

THE MAINE TELEGRAPH

NEWSLETTER FOR MAINE
AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS



Field Day A Success!

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The 2023 Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club field day was a HUGE success! There were 38 people in attendance. Thank you to all who assisted in the logistics, operations and general participation to make it an enjoyable weekend. The two biggest winners of Field Day were interaction with visitors and getting newer hams on the air. Sun Journal showed up on Saturday and turned around an article in Sunday morning's paper which helped promote the event.

Several folks gathered on Friday evening at 6:00 to assist in setting up: Club President, Keith Anoe (KE4UCW), Club Vice President Cory Golob (KU1U), Club Treasurer, Mike Bullins (KO4PPM), Simon Golob (KC1TAV at that time), Ron Dahle (KC1QLG) with a prospective future ham Pete, and Marjorie Turner (KX1I). Onlookers were fascinated to see Mike pilot his drone up and over the trees to drop the rope (video is posted on the WINPP Facebook page). This was certainly a different method than using a sling shot, fishing pole or potato cannon. Once the ends were taken care of, the Cobra Ultralite Senior was raised. The antenna performed very well over the weekend. The second antenna was raised Saturday morning, a 40-meter dipole. Mike also experimented with his Buddipole portable antenna.



Mike Bullins (KO4PPM) piloting his Mavric Pro Drone with Ron Dahle (KC1QLG) and his friend Pete tending the line

Twelve club members participated in some fashion with the Field Day event, which means 26 people not associated with the club had partaken in the festivities! That is an incredible outreach and by the end of the weekend, the Androscoggin ARC had signed up three brand new members. Bit by bit, the club is growing. The interaction with people was amazing. Folks showed up to learn about amateur radio, ask questions about our group and even sit down to operate a radio with a Coach.



Left to Right: Mike Garvin (KC1RCG), Leasa Garvin (KC1RCF), Phil Duggan (N1EP), Paul Leonard (KE6PIJ)

I cannot think of a year where there was more enthusiasm to operate! There were 7 operators on the WINPP station and several Coaches though we did not qualify to have a GOTA Station since we were one station short. Simon, who received his vanity call on Saturday morning, N1URA, operated the call of WINPP and raked in 92% of the WINPP contacts. Overall, that station had 66 contacts.

We had 5 youths, under the age of 18, make at least 1 contact during field day which made their day and earned us 100 bonus points for Youth Contacts (20 points per Youth, max of 100 points). If you glanced at the Sun Journal for Sunday, there were two photos of Simon Golob (N1URA) and Joe Grace (W1SK). Leasa Garvin (KC1RCF) attended with her husband Mike (KC1RCG). The couple traveled down for Field Day (they live in Fryeburg and stay in Hebron during the Summer). Leasa made her first ever HF contact. She has her General class license. A guest operator stopped by Sunday morning, David Braley (KC1HRW) to see the operation and made his first ever contact on ham radio after being licensed for several years. David also has his General class license. He lives in Farmingdale and mostly listens to the repeaters using his Icom ID-4100A in his Jeep, but I have a good feeling that after this weekend, he is going to be more interested in trying to get on the air more. The WINPP station was a complete success in that it got people on the air.



Lilliana (Jennifer Lepkowski – KC1QIJ's daughter making a contact with Cory KU1U as Coach) as their friends watch on





*Back Row Left to Right: Mike Bagley (NU1H), Mike Garvin (KC1RCG)
Front Row Left to Right: Cory Golob (KU1U), Leasa Garvin (KC1RCF)
Leasa getting excited as she makes several HF contacts*

Elizabeth Donnell (KB1ZHN) from Greene also attended the weekend festivities. She made a contact on the WINPP station as well. She was looking for assistance in how to get more involved with the hobby and programming her radio. The club delivered in offering resources to help transition her curiosity into results. Club members will be reaching out to her to help get her on the air. She brought her Yaesu FT-60R handheld with several questions which were answered by the time she left Beaver Park. This is what Field Day is all about, showing people how to get involved while using their own interests as a compass. While the meetings do not work for her schedule, you can rest assured that we will be staying in touch with her to help her along the way and make sure she can stay engaged with the hobby.



Simon getting into the groove as he operates as WINPP – Icom 7100 on 20-Meters using a Cobra Ultralite Senior Antenna



Elizabeth Donnell (KB1ZHN) Right, Coach Joe Grace (W1SK) Left

The Androscoggin ARES/RACES group ran a primary station using callsign KA1AAR and the club operated WINPP. 279 contacts were made with 5 operators under KA1AAR. (Only one radio was operated at a time due to not having filters and close proximity of antennas).

