

WAWA News Letter

Waterville Area Wireless Association
June 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 June 13, 1998 at 9:00 am at the Winslow Elementary School which is located across the highway from the Winslow paper mil.

May 1998 Club Meeting Notes

The May meeting of the Waterville Area Wireless Association was called to order on May 16th, 1997 at the Winslow Elementary School. NOTE: This was due to a last minute rescheduling.

Apologies

We apologize for the last minute rescheduling of the May meeting and the club members present agreed to stick to the agreed upon meeting schedule for our future meetings. We will attempt to make arrangements to have access to the Winslow Elementary school for our regular meetings. If for some chance we can not use the Winslow Elementary school, then the club will attempt to use the Winslow Recreation room which used to be our old meeting location. Finally, if the Winslow Recreation room is unavailable, then the club will hold a breakfast meeting at Ken's Restaurant. If the meeting location changes, announcements will be made on the Wednesday night net. If the change is last minute, announcements on the club meeting place will be made on the 146.76 repeater during the morning of the club meeting.

Packet News

A glitch interrupted packet service for a bit. Some event seemed to lock up the computer and tnc which required a hard reset of the tnc. Seems the event took place shortly after an upload of several files from N1NAF's system. Ron will run some diagnostic's on the PC and Mike will attempt another upload in the near future to see if the problem occurs again.

Hamfest News

Just a reminder to folks that the Clinton Hamfest is no more and has gone back to Union.

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Ron (N1NPJ) reports that he had a good time at the Rochester hamfest. The WX was good, they had good door prizes, and he found several items of interest to take home.

Club antenna trailer

We'll be registering the club trailer so we can use it for field day. Also Ron (N1NPJ) will get the trailer from Mike (KB1AWS) so he can do some additional work on it.

Fall Test Session

Ron asked if the club would be interested in holding a fall test session. This sounded good the members present, however, concern was raised that the session be held before hunting season. Possible dates discussed will place the session between the end of September through the end of October. Ron will be approaching Don (AE1Q) to see if Don will be willing to host an exam session during this time.

Maine Lung Association's Trek Across Maine

Just a reminder that Bill (W1LEE) is looking for volunteers to provide radio support for this years Trek Across Maine. This is a 3 day event scheduled for the 3rd full weekend in June. This year, the dates will be Friday June 19, Saturday June 20, and Sunday June 21. Traditionally, day 1 has the treker's leaving Sunday River and arriving at the University of Maine at Farmington. Day 2 has the treker's leaving UMF and arriving at Colby College, and Day 3 has the treker's leaving Colby and arriving at the Samoset in Rockland.

Volunteers will be needed to provide communications between staff vehicles and checkpoints during the 3 day event. If you are interested in assisting with this worthy cause and can spare time during any of the 3 days, please contact Bill (W1LEE) via e-mail at William.Akins@state.me. us by phone at (207) 872-9405 or by mail at:

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Written by: Mike (N1NAF)

Field Day 1998

Here is our current field day plan. Please contact Mike (N1NAF) if you want to add to this list.

Location: WX1V's homestead in Sidney, Maine

Equipment List:

Ron (N1NPJ)

6 foot table and chairs

Mike (N1NAF)

3 Chairs
FT-736R (2, 6, and 440) all mode
2 meter beam
vhf multi-band antenna
vhf tower
1 old laptop for computer logging

Bill (W1LEE)

6 meter beam

Dennis (WX1V)

50 AMP Power Supply
Generator
Kenwood HF radio

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William (N1RCV)

Kenwood HF radio
150 feet of coax

Mike (KB1AWS)

Trailer tower
Scaffolding

Site Plan:

Antenna #1 - HF tri-band (10, 15, and 20 meters), club trailer tower.

Antenna #2 - 40 meter vertical, mounted on staging or ladder.

Antenna #3 - 80 meter dipole, (deployment unknown at this time).

Antenna #4 - VHF array (6 meter beam, 2 meter beam) on N1NAF's trailer.

Also Mike (N1NAF) and Bill (W1LEE) will be investigating the possibility of setting up one or more RTTY stations to make use of the new RTTY sub-bands in this years field day.

Logging will be tricky and it was suggested that each station have its own logging equipment. Also this year, the stations will be fixed to bands with band-pass filters being developed by WX1V. This should limit the interference seen in past events. Anyone who can donate spare torids for this project should contact Dennis.

Setup will start early and we will do some setup Friday evening to give us a head start. For Saturday, we want to have an early start for setup in order to avoid the noon time heat seen in the past events. Avoiding the hottest part of the day seems to be a major concern as our limited field day staff

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tends to exhausts themselves with setup and have little energy left for running radios.

Even if you have no equipment you are welcomed to attend to visit, to help with setup, and for radio operations (which is the fun part).

Written by: Mike (NINAF)

Upcoming Hamfest Calendar

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| Saturday July 11, 1998 | Union Hamfest at Union Fairgrounds (Moved back from Clinton Fairgrounds). |
| Saturday July 25, 1998 | Saco, at the Saco Elks Club (Portland Hamfest). More details later. |
| 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.

1998 Maine Ham Test/Events

The following shows ham exams, hamfests (LOCATIONS IN CAPS) and other events of interest to the mameur 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 |
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| Saturday June 27, 1998 | 9:00a | Trenton, American Legion Post #207 N1NGM/W5YI Norman Veillett 565-3634 |
| June 27 & 28, 1998 | | Field Day |
| Saturday July 11, 1998 | 8:00a | UNION HAMFEST, UNION FAIRGROUNDS, Details later. |
| Wednesday July 15, 1998 | 6:00p | Togus V.A. Center, Bldg 210 (Code 6:00, written 7:00) AE1Q/ARRL Don Smith 293- 2935 |
| Saturday July 25, 1998 | 8:00a | SACO, PORTLAND AREA HAMFEST AT THE SACO ELKS CLUB Exams at 11:00a NX1A/ARRL Barnie Reynolds856-6192 |
| Saturday August 8, 1998 | 8:00a | ST ALBANS HAMFEST, SNOW DEVIL's FIELD Exams at 10:00a at the St. Albans Elementary School AA1H/ARRL Charles Hershey 945-6228 |
| Saturday August 15, 1998 | 9:00a | Auburn, Red Cross Bldg N1GZB/W5YI Brad Saunders 966-3653 |
| Saturday September 12, 1998 | 8:00a | WINDSOR HAMFEST, WINDSOR FAIRGROUNDS Exams at 1:00p K1NIT/ ARRL Bill Crowley 623-9075 |
| Friday September 25, 1998 | 6:30p | Alfred, Fire Station AA1CZ/ARRL Al Noble 324-1718 |
| Saturday Setember 26, 1998 | 10:00a | Bath, Salvation Army Bldg, N1NFK/ARRL Robin Walls 725-5135 |

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 nest 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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Application for Membership

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

4. Please Circle Bands and Modes Which You Operate

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|------|-----|-----|-----|------|--------|-----|
| 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:

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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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