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National Wreaths Across America Day

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A Maine Ham Radio Society Special Event

Wreaths Across America Event - **W1A**

The Maine Ham Radio Society is, once again, conducting a special event honoring Wreaths Across America, their volunteers, and our nations' veterans. The dates are December 15 - 18 and coincide with National Wreaths Across America Day. Each December WAA leaves Washington County Maine in a massive convoy of big rigs, escort vehicles including police and fire vehicles, and makes their way to Arlington National Cemetery as well as other

The second annual special event honoring Wreaths Across America, volunteers, and veterans!

veteran’s cemeteries across the nation, where they place Christmas wreaths on American veterans’ graves. The organization even lays wreaths on U.S. veterans graves in Normandy, France, and other overseas locations.

The W1A special event will take place on 80/40/20/15/10 meter bands using phone, cw, and digital modes. Anyone can make a contact with W1A. Maine Ham Radio Society members who wish to operate as W1A during the event must contact n1ep@yahoo.com ASAP.

Maine Parks-On-The-Air

An effort is underway to get all Maine ham radio clubs and as many individuals as possible to activate a qualified Maine park for Parks-On-The-Air on the same date.

Jeff Hanscom, KA1DBE, Assistant Maine Section Manager, and President of the Ellsworth Amateur Wireless Association, is asking clubs and hams to put a Maine park on the air on Saturday, May 18 so that as many qualified entities as possible can be worked by other Maine stations and hams throughout America and the globe. There are 34 state parks, 4 national parks, and dozens of other qualified lands such as national wildlife reserves, that can be activated.

Check out the official Parks On The Air web site for a searchable map of qualified parks and rules. <https://parksontheair.com/>



Ham News in Images



Saint Croix Valley ARC Xmas Luncheon, December 3 in Calais. A raffle raised \$170 for the ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund. Awesome!



Projects Sessions at Meadow View Apartments Phase IV Dining Hall in Ellsworth. Kit-building and more! This photo stolen from W1KRP depicts Jeff, KA1DBE, working on some contraption!



Maine Section News

- Did you know that the ARRL will reimburse the \$35 FCC fee to those under age 18 after they successfully pass their amateur radio exam?
- The ARRL has an “Estate Planning Workbook” available on line that can be a great tool for your ham radio planning as you acquire a mountain of radios and other gear throughout your amateur radio career.
- Join or renew ARRL membership in December before the January dues increase, and save some money! Don’t forget, if you want a print version of one of the magazines, such as QST, you will need to pay a \$25 subscription.
- The ARRL Diamond Club is a great way to go above and beyond to support the ARRL’s mission in defending our spectrum, aiding teachers and students in the classroom through STEM and amateur radio, QSL Bureau, and much more. The Diamond Club supports all ARRL efforts and funds above what dues covers. If you can afford to contribute, please do. *Why should you do this?*

“Because you believe in our mission!” -
 Kevin Beal, K8EAL, ARRL Director of
 Development

Many ARRL-affiliated clubs hold elections in January. This is a great time to go on-line on the ARRL web site and do the annual club update listing new officers and number of ARRL members in your club, etc. Details are here:

<http://arrl.org/club-update>

Calendar of Events

- Ellsworth Amateur Wireless Association Xmas Pot Luck, Sunday, Dec 17 at noon at Meadow View Apartments Phase IV Dining Hall, 25 Tweedie Lane in Ellsworth.
- Maine’s last week as W1AW/1 for the Volunteers on the Air. Dec 13 - 19.
- W1A Wreaths Across America Special Event Dec 15 - 18.
- New Year’s Eve/Day annual ARRL Straight Key Night.
- Maine Ham Radio Society meeting Saturday, January 6 at 1400 (2PM) at 195 Kansas Rd in Milbridge. Topic is the Apr8 Solar Eclipse — a ham radio event.
- Augusta Hamfest at the Calumet Club Saturday, Feb 10 at 0800 until noon.



*Clandestine Coffee Sessions
 Wednesdays at 10am at Flex-
 it Cafe, Main St in Ellsworth.*

Hammin' The Holidays!

December special events, contests, and gifts! These are just a few of the hamming' things we can enjoy through the holiday!

As noted on page one, the W1A Wreaths Across America is a great chance to earn a cool QSO and QSL card, as well as Straight Key Night. But don't forget about the ARRL 10 meter contest Dec 9-10, and the CW Rookie Roundup on Dec 17.

The Santa Net is back on 3.916 MHz in its 18th year of operation. It runs every night starting at 8:05pm eastern. Connecting kids with Santa at the North Pole is fun and rewarding!

If you get a ham-related present under the tree this year, let his know about it and send a photo! n1ep@yahoo.com

The latest Maine Telegraph Newsletter is out thanks to Cory KU1U. Check it out at mainearrl.org under the newsletter tab.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Brenda (N1ZPV) and I (N1EP) wish you the happiest of holidays. May Santa be ham-generous and leave a radioactive gift for all of you!

HF Nets

- Maine Seagull Net M - Sat 1630 (4:30PM) on 3.940 MHz.
- Maine Slow Speed Net M - F 3.585 MHz at 1800 (6pm)
- Pine Tree Net on 3.596 MHz daily at 1900 (7pm)
- Maine Public Service Net Sundays on 3.940 MHz at 0900
- Maine Emergency Communications Net 3.940 MHz at 1630.

CanAm Dog Sled Races Looking For New Radio Comms Chief

After 12 years of service, Derrick Ouelette KW1A has stepped down as the Radio Communications Chief for the Crown CanAm Dog Sled Races. The organization is looking for a replacement. Responsibilities include coordinating communications for five different checkpoints and two field spots. Making sure everyone has equipment and getting radios from the state out for SAR is another Radio Comms Chief duty. Understanding public safety agencies is also a plus as the radio operators work close with them and use the MSSCOM net as well. If interested in this position, contact can-am-board@googlegroups.com. Thank you Derrick for doing an amazing job these past 12 years!