KA1AAR Band/Mode breakdown:

Band	CW	Phone	Dig	Total	%
80	55	55	0	110	39
40	76	65	5	146	52
20	5	16	0	21	8
15	0	2	0	2	1
Total	136	138	5	279	100

Total Contacts by Initials:

Initials	Total	%
JG (W1SK)	91	33
CG (KU1U)	73	26
MB (KO4PPM)	54	19
PL (KE6PIJ)	34	12
BMM (N1VLZ)	27	10

WINPP Band/Mode breakdown:

Band	CW	Phone	Dig	Total	%
80	0	17	0	17	26
40	0	0	1	1	2
20	0	42	0	42	64
15	0	6	0	6	9
Total	0	65	1	66	100

Total Contacts by Initials:

Initials	Total	%
SDAG (N1URA)	52	79
LG (KC1RCF)	6	9
DB (KC1HRW)	3	5
NAVEYO	2	3
LILLIANA	1	2
STANLEY	1	2
ZAYDA	1	2

Our site was visited by several dignitaries from the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). Maine Section Manager Phil Duggan (N1EP) visited Saturday morning and had great conversations with the attendees. On Sunday afternoon, New England Director Fred Kemmerer (AB1OC) and his wife, New England Assistant Director, Anita Kemmerer (AB1QB) stopped in for a visit.



ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator Joe Grace (W1SK) Left
 Simon Golob (KC1TAV/N1URA) Center
 ARRL Maine Section Manager Phil Duggan (N1EP) Right



Group Photo – Left to Right

*Brian Martin (N1VLZ), Cory Golob (KU1U), Simon Golob (KC1TAV/N1URA),
Donnie Daupin (WD1F), Joe Grace (W1SK), Mike Bullins (KO4PPM), Bill
Woodhead (N1KAT), Paul Leonard (KE6PIJ), Jennifer Lepkowski (KC1QIJ).*



Brian Martin (N1VLZ)

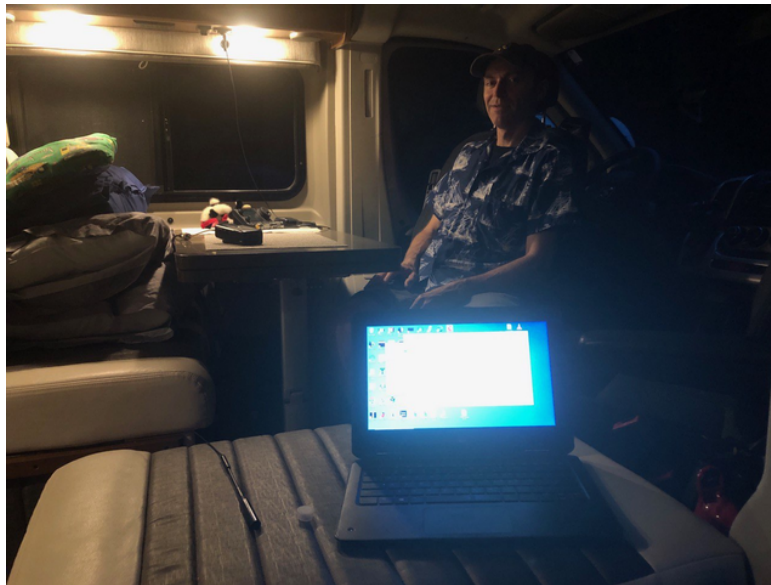


Mike Bullins (KO4PPM)

Both Operating KA1AAR with FT-991A



Androscoggin EMA Van and Trailer



Cory Golob (KU1U – Not Pictured) and Donnie Dauphin (WD1F) doing a Winlink Packet demonstration, sending 8 radiograms via the N1QFY-10 Gateway on 145.07 MHz in West Gardiner from Beaver Park

The 2023 Field Day operation was incredibly successful. People who showed up over the weekend came away with having understood the hobby a little better, got to know the club and what we are trying to achieve, had their questions answered, got a chance to participate in operating, made new connections with friends and had a wonderful time sitting around enjoying each others company. The weather could not deter the enthusiasm and participation of Field Day at Beaver Park this year. Looking forward to next year's field day and improving upon what what achieved this time around. I will be submitting two separate logs, one as WINPP and one as KA1AAR. A Club Aggregate Score will be used.

