



THE ISLAND BEACON

CHARLOTTETOWN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the **September 2026** edition of the [Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club](#) Newsletter! We'll try to keep you up-to-date with what's happening this month and any future events we're planning or are aware of. This newsletter is automatically distributed to club members, prospective future students who have reached out to us in the last year, and other interested amateur operators in the region. If you do not wish to receive these monthly newsletters, let us know and we can remove you from our distribution list. Alternatively, if you are not included on the mailing list, but would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please reach out to our secretary.

September 2026 Club Meeting - Tuesday night September 1st, Stratford Town Centre

We hope you've been enjoying the beautiful warm weather we've been having. This month's club meeting will be held Tuesday, September 1st, at the Stratford Town Centre. Start time: 7:00 P.M. As always, everyone is welcome to attend, not just club members. If you're a licensed radio operator and would like to become a member, or you're perhaps interested in becoming licensed and would like to find out more about us and the hobby, then please come and join us. We would love to meet you. For anyone who would like to become a member, membership dues are \$30 for those who are not currently members of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC). For RAC members, it's \$20 for the year. Our students and graduates from the Fall 2025 class are automatically members of the club for 2026. Our meetings run from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (1900–2100) in the Southport room at the Stratford Town Centre on Shakespeare Drive. Alongside monthly club reports we usually enjoy an information exchange where we learn about a broad range of subjects, anything from antenna design to Meshtastic networks and devices.

Ottawa (Carp) 2026 Hamfest - Carp, ON, September 12, 2026

OARC is holding their annual hamfest on Saturday, Sept 12th. The venue is W. Erskine Johnston Arena, 3832 Carp Road, Carp, ON. General admission is \$6, which includes free parking, coffee, and a snack. Vendors tables are \$17 per 8-ft table. Commercial vendor setup is from 7:30am, private vendor and exhibitor setup from 8:00am, open to the public from 9:00am till 12:00pm noon. For information check this link:

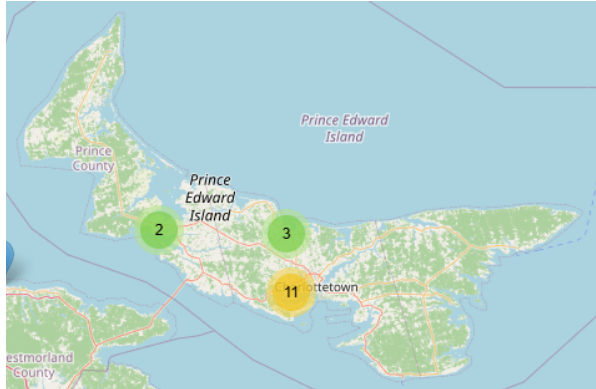
<https://oarc.net/activity/oarc-carp-hamfest-2026/>

Moncton Area Amateur Radio Club Flea Market - Riverview, NB, September 19th, 2026

The Moncton Area Radio Club will be holding their flea market on Saturday, September 19th. The address is Riverview Lions Club, 701 Coverdale Rd, Riverview, NB. Admission is \$5, sellers tables are \$10 for 1-2 tables. Doors open at 8:00am to sellers and 9:00am to the public. For more info, click this link: <https://charlottetownarc.com/?p=5190>

Meshtastic Network PEI

As at the end of August 2026, there are currently 16 nodes in PEI: 11 of them are in the Cornwall/Charlottetown/Bonshaw area, three are towards North Rustico, and two are in the Summerside area. Source: <https://meshmap.net/>



Contest Calendar - September

[North American Sprint, CW](#) – 0000Z-0400Z, Sep 13, 2026

[New Hampshire QSO Party](#) – 1600Z, Sep 19 to 0400Z, Sep 20 and 1200Z-2200Z, Sep 20, 2026

[North American Sprint, RTTY](#) – 0000Z-0400Z, Sep 20, 2026

[Maine QSO Party](#) – 1200Z, Sep 26 to 1200Z, Sep 27, 2026

Also check out <https://contestcalendar.com> for other contests.

Meetings and Events Calendar - September

1: CARC Monthly club meeting (in Stratford)

2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Wednesday night 2M net at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

3, 10, 17, 24: Thursday night HF nets, on 3727 LSB (+/- QRM) at 8:00 P.M. (2000)

5, 12, 19, 26: Virtual Breakfast 2M nets, 8:00 A.M. (800) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

5, 12, 19, 26: Actual real life breakfast at Sam's Restaurant in Charlottetown (121 St. Peters Rd), ~8:00 A.M. (800)

7: 2M Simplex net, at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on 146.550 MHz, hosted by Joel, VY2KW (to be confirmed)

Future Events:

October 2-3, 2026: [NEAR-Fest XL \(Fall Edition\)](#)

Help Us Out! Do you have something you would like to contribute to this newsletter? Find us over on the club's Discord server under #newsletter, or drop us an email at secretary@charlottetownarc.com.