

December 2002

# WAWA NEWSLETTER

## MEETING NOTES 12/2/02

**The next meeting of the Waterville Area Wireless Association is scheduled for Saturday January 4th at the Winslow Junior High School.**

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### **Elections**

The results of the nominations held during the November club's meeting were reviewed. This included:

**President: - Ron/W1SSF and Mike/N1NAF**

**Treasurer: - Don/AE1Q**

**Secretary: - Joe/AA1YD**

**Net Director: - Maury/KB1EZZ**

Additional nominations were held which did not add to the current field of candidates. A vote of members present elected Ron as president, Don as Treasurer, Joe as Secretary, and Maury as Net Director. The new terms will take effect with the start of the January meeting.

The offices of President and Treasurer run for two years, the offices of Secretary and Net Director run for one year.

### **Kids on the Air**

A discussion about Kids on the air was made as there are two dates in 2003, January 4th and June 21st. Members will be sending invitations

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out for the January date, since this is a meeting date, the club will set up a station at the Jr. High School for any visitors.

### **Club Web Site**

It was noted that the club's email address had gotten out of date and that mail was forwarded to bad accounts. Mike/N1NAF will be looking into this and will make sure any corrections are made.

The 2003 calendar of events were review. The updates will be made to the clubs website.

### **Post Office Box**

Ron (W1SSF) received all keys to our post office box and will officially terminate our use of PO BOX 1646. A change of address card will be filed with the post office to forward any mail to our new address.

### **ARRL Affiliation**

The club is checking into the merits of getting affiliated with the ARRL. This requires a club membership base consisting of at least 51% of ARRL members. This discussion was tabled for the January Meeting.

### **Proposal**

A motion was raised to recognize the contributions made by Dick(KA1KHM) who has graciously donated his generator for the club's Field Day outing these last couple of years by making him an honorary member. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **Repeater News**

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Several members of the club are in the process of assembling a 2 meter repeater. This is being funded privately with several members contributing parts. The only thing left is the purchasing of the crystals which will be delayed until a coordinated frequency has been obtained. The group is looking for funds to finish the project. As for the location, a site is in mind but has to be confirmed. The primary use of the repeater will be for Voice and slow scan activities.

### **Red Cross**

Discussions were raised about the club getting active with the local Red Cross. Ron mentioned that there were problems in the timing and coordination efforts made earlier and will make another attempt to see if our services still can be used.

### **Miscellaneous**

The club authorized the expenditure of no more than \$25 for the purchase of a strong box for club papers.

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## UPCOMING HAM EVENTS

**February** Winterfest at Crystal Falls, Chelsea (no exams)

**March 28-29** Lewiston Maine, Andy Hamfest and State Convention at Ramada Conference Center, (exams)

**April 19** Greater Portland Electronics Fleamarket  
Stewart Morrill American Legion Post #35  
413 Broadway, South Portland ME

**June 7** Bangor Hamfest at Hermon High School

PRELIMINARY TEST DATES  
FOR 2003

**January 2003**

18 Sat 9:00a So. Portland, AL Post #35,413 Broadway  
WZ1N/ARRL John Bergeron 207-799-3687

18 Sat 9:00a Bangor, PSARC clubhouse 14 Bomarc Road  
K1AG/ARRL Bill Sullivan 207-947-4051

**February 2003**

1 Sat 10:00a Bath, Maine, Patten Free Library  
N1WC/ARRL Wes Clements 207-729-8563

**March 2003**

15 Sat 9:00a So. Portland, AL Post #35,413 Broadway  
WZ1N/ARRL John Bergeron 207-799-3687

**April 2003**

5 Sat 9:00a Bangor, PSARC clubhouse 14 Bomarc Road  
K1AG/ARRL Bill Sullivan 207-947-4051

19 Sat 10:00a At Greater Portland Electronics Flea mkt.  
WZ1N/ARRL John Bergeron 207-799-3687

**May 2003**

17 Sat 9:00a So. Portland, AL Post #35,413 Broadway  
WZ1N/ARRL John Bergeron 207-799-3687

3 Sat 10:00a Bath, Maine, Patten Free Library  
N1WC/ARRL Wes Clements 207-729-8563

**June 2003**

7 Sat 9:00 Bangor Hamfest, Hermon High School  
K1AG/ARRL Bill Sullivan 207-947-4051

**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.

Provided by Ron Manson, W1SSF

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## WAWA WEDNESDAY NIGHT NET

A weekly net is held Wednesday evening at 19:30 local time (7:30 PM) on the KQ1L linked repeater system. The system is currently made up of the 145.35, 146.67, 146.82, 146.85, and 146.88 repeaters. The net is used to pass traffic and bulletins, and to coordinate club activities. It starts with bulletins and traffic, and continues with informal conversations.

Ample opportunities are given to check in to the net. Check-ins are either In and Out. With Traffic or Bulletins, or just basic. The net is not restricted to club members, any amateur with 2 meter privileges are welcome to join in. A Net Script provides continuity between various control operators.

The club thanks Dave - KQ1L for graciously allowing the club to use the system.

Look for the usual offset of 600 Khz and be sure to use a 100 Hz tone to activate.

Local club activity can be also be found on the 146.76 repeater.

In the event the KQ1L repeater system is unavailable, the club will attempt to use the 146.76 repeater (negative offset and no tone) or 146.55 simplex for nets and to coordinate activities.

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## MONTHLY MEETINGS

Business Meetings are held on the First Saturday of the month (Usually skipping July) at the **Winslow Jr. High School**, which is located off Benton Avenue in Winslow.

The business meetings give us a chance to keep aware of our finances, to coordinate our activities, and to exchange ideas about the hobby. Usually, in addition to direct club business, we will coordinate activities such as testing, classes, Walkathons, Field Day, the next Hamfests, upcoming contests, and other topics of interest to the members.

## OFFICERS OF THE WAWA\*

Office	Holder	Call Sign	Email	Term Expiration
President	Ron Manson	W1SSF	w1ssf@hotmail.com	12/31/02
Vice President	Mike Maliga	KD1MM	kd1mm@arrl.net	12/31/03
Treasurer	Michael Francoeur	N1NAF	n1naf@qsl.net	12/31/02
Secretary	William Hathaway	N1RCV	n1rcv@email.com	12/31/02
Net Director	Maury Prentiss	KB1EZZ	kb1ezz@arrl.net	12/31/02
Club Call Trustee	Don Smith	AE1Q	dws3891@earthlink.net	

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership dues are \$10 Annually, \$15 per Family, payable in January. Dues paid after October 1st are credited for the following year, even though membership starts immediately.

Dues are used for printing and mailing of the club's newsletter, post office box, and miscellaneous projects approved by the membership. No member or officer is paid for their services with club funds.

Total requirement for membership is payment of dues and filling out an application. Dues are waived for Junior members, defined to be people under the age of 18 with a genuine interest in amateur radio.

Membership entitles you to a monthly club newsletter and a vote in club business at the monthly meeting.

\* This Chart will be updated in the January 2003 issue.

Application for Membership

- 1. Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_  
    Class:       \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
           \_\_\_\_\_

4. E-mail address:  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you want to be listed in the member section of our web site?: YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

6. Please indicate the 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 ATV

APRS PSK31 EME AMSAT

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

Waterville Area Wireless Association  
 R4 Box 8043  
 Matheson Ave  
 Winslow, Maine 04901

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 Elementary School 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.

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R4 BOX 8043  
Matheson Ave  
Winslow, Maine 04901