PSARC Field Day

COURTESY OF THE PINE STATE FACEBOOK PAGE



Left to right: Ed W1IZ (kneeling), John K1JO, Fred K1CMN, Pete K1RTF (kneeling), Tom KC1RJN, Steve KD1OM, Becky W1LIC, Stess K1WXY, Wes WA1IOG, Anita (XYL) Jerry K1GUP, Brian KB7SEA, Gail N1TCM, Evan KC1CMV (kneeling), Alex KC1LEF, Tanya KB1FOJ, Jerry K1GUQ, Jim N1OQS, Pete A1IO

Field Day 2023 totals

CW 307 contacts

Phone 217 contacts

Digital 187 contacts

plus a bonus satellite QSO





Waldo County ARA Field Day

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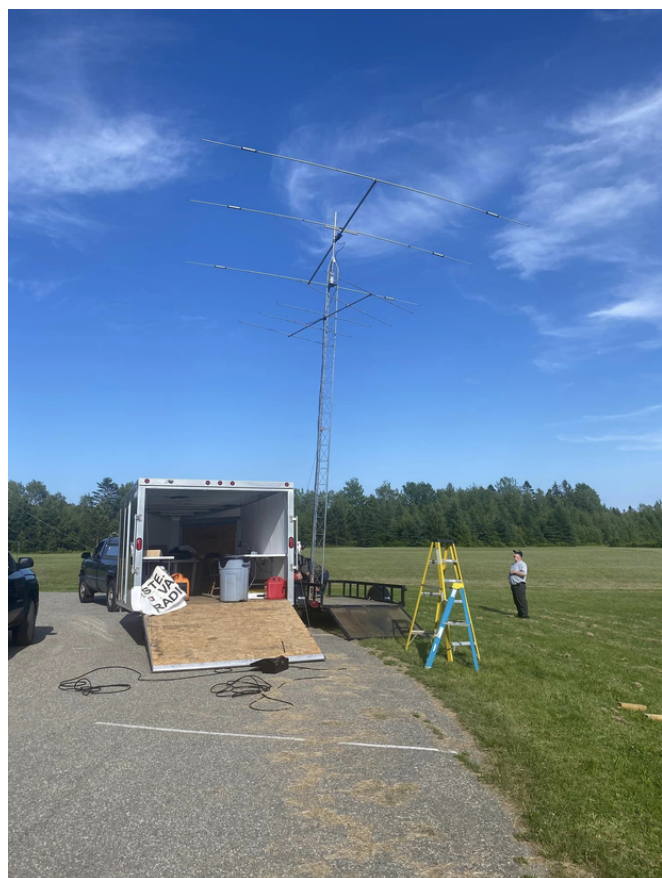




St Croix Valley ARC Field Day

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Wireless Society of Southern Maine Field Day

COURTESY OF THE WSSM FACEBOOK PAGE





LOBSTERCON JULY 7,8,9 - Brunswick Maine

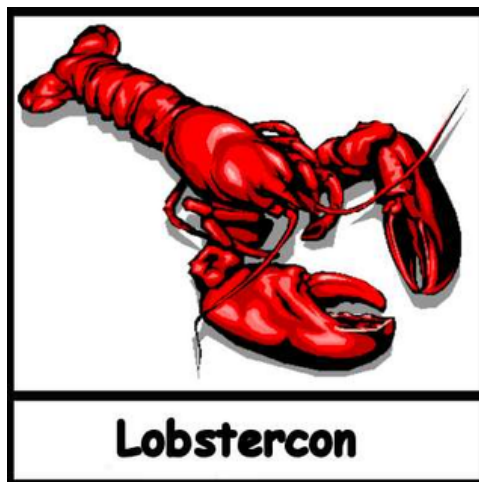
COURTESY OF QRPME.COM WEBSITE

Lobstercon2023! campground reservations have now been confirmed! We will be gathering at Thomas Point Beach & Campground on the weekend of July 7, 8, & 9 2023..... The 2023 event will be the 24th year that WIREX has hosted the QRP event at TPB&C! I have already reserved the group campsite for the 2023 event and set the dates....so you have plenty of time to still plan your weekend getaway to Maine!! I plan on coming up with a few special activities to make our awakening event from this pandemic very special and an event that you will not want to miss! If you have often thought about coming to Lobstercon but never got a round tuit, you have better make this one.....

