

WAWA News Letter

Waterville Area Wireless Association
March 2002

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Tune in to the WAWA Wednesday Night Net at 7:30 on 146.850 linked repeater system.

The next meeting of the Waterville Area Wireless Association is schedule for Saturday March 2, 2002 at 9:00am at the Winslow Junior High School on the second floor.

February 2002 Club Meeting Notes

The February 2, 2002 club meeting was opened at 9:17am by Ron N1NPJ.

Club Float

Ron opened the club meeting with a discussion of the Club Float in the 2001 Veterans Day parade. We had a picture that Mike KD1MM plotted and put up on the board. We discussed putting one section of the tower up on the trailer.

Club Web Site

Ron mentioned that a good job was being done on the club web page. Mike asked everybody to check the events calandar that is on the web page.

Test Sesson

Don AE1Q said the test sesson was a good one - everyone passed. 7 people passed 8 exams. Special thanks to the Winslow Police Department for their assistance in tracking down a key to cafeteria. We decided that next exams will be held at the

Junior High School. The next exam will be held on June 6 at 6:00pm. Next year we may want to move the exam to April.

Upcoming Events

- Tentative Radio Merit Badge planned for March or April. Mike KD1MM is awaiting feed back from the Scouts; 2nd week in March thru April.
- Boy scouts have a spring camporee in May. Currently they are not very organized and have nothing planned.
- Memorial Day parade - Club float??
- Special event station for Waterville's 200th birthday. Things are planned every month for the whole year. The official birthday is on June 23.
- Field Day - Everybody needs to think about what they are going to do & bring. Gene will make sure the field house is reserved. We need to maximize bonus points. We need somebody to do CW or other digital modes. Mike mentioned he wanted to do a trial run with some of the modes. Mike feels that CW would be the best mode to do. Ron mentioned that he got all the bugs worked out of PSK now.

Club Trailer Maintenance

The club trailer needs to have the plywood deck replaced. We are looking for a donation of a couple of sheets of marine grade plywood. Also we need to look for some plywood for Mikes staging.

Club Handout

Maury KB1EZZ has put together a handout about who we are and a little about what Ham Radio is. We could pass them out at various events. Everybody reviewed and commented on them.

Red Cross

No news on the Red Cross radios. It was noted that our contact had quit. Mike N1NAF wanted to continue to persue it.

Traffic handling

We discussed an event that happened on the previous Wednesday Night Net. An individual had some traffic that needed to be passed to an individual in South Paris. That individual seemed upset when we could not handle it.

Meeting was closed at 10:37am.

Ham Events For 2002

- March 29 - 30 Lewiston Maine, Andy Hamfest and State Convention at Ramada Conference Center (exams)
- May 3 - 4 Hosstraders, Hopkinton NH, Hopkinton Fairgrounds (exams)
- June 8 Bangor Hamfest at Hermon, Hermon High School (exams)
- June 22 -23 ARRL Field Day
- July 13 Union Hamfest, Union Fairgrounds (exams)
- July 27 Lincoln Hamfest, Ella Burr School
- August 10 St. Albans Hamfest, Snow Devil's Field (exams)
- September 7 Windsor Hamfest, Windsor Fairgrounds (exams)
- October 4 -5 Hosstraders, Hopkinton NH, Hopkinton Fairgrounds

Maine Exams for 2002

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| Saturday March 9 | 9:00am | Bath Public Library, Washington St., N1WC/ARRL Wes Clement 207-729-8563 |
| Saturday March 16 | 9:00am | Bangor Community Center Davis Road, W1COP/ARRL Dave Melochick 207-942-4586 |
| Wednesday March 20 | 6:00pm | Togus VA Center Bldg. 210 AE1Q/ARRL Don Smith 207-495-3891 |
| Friday March 22 | 6:30pm | Saco, Saco Middle School AA1CZ/ARRL Albert Noble 207-642-8830 |
| Saturday March 30 | 12:00pm | Lewiston, Maine State Convention Ramada Conference Center |
| Tuesday April 16 | 6:30pm | Presque Isle, NMTC Christie Bldg Rm 113 WA1YNZ Wilber Scott 455-8333 |
| Saturday April 20 | 9:00am | Bangor Community Center - Davis Road K1AG/ARRL Bill Sullivan 207-947-4051 |
| Wednesday May 15 | 6:00pm | Togus VA Center Bldg. 210 AE1Q/ARRL Don Smith 207-495-3819 |
| Friday May 17 | 6:30pm | Saco, Saco Middle School AA1CZ/AARRL Albert Nobel 207-642-8830 |

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