

# THE MAINE TELEGRAPH

NEWSLETTER FOR MAINE  
AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS



## New Maine Section Emergency Coordinator

WRITTEN BY PHIL DUGGAN, N1EP

Keith Anoe, KE4UCW, (pictured) will be taking the helm of the Maine section's Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES®) as Section Emergency Coordinator. Steve Jordan, KD1OM, has been the Maine SEC since February 2021, but will hand those duties to Keith effective, May 15, 2022. Steve deserves our gratitude for serving as SEC. It is dedicated hams like Steve, Keith, and all of the ARES and NTS members who make sure that slogan, "When all else fails, amateur radio..." is upheld.

Keith's resume is impressive. Between his military experience, formal education, and community service all related to EmComm, Keith could be one of the most qualified SECs we have had in Maine in a long time. We wish him luck in strengthening the Maine ARES team.

Here is Keith's bio in his own words:

My interest in HAM radio started with my grandfather who was HAM Operator and Army MARS Station. Being around radios was the start of the radio bug that has stayed with me. This interest became a career when I joined the Army and became a Radio Telephone



Operator (RTO) in 1986. As an RTO, I was on the tactical voice side, working primarily with AP/PRC 104, AN/PRC 77, LST-5 (SAT), RT-1523 Manpack RTs, and on vehicle-mounted systems the AN/GRC-213 and RT-524. I was in Signal, Light Infantry (that's funny, light Infantry) Battalions, and an Airborne Ranger Battalion concluding my Army Career in Army Recruiting.

I was first licensed in 1994 as KE4UCW when serving at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, GA. While in the Army, it was challenging to stay active until I retired in 2006 in Lisbon ME. Unfortunately, my license expired, so I needed to test again and earned my Extra in 2012.

I was missing the communications and incident management, so I put my GI Bill to work and received a Master of Public Administration (MPA) with a Concentration in Continuity of Operations (COOP). I was able to work in this field as the Antiterrorism Officer (ATO) for the Army in a four-state region of Maine, New Hampshire, Eastern Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. While I Volunteered as the EMA Director for Lisbon, ME, from October 2013 to February 2016, Army MARS Station from May 2015 to January 2022, and I'm currently the Androscoggin County (Maine) Emergency Coordinator (EC) that I assumed in April 2019. I will be assuming the Maine Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) position on 15 May 22.

Emergency Management and Amateur Radio are a big part of my continued interest. I currently work as the Installation Training Officer (ITO) at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, planning, developing, and executing drills and exercises with organic assets and off-island stakeholders that test plans for all-hazards events.

# New England QSO Party Reminder

WRITTEN BY CORY GOLOB, KU1U

The New England QSO Party (NEQP) is quickly approaching and will be here before we know it. It would be appreciated if all 16 counties in Maine can be represented on the air for this event. It is a great regional event that even allows you to get some shut eye in between!

If you are new to this contest, you should try to get on the air, even for a little bit. Additionally, there are some areas that do not have any records set, offering a great opportunity to set a new record! Areas that currently have no record set include:

Aroostook County: Multi-Single & Single Op QRP  
Franklin County: Multi-Single & Single Op QRP  
Hancock County: Single Op QRP  
Knox County: Multi-Single, Single Op Low Power & Single Op QRP  
Lincoln County: Multi-Single & Single Op QRP  
Penobscot County: Multi-Single & Single Op QRP  
Piscataquis County: Multi-Single & Single Op QRP  
Sagadahoc County: Single Op High Power & Single Op QRP  
Somerset County: Multi-Single & Single Op QRP  
Waldo County: Multi-Single  
York County: Multi-Single & Single Op High Power

Let's start getting some records set in Maine!

