

# THE MAINE TELEGRAPH

NEWSLETTER FOR MAINE  
AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS



## Volunteerism Recognized at the Maine State Convention

WRITTEN BY PHIL DUGGAN, N1EP, ME SM

This is the Year Of The Volunteers for the ARRL, the national association for amateur radio, and its members. Three Maine hams were recognized for their dedication and service to the New England division and Maine section during the Maine State ARRL Convention and Androscoggin ARC Hamfest held March 24-25, 2023.

The New England Division Director, Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC, presented Jerry Burns, K1GUP, with a plaque lauding his 50 years as the Maine Seagull Net Manager. The Seagull Net meets six days a week, and serving a half-century as net manager is no meager task. The remarkable dedication and service to the National Traffic System and to Maine's traffic handlers is outstanding, and as Maine Section Manager Phil Duggan, N1EP, remarked, is most likely unmatched.



Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC, ARRL New England Division Director, presents an award to Jerry Burns, K1GUP for his 50 years service as Maine Seagull Net manager.

Also honored for their volunteerism were Cory Golob, KUTU, for his service as Assistant Director for Public Service and EmComm, and Bill Mann, W1KX, for his service as the Pine Tree Net Manager, and net control operator and participant in several other traffic and public service nets.

All of these awardees are enthusiastic ambassadors to amateur radio and inspire others by their outstanding service.



Cory Golob, KU1U, is recognized for his service as Assistant Director for Public Service & Emergency Communication for the New England ARRL Division. Div. Director Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC (right) presents the award.



Maine Section Manager Phil Duggan, N1EP (right) presents Bill Mann, W1KX, a plaque for his many years of service to the section as Pine Tree Net Manager and for his other roles within the section.

# Maine ARRL Section

WRITTEN BY PHIL DUGGAN, N1EP, MAINE SECTION MANAGER

This new year has seen amazing participation in hamfests, nets, and other events. It looks like we are exiting, or adjusting to the Covid era and the Maine section is coming on strong in 2023.

Congratulations to all who made the first two hamfests in 2023 such a huge success! The Augusta "Boat Anchor" hamfest in February and the Maine State Convention and Androscoggin ARC hamfest in March were both well-attended and fun. The vendors and sellers are stepping up and that is very much appreciated. The hamfest and convention organizers have done an awesome job making these events a fun and useful time for all the attendees. Running and operating hamfests takes a lot of work and dedication. Bravo Zulu to all involved. And thank you to all who attended; your support is welcome and appreciated.

As Maine section manager, I am also grateful for the strong showing from the Maine cabinet and other section officials, who have shown up and participated and fielded questions and answers. It is much appreciated and shows that the ARRL Maine section leadership are doing their job and representing Maine hams in a great fashion.

Speaking of Maine section leadership, I would like to express my gratitude to Paul Doucette, KB1OLK, for serving seven years as Kennebec County ARES Emergency Coordinator (EC). The ARRL is emphasizing volunteerism this year and I would be remiss if I did not thank Paul and all the other field service appointees in the Maine Section. Paul is stepping down as EC and Mike Coulombe, KBIUTD, is stepping up to replace him in that role. Thank you Mike for your initiative and service.

The next couple of Maine events include the Ellsworth Ham Radio Symposium April 22, and the Hermon Hamfest on June 3. Outside of Maine, don't forget about Near-fest in Deerfield, NH April 28, 29.

# Maine State Convention & Hamfest

WRITTEN BY CORY GOLOB, K1U1

The Maine State Convention & Hamfest was a huge success with 305 people in attendance, an increase in 75 people from last year. The talks and presentations were well received. There was a nice representation from New England Division and Section leadership. Several awards were presented, including Jerry Burns, K1GUP, for his 50 years of service as Net Manager for the Maine Seagull Net. The winner of the \$250.00 HRO gift certificate was Michelle Mann, WM1C, from Monmouth. The winner of the Promotion \$200.00 cash prize was John Hersey, WQ1W, from Norway. The winner of the 50/50 raffle was George Szadis, K1GDI from Winthrop. Thank you to all of the Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club volunteers who helped with setup, operations and take down.



