

WAWA News Letter

Waterville Area Wireless Association
January 1998

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Tune in to WAWA Wednesday Night Net at 7:30 on 146.76.

The next meeting of the Waterville Area Wireless Association is scheduled for Saturday January 3, 1998 at 9:00 am at the Winslow Recreation Room in back of the Winslow Public Safety Building.

December 1997 Club Meeting Notes

The December meeting of the Waterville Area Wireless Association was called to order on December 6th, 1997 at 9:12 am at the Winslow Community Center.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Ron (N1NPJ) wanted to let folks know that the November meeting was not an official club meeting as only one club officer was present. An informal meeting was held instead with WX1V discussing several topics.

NEW MEMBERSHIP

The club wishes to welcome Robert (N1WPY) to the group.

QSL CARDS

Mike (N1NAF) used the new club QSL cards designed by Mike (KB1AWS) to reply to several hams who sent cards during field day and the VHF contest.

CLUB OFFICES

Club offices open for nominations for the following year are:

Vice President (previously held by Tim N1ENB)

Secretary (previously held by Mike N1NAF)

Net Director (previously held by Mike KB1AWS)

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Membership renewals

Membership renewals are due in January. The form to fill out is inside the back cover of the newsletter. To remain a member in good standing and to continue to receive the newsletter every month please fill out the membership form and send it in with your dues today.

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CLUB OFFICES (cont)

Tim (N1ENB) was nominated for the office of Vice President again and without opposition was unanimously voted in. This term of Vice President will be for two years. This should stagger the offices of president and vice president and prevent both offices from coming due at the same time.

Correne (N1XIQ) was nominated for the office of club Secretary and without opposition was unanimously voted in. This will be a one year term.

Phil (N1IFP) was nominated for the office of Net Director and without opposition was unanimously voted in.

Ron (N1NPJ) and Mike (N1NAF) are halfway through their two year terms as club President and Treasurer respectively. These offices will be up for election at the end of 1998.

Don (AE1Q) is currently content as his role of club trustee. And William (N1RCV) has gracefully accepted the responsibility of publishing the newsletter for another year.

EXAM

Ron (N1NPJ) wanted to thank Don (AE1Q) on behalf of the club for coordinating and supervising the November exam session held at the Winslow Elementary school.

CLUB PBBS

Ron (N1NPJ) presented the following update: The club PBBS suffered a hard disk crash and is currently back up and running on a loaner box until he can get parts to rebuild the old one. The two Mikes (KB1AWS & N1NAF) have donated an IDE controller and 200M hard drive to replace the defective one.

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Upcoming Hamfest Calendar

Saturday February 7, 1998	Winterfest 1998 Crystal Falls Hall, Chelsea Maine at junction of Routes 17 and 226 east of
Friday & Saturday March 6 & 7, 1998	Lewiston Hamfest and State Convention, Lewiston Ramada Inn and Conference Center, Pleasant Street. Seminars and talks Friday evening, Vendors, Flea Market, Exams, etc. on Saturday. Special motel rates
Saturday & Sunday May 8 & 9, 1998	HOSSTRADERS, Rochester, NH
Saturday June 6, 1998	Bangor Hamfest at Hermon, Hermon High School on Route 2, East of I-95
Saturday August 8, 1998	Saint Albans Hamfest, Snow Devil's Field Saint Albans Maine, Route 152, 4 miles north of town.
Saturday September 12, 1998	Windsor Hamfest, Windsor Fairgrounds, South Windsor on Route 32 one half mile north of junction of route 17.
Saturday September 26, 1998	Lincoln Hamfest, Ella Burr School, Lincoln Maine, north of town, follow signs
Saturday & Sunday October 2 & 3, 1998	HOSSTRADERS, Rochester, NH

Editors note: These are preliminary dates. Watch for more details in future newsletters. I will try to publish the bulletins for each Hamfest prior to their occurrence.

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CLUB WEB SITE

Mike (KB1AWS) is working on developing a WEB site for the club as part of a class project in learning HTML (Hyper Text Markup Language). The site will list the club's mission (Promoting Amateur Radio in the Central Maine Area and having fun), club officers, information on the weekly net, information on membership, activities, and meeting schedule. The initial site will be developed on the Lawrence Adult Education server and reside there until a permanent home can be found. *Editor's note: Home page is looking for a new home.*

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1998 Maine Ham Test/Events

The following shows ham exams, hamfests (LOCATIONS IN CAPS) and other events of interest to the ham community for 1998.

NOTE: Times are for exams; No Time - No Known Exam. Most hamfests open at 8:00 a.m. Most, but not all hamfests offer exams.