For More information about NEQP, please visit <https://neqp.org/> Be sure to use the 5 letter Abbreviation as your exchange (3 Letter County/2 Letter State) which is listed on the nex



State	County	5-letter Abbreviation
Connecticut	Fairfield	FAICT
	Hartford	HARCT
	Litchfield	LITCT
	Middlesex	MIDCT
	New-Haven	NHVCT
	New-London	NLNCT
	Tolland	TOLCT
	Windham	WINCT
	Maine	Androscoggin
Aroostook		AROME
Cumberland		CUMME
Franklin		FRAME
Hancock		HANME
Kennebec		KENME
Knox		KNOME
Lincoln		LINME
Oxford		OXFME
Penobscot		PENME
Piscataquis		PISME
Sagadahoc		SAGME
Somerset		SOMME
Waldo		WALME
Washington		WASME
York	YORME	
Massachusetts	Barnstable	BARMA
	Berkshire	BERMA
	Bristol	BRIMA
	Dukes	DUKMA
	Essex	ESSMA
	Franklin	FRAMA
	Hampden	HMDMA
	Hampshire	HMPMA
	Middlesex	MIDMA
	Nantucket	NANMA
	Norfolk	NORMA
	Plymouth	PLYMA
	Suffolk	SUFMA
	Worcester	WORMA

State	County	5-letter Abbreviation
New Hampshire	Belknap	BELNH
	Carroll	CARNH
	Cheshire	CHENH
	Coos	COONH
	Grafton	GRANH
	Hillsborough	HILNH
	Merrimack	MERNH
	Rockingham	ROCNH
	Strafford	STRNH
	Sullivan	SULNH
Rhode Island	Bristol	BRIRI
	Kent	KENRI
	Newport	NEWRI
	Providence	PRORI
	Washington	WASRI
Vermont	Addison	ADDVT
	Bennington	BENVT
	Caledonia	CALVT
	Chittenden	CHIVT
	Essex	ESSVT
	Franklin	FRAVT
	Grand Isle	GRAVT
	Lamoille	LAMVT
	Orange	ORAVT
	Orleans	ORLVT
	Rutland	RUTVT
	Washington	WASVT
	Windham	WNHVT
	Windsor	WNDVT

# New England Beacon Newsletter

WRITTEN BY CORY GOLOB, KU1U

Last week the first edition of a New England Wide newsletter was disseminated. Think of it like Maine Telegraph 2.0. It is a mix of leadership news intertwined with activities going on from various amateur radio operators and clubs around the New England. This is a nice way to hear updates from the Director, Vice Director and Assistant Directors on various ongoing and projects. If you are subscribed to ARRL e-mail updates you may have already received it, or you can see it via the [nediv.arrl.org](http://nediv.arrl.org) site.

## New England Beacon April Newsletter

I thought it would be a clever double entendre since a beacon is a one way signal that sends out information and since New England is known for its beautiful lighthouses that are sometimes referred to as beacons (beacon of light) that it would be fitting as a title for a newsletter.



# World Amateur Radio Day Inspired Youth

WRITTEN BY PHIL DUGGAN, N1EP



The Maine Ham Radio Society celebrated World Amateur Radio Day on April 18 from the shack of N1EP in Milbridge. One participant was 11-year-old Ross, who discovered he was not mic-shy in the least. Ross made several contacts on a 2-meters repeater and on 10 meters single sideband. He is pictured above along with his father, Genio, chatting with Bill Townshend, WIWCT, who was up on Cadillac Mountain in Acadia National Park.

Ross had fun making contacts on 10 meters, as it was open to the Caribbean region. He especially enjoyed a QSO with Ira VP2EIH in Anguilla. Ira shared his enthusiasm for amateur radio with Ross, and encouraged him to pursue his own license.

And that is exactly what Ross and his Dad are doing. Ross went home that day with a donated Radioshack HTX-202 handheld and has been listening to all the local nets. They are both studying to earn their tickets, and are almost ready to take the exams.

Genio said that other homeschool kids they associate with in education activities may also be interested in learning about ham radio, as Ross has done. Wouldn't it be something if enough kids in the area earned their tickets and formed a Kids Net on the air? Inspiring youth in amateur radio is one of the club's objectives, and World Amateur Radio Day was a great opportunity for members to have fun and to share our hobby with some kids and their parents.