Androscoggin ARC President, Lee Trask (W1LWT), presenting on Balloon Launching.



Conference attendees get some hands-on opportunity building an End Fed Halfwave Antenna with the assistance of Joel Curneal (N1JEO).



Keith Anoe (KE4UCW) SEC and EC for Androscoggin county, pictured left with Paul Leonard (KE6PIJ) Deputy Director for Androscoggin County EMA.



Exhibition Hall at the Maine State Convention & Hamfest. The morning crowd getting an early start on finds.



Great selection of amateur radio gear was present at the hamfest



By 10:30 AM on Saturday it was a packed house. Total Attendance of 305.





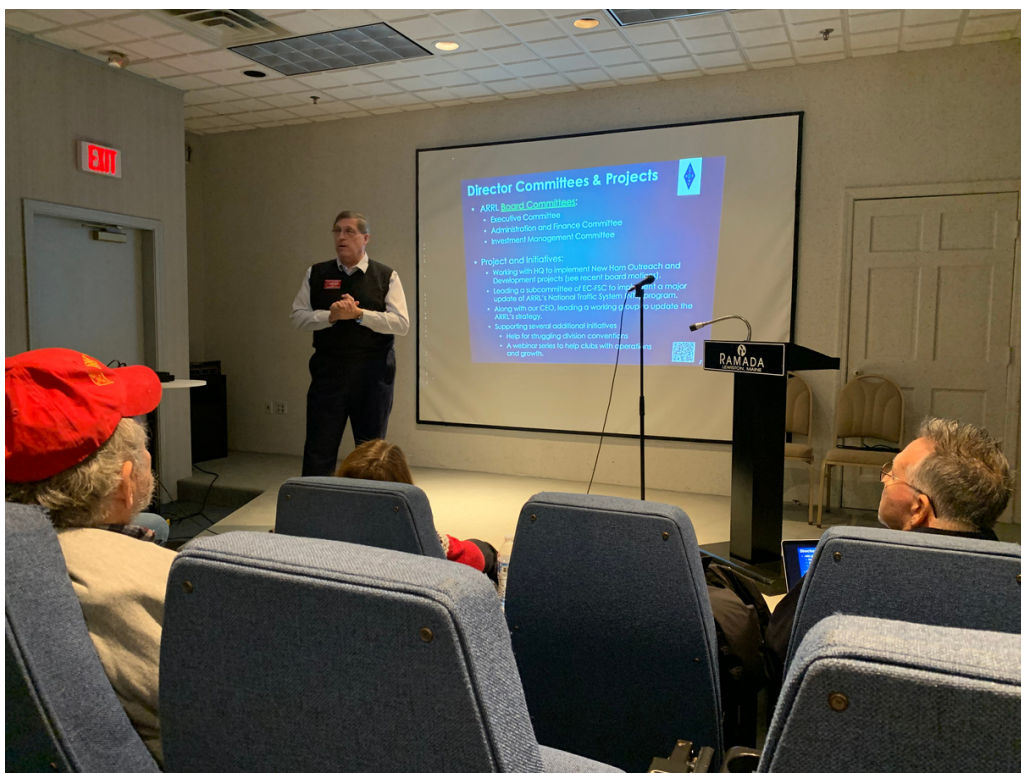
Bill Richardson (NG1P) giving an update on the Mesh Networking Project



Keith Anoe (KE4UCW) presenting on his Drill Packet. After this talk, Keith was invited to do this presentation at the New England Convention - [HamXposition](#) in August



VE Testing at the end of the Hamfest & Convention



Fred Kemmerer (AB10C) New England Division Director providing an ARRL Forum Update at the Convention



Phil Temples (K9HI) New England Vice Director also provided an update at the ARRL Forum



Phil Duggan (N1EP) Maine Section Manager offering an update on Maine Section happenings during the ARRL Forum

# Maine POTA Activator Heads to St. Vincent: J8NKI and the other Side of the Pileup

YOUTUBE VIDEO BY KEVIN THOMAS, W1DED



Parks on the Air activating intersects with a vacation-style DXpedition in this quick recap of W1DED's activation as J8NKI in St. Vincent & the Grenadines. Kevin, who resides year-round in Yarmouth Maine, logged 1100+ QSO's with ham radio operators from around the world and was the first to activate St Vincent for Parks on the Air. Kevin packs his short video full of tips about how to plan and execute a casual ham radio trip to a foreign country.

