeater and direct as a backup if you have one.

[View Flyer \(PDF Format\)](#)

This is a joint Marlborough EMA and Algonquin Radio Club service event. Please let me know if are available to join us to help support the event.

Thank you for your support,
Eric KV1J Marlborough EMA

Marlboro Labor Day Parade

Another Labor Day has come and gone, and with it another successful support effort by AARC to the Marlborough Parade Committee.

On a personal note, observing the club's work a few years ago was my first introduction to the club. I was impressed—and I remain impressed. You folks are terrific!

This year we had a few early concerns regarding whether the club could gather enough operators to adequately cover our duties. As planning progressed, a full complement of volunteers signed up.

Thanks to these volunteers: Eric KV1J at net control, Skip K1NKR and Chip N2IOF at parade command, Ron N1CNG at Lincoln/Broad, Jim KX1M at Broad/West Main, Ann KA1PON at West Main/South, Joe KA1GDQ at West Main/Orchard, Jim KB1TYN on West Main at Monument, Neal KA1SAW and Rich W1IBN at 240 Main, John N1DNX at City Hall, John W1RFF and Beth KC1OYH at Main St./Rt. 85, Gene K1NR at the Verizon building on Maple, and Barry K3BUZ covering the parade end at the Legion Hall.

Our first operator arrived for duty at 0900. The radio net started at 1100. And our radio net closed at 1345, followed by pizza. All in all, it was a good day with no serious incidents and no problems with heat or weather.

As mentioned elsewhere, AARC provides the backbone communications so that the Marlborough Labor Day Parade committee can manage the parade. They know us well and appreciate our service. They—and we—will be back next year.

de Skip, K1NKR

Friends and Allies

League staffer, Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, made a couple of good points during his opening address to the recent Northeast HamXposition here in Marlborough. One of them seemed counter-intuitive at first but made more sense to me as I thought about it.

Bob said, "...in my experience we rush too many people into licensing. We pass "radio" and go directly to "ham". We miss the step that involves helping newcomers discover radio and radio communications." OMG. Sacrilege!

We all know radio is magic. Think of the magical power we hams have in "making" radio communications. As Steve said though, "Ham radio is the breadboard. But radio communications is the bread."

We need to communicate the fact that we are communicators, and we have a magic carpet on which we do our communicating.

Which leads me to recognition. How many times have you been in a conversation and heard, "Who needs a radio? I have a cellphone." Nowadays, the public doesn't even recognize what a radio is! (By my count, there are no fewer than four radios in a cellphone: the phone itself, the GPS, the wi-fi, and the Bluetooth. How many more can you come up with?)

Here's an example—a very local one. AARC provides the backbone communications so that the Marlborough Labor Day Parade committee can manage the parade. They know us well and appreciate our service. Do we follow the last parade element (and precede the street sweeper) with a float, or even a banner, saying "Parade communications provided by the Algonquin Amateur Radio Club?" Oh, no, we could never do that! Why not?

One of our current candidates for New England ARRL Director points out that for protecting our privileges and spectrum we will never be able to outspend our commercial competitors' lobbyists. But, he notes, making friends among the general public garners more votes and support than any lobbyist could hope for. How many friends among the general public can you count?

That's us—well known among the few; invisible to the public. And who needs ham radio anyway?

de Skip, K1NKR

VE Exam Sessions

Date : 10/9/2021
Sponsor: Braintree EMA
Location: BEMA Garage Sunset Lake
Time: 8:30am (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
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Date : 10/9/2021
Sponsor: Braintree EMA
Location: BEMA Garage Sunset Lake
Time: 9:30am (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
[More Info](#)

Date : 10/9/2021
Sponsor: Braintree EMA
Location: BEMA Garage Sunset Lake
Time: 10:30am (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
[More Info](#)

Date : 10/9/2021
Sponsor: Port City ARC, Greenland NH
Location: Piscataqua Fish & Game Club
Time: 2:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
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Date : 10/9/2021
Sponsor: Backstone Valley ARC, Inc.
Location: Our Saviours Parish, Woonsocket, RI
Time: 9:00am (Walk-ins allowed)
[More info](#)

Date : 10/14/2021
Sponsor: Billerica Amateur Radio Society
Location: Chelmsford Bible Church
Time: 7:00pm (Walk-ins allowed)
[More info](#)

Date : 10/17/2021
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 : 10/18/2021
Sponsor: BCRA VE Team, Swansea MA
Location: South Swansea Baptist Church
Time: 5:30pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
[More Info](#)

Date : 10/20/2021
Sponsor: MIT Radio Exam Team
Location: MIT Campus, Room 1-150 MIT, Boston
Time: 7:30pm (Walk-ins allowed)
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VE Exam Sessions (Continued)

Date : 10/21/2021
Sponsor: Canton EMA & EMARG
Location: Mansfield Fish & Game Club
Time: 7:00pm (Walk-ins allowed)
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Date : 10/23/2021
Sponsor: ALERT/West Rockingham ARES
Location: Londonderry Video Center, Londonderry, NH
Time: 8:00am (Walk-ins allowed)
[More info](#)

Date : 10/26/2021
Sponsor: New England Amt Radio Inc
Location: New England Sci-Tech
Time: 6:00pm (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
[More Info](#)

Date : 10/30/2021
Sponsor: Mohawk ARC
Location: Gardner Police Dept Training Room
Time: 10:00am (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
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ARRL Contests

October 18-22 : School Club Roundup
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October 18-22 : EME - 2.3GHz and Up
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November 6-8 : November Sweepstakes - CW
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November 20-22 : November Sweepstakes - Phone
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November 20-21: EME - 50-1296MHz
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December 3-5 : 160 Meter
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December 11-12 : 10 Meter
[More info](#)

December 19 : Rooke Roundup- CW
[More info](#)

December 18-19 : EME - 50 to 1296 MHz
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