

# ***WAWA News Letter***

Waterville Area Wireless Association  
May 1998

Box 1646  
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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 May 2, 1998 at 9:00 am at the Winslow Elementary School Music Room follow the signs.**

## **April 1998 Club Meeting Notes**

The April meeting of the Waterville Area Wireless Association was called to order on April 4, 1998, at 9:09 a.m. The meeting was held at the Winslow Elementary School on Benton Ave., our new meeting place. Ten members were present. Thank-you to N1MUN for getting us the use of the school.

### **Club Packet Node**

The KPC3 is not working. Ron has found a second-hand one for \$50, which would be cheaper than a new one. Mike, N1NAF, is going to take a look at the old one to see if he can fix it.

### **Clinton Hamfest**

No more Clinton Hamfest. It has been moved back to Union, coming up in July. They are looking for people to help run it.

### **Rochester Hamfest**

May 8th and 9th is the Rochester N.H. Hamfest. Mark it on your calendars and share a ride with some one.

### **Field Day**

A discussion was held on who was going to bring what to the upcoming Field Day, to be held on June 27th and 28th. A HF radio is needed. Ron is able to donate a 386 to the club to use. Those interested could go to the site the weekend before to figure out a site plan. Also those wanting to could go to the site the Friday before to put up antennas etc.

### **Local Exam**

Sat. April 25, exams, written and code will be offered at the Winslow Elementary School. Sign up starts at 8:00 am. and testing will start at 9:00 am.

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### **Renewal Forms**

Ron has renewal forms if anyone needs them.

Thank you to the one who took club notes for Feb. and March and the end of the April meeting.

*Editors Note: Our secretary Correne NIXIQ had to leave at this point and Mike NINAF took over taking notes.*

### **New Meeting Place**

This was the clubs first meeting at the Winslow Elementary School in some time and hopefully will provide us with a suitable environment for the remainder of the year. By changing to the Elementary School the club is expected to save \$80 through the rest of the year. Many thanks to Gene (N1MUN) for making the arrangements.

### **Area Exam**

Don (AE1Q) is sponsoring an exam on Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Winslow Elementary School. Exam time is scheduled for 9:00 am with registration taking place in the hour before. Anyone who can assist with the exam is encouraged to contact Don and to arrive at the Elementary School no later than a half hour before 9:00 am.

### **March of Dimes - Walk America**

WAWA will be assisting with the March of Dime's annual walk-a-thon again this year. The Waterville walk is scheduled for Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> and will follow the usual course. This has the walk starting/ending at the Concourse in Waterville. The walk gets underway at 9:00 am and the volunteers are needed to arrive by 8:30 am for assignments. So far we have Dennis (WX1V), Bill (W1LEE), William (N1RCV), Mike (KB1AWS),

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Ron (N1NPJ) and Mike (N1NAF). Contact Mike (N1NAF) if you want to help out with communications.

WAWA will also provide communications for the Showhegan walk. So far, we have Charles (N1STL), Lera (N1STK), Charles (N1ULR), Fred (N1MNJ) and Fran (NR1W) working the Showhegan walk. Contact Charles (N1STL) if you want to help out with communications for the Showhegan walk.

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 trekkers leaving Sunday River and arriving at the University of Maine at Farmington. Day 2 has the trekkers leaving UMF and arriving at Colby College, and Day 3 has the trekkers 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](mailto:William.Akins@state.me). us by phone at (207) 872-9405 or by mail at:

William Akins  
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Winslow, Me 04901

### **QSL Net**

It was brought to the clubs attention that a free web server exists for amateur radio operators and clubs. All that would be required of the club is to send a \$10 per year donation to help offset operation expenses. This sounds very promising to the club and would provide us with a permanent home on the Internet as our existing web site is expected to expire anytime.

William (N1RCV) will be looking into establishing an account and Mike (N1NAF) will upload the html documents created by Mike (KB1AWS).

### **Packet News**

Ron (N1NPJ) was able to locate a replacement KPC-3 for \$50 and the club

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authorized the expenditure. At press time, it appears that the club's packet site is once again in full operation.

**Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be 9:00 am on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Winslow Elementary School which is located across the highway from the Winslow paper mill.

*Written by: Correne N1XIQ and 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  
rotor and rotor cable

Mike (KB1AWS)  
Laptop(s)

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

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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**

Saturday & Sunday	HOSSTRADERS, Rochester, NH
Saturday June 6, 1998	Bangor Hamfest at Hermon, Hermon High School on Route 2, East of I-95. See Maine Bulletins #25 in this news letter.
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 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 May 16, 1998	10:00a	Bath Salvation Army Bldg. N1NFK/ARRL Robin Walls 725-5135
Thursday May 21, 1998	6:00p	Hallowell, Halldale High School, Maple St. AE1Q/ARRL Don Smith 293-2935
Friday May 29, 1998	6:30p	Alfred, Fire Station AA1CZ/ARRL Al Noble 324-1718
Saturday June 6, 1998	8:00a	BANGOR HAMFEST, HERMON H. S., KA1TKS Exams 10:00a K1AG/ARRL Bill Sullivan 947-4051
Saturday June 27, 1998	9:00a	Trenton, American Legion Post #207 N1NGM/W5YI Norman Veillett 565-3634
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 Bernie Reynolds 856-6192
June 27 & 28, 1998		Field Day
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

#### **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.

## **Selected Maine Section Bulletins**

### **MEB018 (Maine Bulletin #018)**

March 23, 1998

W1JTH ARRL Bulletin Manager, Maine Section

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Subject: New S.E.C. appointed

From: Michelle Mann, Section Manager

I am pleased to announce that Max Soucia, N1KGS, has agreed to fill the job of Section Emergency Coordinator. Max has much experience with emergency communications in ham radio as well as other areas. He can be contacted at 423 Route 7, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426, or telephoned at 564-8943. His email address is msoucia@midmaine.com. The appointment is effective immediately, and please feel free to contact him concerning emergency communications in Maine.

Michelle Mann, W1GU

Section Manager

### **MEB019 (Maine Bulletin #019)**

March 30, 1998

W1JTH ARRL Bulletin Manager, Maine Section

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From: Michelle Mann, W1GU

As most of you already know, I elected not to run for another term as ARRL Section Manager for Maine this past January. Bill Woodhead, N1KAT, ran unopposed and will soon become your new SM. Because of new family commitments and the fact that I am starting work with a new employer this week, I've concluded that it would be in the best interest of Maine's amateurs to turn over the duties of Section Manager to Bill a bit early. By mutual agreement, he will become Section Manager Wednesday, April 1.

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone I've worked with over the past several years. Almost without exception, you have all been fantastic to work with and have exemplified what ham radio is all about. I thank each and every ham in Maine for your support and cooperation. I sincerely hope you will all give the same effort to Bill as he takes over. Thanks for a great six years! 73,

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Michelle Mann, W1GU  
Section Manager

**MEB025 (Maine Bulletin #025)**

April 26, 1998

W1JTH ARRL Bulletin Manager, Maine Section

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Subject: Bangor Hamfest at Hermon

The Bangor Hamfest at Hermon sponsored by the Pine State Amateur Radio Club, will be held at the Hermon High School on June 6th. 8:00am to 1:00pm. VE Exams will be at 10:00am Hermon high School is on U.S. Route 2, 1/2 mile east of the village. From I-95, take Exit 44 (Cold Brook Rd.), go north to U.S. Route 2. Then take Route 2 west one mile to the high school. Talk in is no 146.34/94 and 146.52 simplex. Cost, \$3.00 per person (those under 12 enter free).

The hamfest will feature tailgaters, dealers, VE exams (ARRL) all classes.

There will be demonstrations covering Chips and Circuit Components, Old Keys, Old Radios, A Working Station, ATV, etc. Also there will be an ARRL and Section Forum .

Plenty of food and drinks will be available on site throughout the day.

There are many campgrounds and motels within 5 miles of the hamfest.

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For more information contact

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Application for Membership

1. Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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