**[YouTube Video Link](#)**

# A Time for Growth & Change

WRITTEN BY KEITH ANOE, KE4UCW, SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

It's that time of the year, spring! With the Maine state convention behind us, some secured new gear growing their shack to enjoy the hobby or make a contribution to emergency communications. I want to take this opportunity to introduce two new Emergency Coordinator's (EC) to the Maine Section ARES/RACES team as we change and grow as well. Mike Coulombe – KB1UTD will be stepping into the EC position in Kennebec County. Mike is a member of the Kennebec County ARES/RACES team and is familiar with the group and is looking forward to continuing to enhance and improve the Kennebec County ARES/RACES program. With Mike's arrival as the new EC, I would like to thank Paul Doucette – KB1OLK for his service as a Kennebec County EC. Paul will continue to be a member of the Kennebec County ARES/RACES team. Paul's past and continuing contributions are appreciated.

I would also like to welcome Fred Nickerson – K1CMN, as the EC for Penobscot County. Fred has volunteered not only as a new EC and also to start the Penobscot County ARES/RACES group backup. Fred is new to amateur radio but has experience as a first responder as a firefighter. His experience as a first responder will be greatly appreciated as he builds the Penobscot County team as the newest group EC in the Section. While working over the last two months, I had the opportunity to work with the EMA directors for both Penobscot and Kennebec County, as well as speak at the Maine State Convention and Pine State Amateur Radio Club - N1ME club meeting. I'm continually impressed with the amateur community as it supports the emergency communication aspect of the hobby. I'm also impressed with the County leadership as it looks at ham radio's contribution in their efforts toward preparedness for the community. It's a continuous effort, both large and small, professional and personal.

To work and continue improvement, the drill schedule for the rest of the calendar year 2023 has been finalized. An effort was made to set the dates around ham fast and other holidays and seasons. 2nd Qtr 24-25 Jun Field Day 3rd Qtr 19 Aug 4th Qtr 28 Oct – 2023 SET. If you have an interest in supporting the Maine Section ARES/RACES contact me at keith@anoe.us. Time to check the antennas and rake the lawn. Stay informed Join the Maine Section ARES/RACES Groups. Io <https://mainesection-ares-races.groups.io/g/main>

# VE TEST SESSIONS

COURTESY OF THE ARRL MAINE SECTION WEBPAGE

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04/29/2023

Sponsor: PBARC

Date: Apr 29 2023

Time: 9:00 AM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

Contact: Joseph G. Devonshire

(207) 549-0061

Email: trainbee@aol.com

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Warren Sanitary District - pre-registration is required

