

# YANKEE AMATEUR RADIO NEWSLETTER

## MAY 2008

### **Y A R N - Editor's Page**

THIS MONTH, WE PAY A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO ROD SCRIBNER, KA1RFD WHO HAS RECEIVED THE PIONEER AWARD, FROM YANKEE CLUB PRESIDENT – LEE TRASK – W1LWT.

BELOW, ROD WAS PRESENTED WITH A SECOND AWARD:



ROD – KA1RFD – RECEIVED THE MICKEY MOUSE AWARD FROM GEORGE KB1AQE, FOR ALL THE GREAT THINGS HE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO AMATEUR RADIO OVER THE YEARS. HE HAS INTRODUCED NEW IDEAS TO MANY PEOPLE BOTH YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE; THROUGH HIS LEADERSHIP ABILITIES !

AS TO THE YARC PIONEER AWARD, ROD KEPT MOVING FORWARD BY PAVING THE ROAD IN PROMOTING THE HOBBY AND SHARING A WEALTH OF IDEAS WITH OTHERS FROM THEIR BEGINNINGS TO HELP DISCOVER THE REAL SPIRIT THAT WE ALL LOVE ABOUT THIS HOBBY – WITH A DEVOTION TO OTHERS THAT WE FIND ALONG THE WAY !

## **NEWS FLASH- LISBON FALLS, MAINE:**

**ATTENTION YARC MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS** ▪ 2008 YANKEE CLUB FIELD DAY ▪

YANKEE CLUB PRESIDENT LEE TRASK – W1LWT – WILL HOST FIELD DAY AT HIS FARM, 91 UPLAND ROAD, LISBON FALLS. ITS 8.8 ACRES THAT FEATURES A LARGE FIELD AREA THAT IS FRAMED WITH 90 FOOT TREES; WHERE WE CAN SETUP ANYTHING WE WANT FOR ANTENNAS !

THERE WILL BE SEVERAL LARGE 10 FT BY 20 FT CANOPIES, WATER, BATHROOMS AND SHADE. GOOD OLD FASHION HOSPITALITY WITH PLENTY OF ROOM FOR CAMPERS AND TENTS. A MAIN TABLE WILL BE SETUP BEHIND THE DUCK POND, WHICH GIVES A NICE VISUAL EFFECT AND YOU CAN FEED THE DUCKS TOO !

LEE PLANS TO RAISE TWO 16 FOOT BALLOONS WITH SEVERAL ANTENNAS, SUCH AS A 160 M AND 80 M DELTA LOOP ANTENNA AND MAYBE A COUPLE OF LONG WIRE VERTICAL ANTENNAS; WHICH DEPENDS UPON THE WEATHER / WIND CONDITIONS. YOU CAN TRY YOUR OWN GEAR USING THESE ANTENNAS.

ASSORTED FOOD ITEMS AS A BBQ, STORY TELLING AND A JAM SESSION WILL HAPPEN; PLEASE BRING YOUR MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS !! IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW WELL YOU PLAY, WHETHER YOU'RE A BEGINNER OR A SEASONED PLAYER; ITS ALL ABOUT HAVING FUN AT THE FIRST YARC FIELD DAY EVENT . . .

THIS WILL BE A **NON-CONTESTING** SITE ▪ **BUT** IF ANYONE WANTS TO SETUP A CONTESTING TABLE, THAT'S FINE TOO !

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER AND AT CLUB MEETINGS.

LEE – W1LWT



## Weather from the Hill

### **March/April review and the memorable winter of 2007/2008**

In a sense, March was a reprieve of sorts. After three consecutive months of well above normal snowfall, March dropped only 16.9" of the white stuff on us, which is near normal. Total precipitation was 3.94", about 120% of normal. The average temperature was 29.2 deg. which is 2.9 deg. below the norm. The lowest temp. was 12 deg. on the 1st and the 24th. The highest was 52 on the 4th.

The average hourly wind speed was 7.4mph with the peak gust for the month being 57mph on the 21st. The month ended with a deep but gradually melting snow pack which, along with no major rainfall, spared us from what could have been some disastrous spring flooding.

April (to date, as of 4/24) is running slightly warmer than normal. It was off to a cold start but a run of above normal days with temps. in the 70s has turned the month around. The warmest day to date has been 79 deg. on the 23rd and the coldest was 26 on the 8th. In sharp contrast with April of last year when a record 28.2" fell, snowfall has been a mere 0.2" and total precip. has been just 1.33". The late month warmth has made for a quick transition from late winter and drying ground cover is quickly becoming a fire hazard issue in certain areas. Late month snow pack in the headwaters as of this writing is quickly melting so flooding issues should be behind us by the time this article is published. I'll summarize the entire month of April next month.

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Who says "we don't get winters like we used to"? After some recent milder winters, Mother Nature seemed to have payback in mind this winter, with all time record snowfalls in some areas and certainly among the top 5 in all parts of northern New England. Here in Turner, it was the snowiest winter since my records began in 1974, with 130.5" having fallen. This broke the previous record of 126.1" during the winter of '95/'96. Monthly snowfall records were also broken here for Dec. and Feb.

The three month average winter temperature was 23.3 degrees which is warmer than the long term normal by 1.1 deg. Even though there were no major blizzards, the winter will be remembered by the sheer number of minor snowfalls which added up to locally heavy snow cover by March. As well, this was the first winter in many years when the snow came early in Dec., the way it used to, and stayed all winter long.

With today's technology giving us plenty of warning beforehand and the ability to quickly handle the snow afterwards, the snowy winter of 2007/2008 will never have the shock and awe of the winters of yesteryear. I suppose tall tales of it may not be passed down through the generations but, by the numbers alone, it will probably remain in the books as the snowiest of all time in many places across Maine for a long time to come. Enjoy the spring weather and we'll see you in June.

Jerry  
N.W.S. observer  
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## On the air nets:

### *Sunday:*

12 County Net -(starts between 9:30 - 9:45 am.)

Youth Net - 6:00 pm.

Central Maine Swap Net-7:00 pm.

Tri-County Ares Vhf traffic Net - 8:00 pm.

### *Monday:*

Oxford County Ares Net - 7:30 pm.

(except on the first Monday.)

### *Tuesday:*

Elmer Net - 7:00 pm.

### *Wednesday:*

Wawa Net - 7:30 pm.

Skywarn Net- 8:30 pm.

### *Thursday:*

Southern Aroostook Net-7:00 pm.

YL & OM Net - 8:00 pm.

### *Friday:*

Slow Scan Net -7:30 pm.

Digital Discovery101Net

### *Saturday:*

Skywarn Net - 7:30 pm.

## Repeater List ( PL TONE **100.0**)

146.880 Streaked

146.850 Dixmont

146.820 Camden

147.000 Lincoln

145.350 New Sharon

146.670 Topsfield

146.970 Sugarloaf

145.170 Island Falls (PL Tone **123.0**)

147.180 Sanford

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145.01, .03, .05, .07, .09

## SSTV Frequencies

2 meters - 145.500 FM

6 meters - 50.680 USB

## PSK31 Frequencies

2 meters - 145.550 FM

2 meters - 144.144 USB

6 meters - 51.120 FM

6 meters - 50.290 USB

160 meters - 1.812

80 meters - 3.580

40 meters - 7.070

30 meters - 10.137

20 meters - 14.070

17 meters - 18.100

15 meters - 21.070

12 meters - 24.925

10 meters - 28.120

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