

WAWA News Letter

Waterville Area Wireless Association
October

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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 October 3, 1998 at 9:00 am at the Winslow Elementary School which is located across the highway from the Winslow paper mil.

October 1998 Club Meeting Notes

The September meeting of the Waterville Area Wireless Association was held Sat. September 5, at approximately 9:00 am, at the Winslow Elementary School.

American Diabetes Walk-a-Thon

.The American Diabetes will not be having a walk-a-thon in Waterville this year. The closest walk-a-thon will be in Augusta this October.

Club Contest Activities

Discussed the VHF Sweepstakes coming up the weekend of Sept 12. Discussed the possibility of club member participating under the WA1WA call sign. Not much interest in participating this year. Also discussed that there is a HF Sweepstakes up-coming. Mike (N1NAF) noted that Ron (N1NPJ) was receiving QSL cards from Field Day contacts. Ron was recording them and sending WA1WA QSL cards back.

Internet Info

It was mentioned that the ARRL Maine Section no longer has a Web page on QSL.NET. It was noted that the direct access to the various local web pages has been lost. These include the local ham e-mail directory, the Maine Ham Repeater Update, the local schedule of events. Setting up a Web page for WA1WA was also discussed. William (N1RCV) will be getting us a location on QSL.NET.

Friday Night Get Together

It was decided that WAWA could have an informal get-together on Friday evenings at 7:00pm , starting Sept. 11 to be held on 146.850. This is

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addition to the regular Wednesday net.

Jamboree On the Air

To be held possibly Oct. 17/18, either at the Winslow H.S. ball field or on the old mill parking lot. A discussion was held on the upcoming Jamboree and it's set-up. We discussed getting or making jacks for the club trailer. We discussed using Mike's KB1AWS balloon if the weather permits. It would be great to have volunteers to do refreshments. Also needed is a tent or a lean-to , to get out of the sun. Mike is going to set up newspaper coverage. Two station are planned to operate from noon until 3 or 4 pm. William's N1RCV rotor will be available for the club trailer. A generator and coax are need as well as a long extension cord. A packet station will be set up to do spotting.

The Jamboree will operate on bands 40, 20, 15, 10. The clubs beam and tower will be used to make good contacts. And Mike's balloon will be deployed weather permitting again this year.

Field Day Pictures

William N1RCV had pictures of Field Day 98 which he passed around. Everybody enjoyed looking a them.

Membership Drive

During this month we all could be thinking about ideas to bring in new members and bring them to the Oct. meeting.

Group Project

A discussion was held on setting up a monthly project and getting together, perhaps in someone's cellar to do them. Another possibility was discussed about digital camera updates on the web page. It was suggested that we publish an article on the web page, starting small and building it up. Since there is a digital camera available the club could put everyone's pictures, along with their call sign on the web site.

Emergency Preparedness

There was a big discussion concerning the Ice Storm of '98. Concerns for any up-coming disasters and coming up with a disaster plan. Possibly

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The yard from Dennis's WX1V front door



The club trailer and tri-band antenna on the left. Bill's KB1AWS trailer with VHF antennas on the right.



Ron N1NPJ at the VHF station making contacts.



Mike N1NAF operates one of the voice HF stations.



Dennis WX1V operates the second voice HF station.



Bill W1LEE operates the CW station.

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hooking up with the Red Cross and/
or Fire Dept.

Written by: Correne (N1XIQ)

August Meeting Notes

The August meeting of the Waterville Area Wireless Association was called to order on August 1st, 1998 at the Winslow Elementary School.

QSL Cards

Ron (N1NPJ) reported that the club has received 4 QSL cards from this years field day event. Ron will be replying using the new club QSL cards.



Bill's KB1AWS staging holds HF antennas.

Packet News

Packet operations have been extremely light during the month of July with no connects seen during this time. There is concern that packet operations have been drying up as hams spend more time on the Internet. In addition, the packet bbs will be changing its primary frequency from 145.05 to 145.07. This should put the station back on a freq. that can be accessed by hams at large as operation on 145.05 left the club station pretty much isolated.

Field Day 1998

This years Field Day operation was another enjoyable successful outing for the club. This years event was attended by Bill (W1LEE), Bob (N1TLC), Dennis (WX1V), Mike (N1NAF), Ron (N1NPJ), Sam (N1VLW), William (N1RCV) Phil (N1IFP) and Robin (N1XTC).

Setup: Fortunately, station setup started @ 2:00 PM on Friday as permitted by the rules. We had a fantastic afternoon for putting the antenna's together and for deploying the antenna towers and other antennas.

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Saturday: Much rain fell during the day Saturday and all that remained after deploying the antenna towers was the deployment of the 80 meter dipole, 15 meter vertical. Operation started precisely at 2:00 PM local time and activity was amazing across the ham bands (including 6 meters).

Sunday: A much nicer day, operations proceed until about 10:00 am and then we started to tear down the station.

Synopsis: Official number of contacts was 890 with 520 of the contacts being made by Bill (W1LEE) on CW. The remainder were phone contacts made across the bands. Special recognition goes to Bill (W1LEE) (who only took breaks when the generator ran out of gas) and Bob (N1TLC) for the long hours they logged making contacts.

Other News

Ron reports that he now has a new email address which is: n1npj@wworx.net

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