Date	Time	Place
Saturday January 10, 1998	9:00a	Trenton, American Legion Post #207 N1NGM/W5YI Norman Veillette 565-3634
Wednesday January 21, 1998	6:00p	Togus V.A. Center, Bldg 210 (Code tests 6:00, walk-ins 7:00) AE1Q/ARRL Don Smith 293-2935
Friday January 30, 1998	6:30p	Alfred, Fire Station AA1CZ/ARRL Albert Nobel Jr 324-1718
Saturday February 7, 1998		WINTERFEST 1998 CRYSTAL FALLS (NO EXAMS) ROUTE 17, JCT. OF 226, EAST OF AUGUSTA. OPENS AT 8:00 AM
Saturday February 14, 1998	10:00a	Bath Salvation Army Bldg, N1NFK/ARRL Robin J Walls 725-5135, Call for time and location.
Saturday February 14, 1998	9:00a	Bangor Community Center, Davis Rd K1AG/ARRL Bill Sullivan 947-4051
Tuesday February 24, 1998	6:30p	Presque Isle, NMTC Augusta Christie Bldg. Rm 113 WA1YNZ/ARRL Wilburn Scott 455-8333
June 27 & 28, 1998		Field Day

Please note that these are tentative dates only

Contact the listed VE team leader before traveling to verify location, time, current fee and exams being offered. Listen to Amateur Radio net for bulletins and updates. Walk-Ins are usually welcome. Examinees must have 2 forms of positive identification. Licensed amateurs trying to upgrade must have in their possession the original license and any original certificates of completion and a clear photo copy of each. Contact the VE team leader in advance if special exam. facilities are required or proposed.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Phil (N1IFP) wanted to know if net reports had to be filed with anyone. The answer is no since our weekly net is casual and not officially listed with any governing body.

Dan (KB1AMG) is looking to get rid of a bunch of ham magazines (mostly QSTs). Anyone interested should call him @ 968-2562.

SECRETARIES REPORT

Mike (N1NAF) gave the following report:

On closing out 1997, the club's account saw the following activity:

Starting Balance:	\$219.31
Membership Dues:	\$165.00
Expenses:	\$310.45 *
<u>Interest:</u>	<u>\$5.00</u> (missing interest for the 4 th quarter)
Ending Balance:	\$78.86

*Expenses:

Winslow Community Center:	\$100.00
Newsletter Stamps:	\$64.00
Post Office Box:	\$40.00
Smart Charger:	\$84.95
Trailer Registration	\$11.50
<u>Electronic Kit</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total:	\$310.45

Mike pointed out to the group that the club is currently running at a deficit. Unless the current membership base increases, we can only operate for another year before encountering problems necessitating some sort of cutback like dropping the Winslow Community Center.

Our membership has been in decline over the last several years which seems to coincide with the problems of the 146.76 repeater. Everyone should think of ways to help increase the membership base and bring these ideas to the next meeting. Mike (N1NAF) will looking into designing a post card that can be sent out the area hams.

Written by: Mike, N1NAF

Selected ME Bulletins

Maine Bulletin # 71

December 21, 1997

W1JTH, Arri Bulletin Manager Maine Section

Subject: General Class upgrade classes, Lewiston

From: N1KAT

Radio classes leading to a General Class license upgrade will start in Lewiston on Monday, January 26, 1998.

These classes will be held at the Lewiston High School on East Avenue in Lewiston. Starting time is 6:30 PM and they will run about two hours.

Those who would like to attend the classes can check in with the Lewiston High School Adult Education office by calling 795-4141

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PERSONNELS

If you have articles or personnel's you would like printed in the newsletter, please send them to William N1RCV by email @ hathaway@kassociates.com or by regular mail to:

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Application for Membership

1. Call Sign: _____
Class: _____
2. Name: _____
3. Address: _____

4. Please Circle Bands and Modes Which You Operate

1.2G	440	220	144	50	28	24
21	18	14	10	7	3.5	1.8
SSB	CW	AM	FM	RTTY	PACKET	TV

5. Mail this application and annual dues of \$10 per individual or \$15 per family to:

Waterville Area Wireless Association
P.O. Box 1646, Waterville, ME 04903

If you have any questions please call Ron on the 146.76 MHz Waterville Repeater or by phone at 873-2071. Meetings are held the first Saturday of each month at the Winslow Recreation Hall behind the Fire Station on Benton Ave. in Winslow. If the first Saturday is a holiday weekend, the meeting may be postponed a week. Check before traveling in poor weather.

WAWA also holds an on-the-air meeting at 7:30 every Wednesday night on the 146.76 MHz repeater. Hope to hear you in there.

73s WAWA

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