

**WINTER FIELD DAY**  
JAN 29-30, 2022  
MHRS JONESBORO



**CLUB  
MEETINGS**



**QRP On The  
Waterfront**

## Signals Downeast

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A Ham Radio Profile

## Girls Don't Do This

Evie Sargent, KA1BRA, was first licensed in the mid-seventies, but that wasn't her first introduction to ham radio. Her father was an active ham during his Navy days, and Evie knew other hams on Mount Desert Island and elsewhere in Maine, including Don Frost K1WJY. Her father had many interests, including electronics and repairing television sets, and Evie would visit him in his shack to see what he was doing. "*Girls don't do this,*" he told her. Evie proved him wrong!

In college Evie hated her physics classes, but she found that being a ham radio operator was a fun way to learn physics. Some of her fondest memories involve many of the hams she has known throughout the years, including Joe Demaso, K1RQG, whom she remembers took a brand-new state-of-the-art Kenwood radio out of the box, totally disassembled it and then put it back together in working order. She remembers how amazed she was when he would operate Earth-Moon-Earth (EME) or meteor scatter to make amateur radio contacts.

"Meeting so many people in so many fields and backgrounds, it has been amazing meeting so many wonderful people," said Evie during a 2018 interview.

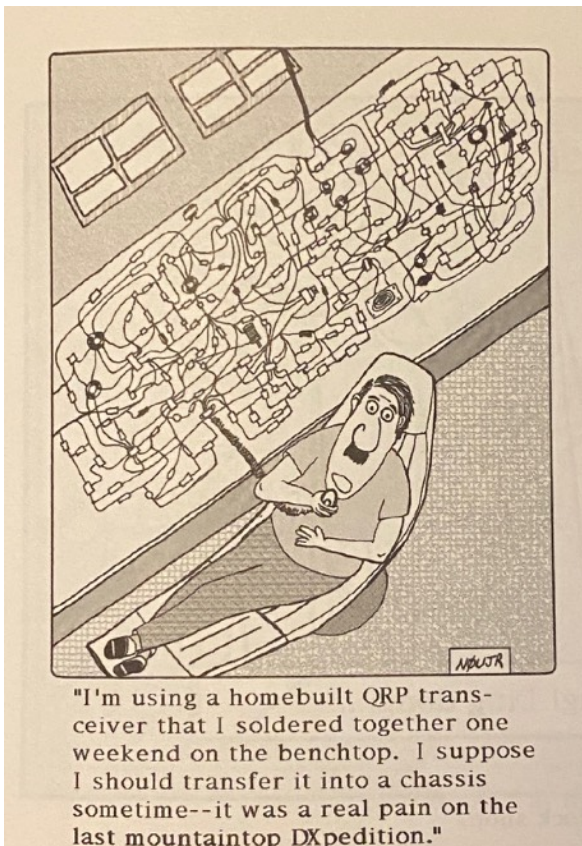
Evie retired from Jackson Laboratory in 2014. She had been supervisor of Genetic Quality Control for 19 years, but first joined the lab teams in 1968 as a research assistant. Her first job there was working for Nobel prize winner George Snell, working with pioneering medical research.



Evie was Ellsworth Amateur Wireless Association secretary/treasurer for more than thirty years. She has always been a key player in club field days and other events.

Her favorite band is 10 meters. "It is a very interesting band. Sunspot activity and time of day affect the band, but when it is open in good conditions, you can use a lousy antenna and work the world, even Japan and Australia," she said. "I really got hooked on ten meters!"

Evie was recently nominated as EAWA president. Elections will take place during the January 2022 meeting. We look forward to seeing how Evie will continue to prove "Girls Don't Do This" is soooo wrong!



**Could this be Jeff KA1DBE? Must have shaved his beard.**

## Club Meetings

### Maine Ham Radio Society

Saturday Nov 20 at 2PM  
SSB Sweepstakes Holidays  
Social at Phil Duggan's  
home 195 Kansas RD,  
Milbridge, ME 04658.  
Short business meeting,  
social and food, and contest  
begins at 4pm. Use N1EP  
shack and club call  
KB1CEJ to operate the  
contest!

### Saint Croix Valley ARC

Zoom Meeting Sunday,  
Nov 21 at 5:30PM. Contact  
Mike KB1GEO for a link  
to the meeting.

### Ellsworth Amateur Wireless Association

XmasPotluck Lunch at  
noon Saturday Dec 4 at the  
Ellsworth Assembly of God  
Church.

## Hamfests in 2022!

Below is a list of hamfests for 2022, but be aware, these are tentative only, so verify as the dates get closer.