ARRL Kids Day is another chance to inspire youth. It is held twice a year and the next one is coming up on Saturday, June 18. Check out the details of the event at <http://www.arrl.org/kids-day>

# Kiwanis Piscataquis River Canoe Race

WRITTEN BY DAVE RAMSEY, KB1WRZ



On April 23rd the PARC [Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club] was once again invited to provide the riverside Emergency Communications for the Kiwanis Piscataquis River Canoe Race. We supplied 14 Hams at riverside locations who documented the passing of the entrants and boats, hopefully at the same time, and were available to notify Net Control to contact the Emergency Management personnel for Search and Rescue operations should they be required.

The race day weather was beautiful. The river height was perfect and 38 boats entered headed out from The Guilford Rec area to the Finish at about the Foxcroft Academy. Local Search and rescue personnel under the supervision of EMA Director Duggan, provided motorized watercraft as sweep boats and the event was without incident.

We would like to thank all of the Hams that participated including those from the Pine State Amateur Radio Club.



# Remember The Squalus

WRITTEN BY PHIL DUGGAN, N1EP

The USS Squalus (SS-192) was a submarine that sank in the Gulf of Maine on May 23, 1939, following a catastrophic valve failure. Twenty six crew members perished, but 33 survived because of an amazing rescue operation.

The Maine Ham Radio Society is conducting their second annual tribute special event to honor the crew of the Squalus, and those involved in the rescue operation. The special call sign W1S has been issued to the club for the event, which will be held May 22 - 23. They plan on operating phone and cw on 10, 15, 20, 40, and 80 meters. A special QSL card will be sent to those requesting one.

Those wishing to participate at the special event operating site can come to Phil Duggan's (N1EP) QTH at 195 Kansas Rd in Milbridge on Sunday, May 22 where club members and guests will operate portable outside or from his camper.



# Growing Amateur Radio

WRITTEN BY PHIL DUGGAN, N1EP



“Build it and they will come,” is a classic line from the Field of Dreams movie with Kevin Costner. That sentiment applies to ham radio as well.

Introducing amateur radio to the public is a step-by-step process where we build upon previous efforts, eventually creating a larger sphere of influence, and hopefully, convince more people that ham radio is a fun and rewarding activity.

For example, at the request of a local pastor (Burt Lowry K7HVN), the Ellsworth Amateur Radio Association setup an amateur radio presentation and interactive demo on April 30 in Ellsworth,

where several kids and their parents were in attendance. This was one of numerous public activities that the club has done in the past few years, and they likely will do more this summer.

The evening event featured an Intro to Amateur Radio Keynote presentation, interactive demonstrations with on-air contacts, a Morse Code demonstration, and a very active Q & A session. Chuck Liebow, AC1BS, sent the kids’ names who were in attendance in CW so they could hear what it sounded like in Morse code. Those in attendance seemed quite pleased with the club’s efforts, learned something new, and a few of them expressed an interest in pursuing an amateur radio license. A teenager overcame his mic-shyness and made a contact with Sam Bach, KC1PMG, a high school senior in Surry. Sam told the young man that he would be studying for his electrical engineering degree at college next fall.

After Sam signed off, Steve Montague, W1DTX, of Franklin, came on frequency and told the group that while he was talking with them he was also connected digitally via HF Packet to a station way out west where he was leaving a message over the

amateur radio airwaves. Many in attendance were amazed that hams could do that kind of thing without the Internet.

The Keynote presentation included a short video, and numerous slides and images about space communications, soldering and kit-building, public service and emergency communications, contesting, and much more. Phil Duggan, N1EP, will make it available to ham radio clubs or individuals who would like to use it. Email [n1ep@arrl.org](mailto:n1ep@arrl.org)

Many existing organizations, such as church and youth groups, veterans organizations, sports clubs, and such meet regularly and oftentimes are open to outside organizations – such as ham radio clubs – to come and speak to them. This is a great opportunity to spread our enthusiasm for amateur radio, and to potentially recruit new members into the hobby. We need to bring it to them.



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