442 Cushing Rd (Rt 97)

Look for sign at entrance

Warren ME 04864-9999

Website: <https://penbayarc.org/>

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05/01/2023

Sponsor: Merrymeeting ARA

Date: May 01 2023

Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Donald S. Wakeman

(207) 751-1166

Email: ka1wal.dsw@gmail.com

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: American Red Cross

16 Community Way

Topsham ME 04086-9999

Website: <http://ks1r.org/>

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05/06/2023

Sponsor: Waterville Area Wireless Association

Date: May 06 2023

Time: 10:00 AM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

Contact: Weldon R. Black

(207) 873-3869

Email: weldon.black00@yahoo.com

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Somerset EOC

8 Country Dr

Skowhegan ME 04976

# BUY - SWAP - SELL

Equipment	Description	Misc Info
Tokyo Hy Power HL-2.5KFX	1.5KW HF Power Amplifier	Used, excellent, w/original shipping box
Collins 30L-1	RF Power Amplifier	Used, excellent, w/USA 811A's, w/cover
Collins 314-B4	Wattmeter/Phone Patch	Used, good
Collins 314-B5	Remote VFO/Wattmeter/Phone Patch	Pristine Condx, New Emblem, w/cover
Collins 516-F2	AC Power Supply	Used, good
Collins KWM-2A	100W HF Transceiver	Pristine Condx, New Emblem, w/cover
Loudenboomer MKII	KW Amp	Used, good, manual, no HV supply
Drake 2A	HF Receiver	Used, good
Drake WH7	HF Wattmeter	Used, good
E.F. Johnson Viking HF Matchbox	375W w/SWR Meter	Used, good, modified for coax output only
E.F. Johnson Viking HF Matchbox	375W (non-meter version)	Used, good, balanced line output only
E.F. Johnson Viking Navigator	40W HF CW Transmitter	Used, excellent
Eimac 8295A	High Power Amplifier Tube	Looks unused, replaces PL-172
Eimac AF-68A	60W HF AM/CW Transmitter	Used, excellent, w/cover
Eimac M1070	AC/DC Power Supply	Used, works OK, needs cleaning
Eimac PMR-8	HF Receiver	Used, excellent, w/cover
Force 12 Sigma 40	Vertical Dipole	Used, w/original box for shipping
Heathkit HW-101	100W HF Transceiver	Used, good
Icom 249H	50W 2M Transceiver	No transmit
Icom 449H	35W 70CM Transceiver	Used, good
Icom AT-120	150W HF Remote Antenna Tuner	Used, good
Icom IC-275H	100W 2M Transceiver	Used, good
Icom IC-475H	75W 70CM Transceiver	Used, good
Icom IC-707	100W HF Transceiver	Used, good, needs dial LED
Icom IC-7300	100W HF Transceiver w/antenna tuner	Used, excellent
Icom IC-775	200W HF Transceiver w/antenna tuner	Used, excellent
Icom IT-100	125W Autotuner	Used, excellent
Icom M803	150W HF Marine Band Transceiver	Used, good
Kenwood KAT-1	150W Remote Antenna Tuner	Unused, in original unopened box
Kenwood TS-480HX	200W HF Transceiver	Used, never mobile
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MFJ-1026	Receive Noise Attenuator	Used, excellent
MFJ-1118	DC Power Switching Panel	Used, excellent
MFJ-1700B	Coax Antenna Switching Panel	Used, good, needs checking over
MFJ-259	HF Antenna Analyzer	Used, excellent
MFJ-259	HF Antenna Analyzer	Used, excellent
MFJ-834H	HF RF Ammeter	Used, excellent

Mosley TA-33MW	3 El Tri-Beam + Dipole for 17M & 12M	Looks new, original box for shipping
Mosley TM-33M	3 El Tri-Band Beam	Used, excellent
PowerWerx SS-30DV	12VDC 25A Power Supply	Used, excellent w/box
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QJE 50	50 Amp 13.8VDC Power Supply	NIB
Swan 100MX	100W HF Transceiver	Used, excellent
Swan ST-3	HF Antenna Tuner	Used, excellent
TMC ATS-2	HF Remote Antenna Tuner w/Controller	Used, good (no cables)
TMC SBT-1K	KW HF Transmitter	Used, good (HF Driver & Amp only)

Interested parties can contact Harley at [KH6HGP@gmail.com](mailto:KH6HGP@gmail.com)

**Have something for the Buy - Swap - Sell section?**

[LINK TO SUBMIT ITEM\(S\) TO BUY/SWAP/SELL \(WITH ABILITY TO UPLOAD AN IMAGE\)](#)



What are *you* or *your* club doing with amateur radio??

Consider sending an article our way to highlight all the good work that is being done in amateur radio.

Have a VE test coming up? Let us know the details so it can be published here and on the Maine ARRL Section Website

*To submit articles for the Newsletter please use the following links:*

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