- **Winterfest** at Calumet **Feb 12** at the Calumet Club in Augusta.
- **Androscoggin Hamfest & Convention Apr 1 - 2** at Ramada Hotel Conference Center, Lewiston.
- **Hermon Hamfest, June 4.** Place to be determined.
- **Three Rivers Hamfest Aug 6** in Milo, this is very tentative and has not been decided yet.
- **Windsor Hamfest Aug 20** at Windsor Fairgrounds.
- **Alexander Hamfest Sep 17**, place to be determined.

## MHRS Winter Field Day

### TEN-METER Ground Plane Test

MHRS and Washington County ARES are conducting another 10-meter ground plane net on **Friday, Dec 17 at 1900 (7pm)** on or near **28.330 MHz USB**. The net tests how that band can serve Washington County hams for local emergency communications. Spread the word!

Brian Carlton, KC1FXF, has invited the MHRS as well as WCARES and ST Croix Valley ARC to conduct Winter Field Day at his place in Jonesboro.

Winter Field Day for 2022 will be Jan 29-30. Brian is willing to host the entire event instead of just a few hours, if there is enough interest. More details coming after the new year.



### Bob Begley & 565!

The Poverty Hill Amateur Radio Group will be conducting a special simplex net on 146.565 MHz on Friday, **Dec 10 at 1900 (7PM)** in honor of the late Hancock County ham, whose call was W1KMG. PHARG now holds that call sign, and Steve, W1DTX, will be calling up the net from a QTH in Hancock or Franklin. That particular simplex frequency was Bob's 2-meter hangout for many years!

## Tri-Clubs Happenings

Mike Sanford, KB1GEO is president of the **Saint Croix Valley ARC**. He reports that some members meet on 29.100 MHz FM Wednesdays at 8:00pm. Friday mornings a group gets together at Karen's Diner on Main Street in Calais at 0900 (9am). Elections for 2022 are coming up and nominations will be discussed during the November 21st Zoom meeting at 5:30pm. Mike also expressed his excitement that Cycle 25 is finally making itself know. "Maybe some of the ft8 operators will come back to phone or cw," he wrote in a recent email.

The **Maine Ham Radio Society** invites all to attend their November 20th Holidays SSB Sweepstakes Social at the home of Phil & Brenda Duggan, 195 Kanas RD, Milbridge. The social starts at 1400 (2pm) where there will be goodies and beverages on hand. A short business meeting will be held. November Single Sideband Sweepstakes begins at 1600 (4pm) and members can use N1EP shack to contest using the club call KB1CEJ

The **Ellsworth Amateur Wireless Association** has been busy this summer/fall with QRP portable operations along the banks of the Union River, gatherings at ham radio breakfasts and lunches, and conducting in-person and Zoom meetings from the Ellsworth Assembly of God Church.



LEFT: Andrew, N1WMR, shows off his neat rack-mounted ham radio station at his boat shop in Sullivan.

RIGHT: Dick, W1KRP, makes some phone contact during the EAWA QRP On The Waterfront event earlier this month.





## Fun Local Competition?

Marion N3OA suggests that area clubs and ARES/EmComm groups compete in various activities in order to promote valuable emergency communications in a fun and friendly manner. What say you MHRS, SCVARC, WCARES, EAWA, HCEMCOMM? Maybe a winter contest involving phone, digital, and cw?

## Packet Radio Uptick

More activity is being heard on 145.010 MHz in coastal Maine. There is a packet radio resurgence again and many packet radio users are seeing their TNC mailbox lights flash about everyday! It is a super emcomm mode. Consider jumping in and joining the group!



## The New England Lassie's Net, a meeting place for the YLs!!!

This net for the Young Ladies (YL) meets each Wednesday morning at 0830 on 3.912 MHz on the 75 meter band. Join other YLs from around New England to chat on sideband (LSB).

### Local Nets

Mondays	Washington County ARES Net 147.330+ (PL 118.8) at 1900 (7:00 pm).
Tuesdays	DownEast Information & Emergency Net 146.595 at 1830 (6:30 pm). Hancock County EmComm Net 146.910 repeater at 1900 (7pm)
Wednesday	Ellsworth Amateur Wireless Assn on-air meeting 147.030+ (pl 100) at 1900
Thursday	Maine Ham Radio Society Net, K1HF Marshfield Repeater 146.775- PL 192.8 at 7PM
M - Sat	Maine Seagull Net 1700 (4:30pm Winter hours) 3940 kilocycles
M - F	Maine Slow Speed Net (CW) 1800 (6pm) 3585 kilocycles.
M - Sun	Pine Tree Net (CW) 1730 (winter hours) on 3596 kilocycles
Sundays	Maine Public Service Net 0900 frequency on or near 3940 kilocycles Maine Emergency Comm Net 1630 on 3940 kilocycles.