New Englands premiere QRP gathering ♦ a weekend of QRP camping, BBQ eating, operating, socializing, lobster eating, prize winning, all round great QRP time. A \$50.00 registration fee gets you wake-up coffee, juice, cereal, bagels and donuts (if you wake up early enough) and 2 GIANT meals on Saturday: a BBQ lunch and FRESH Maine lobster dinner. Lobstercon lobsters are fresh out of the ocean for less than an hour before they go into the pot. YOU CAN TASTE THE DIFFERENCE! Pictures of all the fun had by Lobsterconners at previous years events can be found at <http://www.newenglandqrp.org>

Where: Thomas Point Beach & Campground, Brunswick Maine

When: July 7, 8, & 9, 2023



HamXposition August 25-27 Marlborough Mass

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[Saturday Banquet](#)

Chip WIYW is an inventor, scientist, and retired professor. Chip will talk about his amusing background, 'ham-genuity', and some the pitfalls and pleasures along that tortuous path of invention.

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[Keynote Address](#)

Join us Saturday morning for the opening keynote speech by ARRL president Rick Roderick, K5UR.

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EmComm And Public Service Track

Multiple emergency communication and public service related sessions.

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Bill Poulin, WZIL, veteran instructor and volunteer examiner will be holding a "Tech In A Day" class.

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[NEQRP Symposium!](#)

The QRP Club of New England (NEQRP) club will host their annual symposium of talks on Saturday!

[Open Mic Story Hour](#)

Absurd antenna? Crazy QSO? Share your ham radio story with the audience in this open-mic event!

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[DXCC Card Checking](#)

The W1QSL bureau and DXCC card checkers will be available in the main exhibition hall.

[Special Event Station](#)

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[Amateur Radio Expo](#)

The Nashua Area Radio Society will be hosting an Amateur Radio Exposition at the convention, featuring activities and displays about amateur radio and wireless communications.

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Maine Hamfests??

If you have information about upcoming hamfests, please let us know!

I am hoping we can see the following:

- St. Croix Valley Hamfest
- Windsor Hamfest
- Boat Anchor Hamfest

Future of the Maine Telegraph

The newsletter is a time commitment and has been going for 35 straight editions, which means next month will be the 3 year anniversary of the Maine Telegraph. If you would like to see it continue, please consider writing an article about what you or your club are doing. If each club writes one article a year, it would make all the difference.


We welcome all kinds of articles: technical, on-air activities, upcoming events. If it is important to you, then it is important to us because this newsletter is meant for the people who read it.

Thank you to the 429 who receive this distribution directly and countless others who may access it from other websites or forums where it may get forwarded.

13 Colonies Special Event



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15th Annual 13 Colonies



















Special Event

JULY 1ST - 7TH 2023





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 K2B/VA *Thos. Jefferson		*John Hart K2I/NJ 
 K2C/RI *Wm. Ellory		*John Penn K2J/NC 
 K2D/CT *Wm. Williams		*Wm. Whipple K2K/NH 
 K2E/DE *Caesar Rodney		*Thos. Lynch K2L/SC 
 K2F/MD *Wm. Paca		*Ben. Franklin K2M/PA 
 K2G/GA *Geo. Walton		 *Wm. King George 3rd


 CLEAN SWEEP

THIS CERTIFICATE CERTIFIES THAT ARS: KU2US HAS PARTICIPATED IN THIS ON - AIR AMATEUR RADIO EVENT HONORING THE ORIGINAL THIRTEEN COLONY STATES, OUR INDEPENDENCE, & OUR ACTIVE MILITARY /VETERANS.

 13 CONTACTS







2023 Event Dates / July 1 (9AM Eastern) to July 7 (Midnight Eastern)

(July 1, 2023-1300 UTC to July 8, 2023-0400 UTC)

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FOR SALE:

3 element 20-6M yagi. 1 year old with the new style RCU-06 Controller. Cost \$2600+ and used very little. comes with 100ft control cable and also the 2 additional fixed element option for 6M enhancement. excellent performance and quality construction. Will sell for \$1000. picked up here in Hampden, Me. 04444. Disassemble as required to transport. Antenna will be on the ground and partially disassembled. Currently shown on my QRZ.Com page
Antenna is in mint condition.

See here for details: <https://www.wimo.com/en/ultrabeam-6-band-yagi-shortwave-beam#?1218=12956>

Contact: K1UO Larry, 75 Chickadee Ln, Hampden, ME 04444. Tel: 207-659-3737

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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