

# Y ankee A mateur R adio N ewsletter



## Hamfest 2006

### Event and Contact

Hosstraders Hamfest  
W1GWU, K1RQG, & W1ITT  
<http://www.qsl.net/k1rqq>

**Talk-in:** 146.895 (PL 100) W1CPL

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### Location

Oct 6 – 7 – Hopkinton, NH  
Hopkinton State fairgrounds  
Warner Road  
Kearsarge Ave  
**Div:** New England  
**Sect:** New Hampshire

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## **Special Event Station**

For the dedication of the new  
**PENOBSCOT NARROWS BRIDGE**  
BETWEEN VERONA AND PROSPECT

K1RQG and W1VEH plus amateurs from the Waldo County plan to operate on the Verona approach to the bridge on HF and VHF (local repeaters and 146.520 simplex) on October 14<sup>th</sup>, the day of Dedication and pedestrian-walk over the bridge. The Observation Tower will also be open.

COME HELP US OPERATE

Information:

Ben, W1VEH 207-469-7706 [ben.blodget@verizon.net](mailto:ben.blodget@verizon.net)

The Maine DOT is currently holding to this date, but watch the news or go to <http://www.waldohancockbridge.com> for an update.

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Any articles and entries, please send to Yarn Editor by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.  
To: [W1LWT@ARRL.NET](mailto:W1LWT@ARRL.NET) or slow mail address is on back of yarn.

Any updates to membership, please send to address on membership application page.

Anyone that wants a e-mail version of the YARN, please e-mail W1LWT at above address.

## Repeater List

146.880 Streaked Mountain, Buckfield, Maine – Kennebunk to Waterville  
146.850 Dixmont Hill, Dixmont, Maine – Waterville to Old Town  
146.820 Ragged Mountain, Camden, Maine – Brunswick to Bar Harbor  
146.670 Sand Hill, Augusta, Maine – Local Augusta  
147.000 Bagley Mountain, Lincoln, Maine – Bangor to Houlton  
145.350 York Hill, New Sharon, Maine – Waterville to Ranglely  
146.670 Musquash Mountain, Topsfield, Maine – Down East Areas  
**146.970 Sugarloaf Mountain (Soon to be linked)**

**If you can not access a repeater, try a 100 hz tone.**

### **SSTV Frequencies for 2 and 6 meter**

**2m – 145.500 FM**

**6m – 50.680 USB**

### **PSK31 Frequency for 2 and 6 meters**

**2m - 145.550 FM**

**2m – 144.144 USB**

**6m – 51.120 FM**

**6m – 50.290 USB**

### **Officers of Yankee Club**

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**The ONE RULE for the Repeaters in Maine is:**

**NEVER ACKNOWLEDGE AN UNIDENTIFIED TRANSMISSION**

**Simple? Yes, but it's often harder than you might think. It means that you do not say anything over the air that acknowledges that transmission.**

**Do not say "Did you hear that?"**

**Do not say "I couldn't hear you because someone was throwing a carrier"**

**Do not complain about it.**

**Do not say ANYTHING that would tell the person that he is making it into the repeater.**

**If you didn't hear what the (legal) person you were in QSO with said  
... MAKE SOMETHING UP ...**

**VHF and UHF Southern Maine TV Stations**

<b>Channel #</b>	<b>Station ID</b>	<b>UHF Channel</b>	<b>Broadcast Type</b>
<b>5 - 0</b>	<b>WABI - CBS</b>		<b>Standard Analog</b>
<b>5 - 1</b>		<b>45 - 1</b>	<b>Digital HDTV</b>
<b>5 - 2</b>		<b>45 - 2</b>	<b>Digital Full Screen</b>
<b>6 - 0</b>	<b>WCSH - NBC</b>		<b>Standard Analog</b>
<b>6 - 1</b>		<b>44 - 1</b>	<b>Digital HDTV</b>
<b>6 - 2</b>		<b>44 - 2</b>	<b>Digital HDTV NBC Weather</b>
<b>6 - 3</b>		<b>44 - 3</b>	<b>Digital Full Screen</b>
<b>8 - 0</b>	<b>WMTW - ABC</b>		<b>Standard Analog</b>
<b>8 - 1</b>		<b>46 - 1</b>	<b>Digital HDTV</b>
<b>8 - 2</b>		<b>46 - 2</b>	<b>Digital Full Screen</b>
<b>10 - 0</b>	<b>WCBB - MPB</b>		<b>Standard Analog</b>
<b>10 - 1</b>		<b>17 - 1</b>	<b>Digital HDTV</b>
<b>10 - 2</b>		<b>17 - 2</b>	<b>Digital HDTV</b>
<b>13 - 0</b>	<b>WGME - CBS</b>		<b>Standard Analog</b>
<b>13 - 1</b>		<b>38 - 1</b>	<b>Digital HDTV</b>
<b>13 - 2</b>		<b>38 - 2</b>	<b>Digital Full Screen</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>WLOB - FOX</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Standard Analog</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>WPME - UPN</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>Standard Analog</b>
<b>51</b>	<b>WPXT - Maine WB</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>Standard Analog</b>

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## My First Loon Echo Bike Trek – David Lowe KB1NJP (ex – N2TFV)

On September 23, 2006 the Loon Echo Trust (<http://www.loonecholandtrust.org>) held their annual bike trek in Western Maine. Hams from all around Maine provided communications for the event.

This provided a cost free service to a non-profit land trust and gave the radio operators valuable experience. The request for supplies, repair trucks, and especially medical assistance are the same that would require in the support of disaster relief operations. Automatic Position Reporting System (APRS) on Support and Gear (SAG) cars helped keep track of two hundred twenty bicyclist. APRS could be used to track evacuation vehicles or rescue teams in a hurricane or other disaster, I provided Amateur Radio Service for the United Ambulance covering the event. The bicyclist are a hardy bunch, they started in a cold rain. Over a hundred pedaled for the 100 – mile trek through the mountains. The ambulance (bus) was activated twice this year, previous treks were uneventful from what I was told. The first time, the notification came from a SAG (Support and Gear) car, the United crew contacted the bus closer to the scene while enroute and “we” were canceled. The second notification came from a fellow trekker. The location was somewhat vague. We search for the biker up to the next rest stop which reported that a fire chief in the area took care of that bicyclist and their gear.

Before and after the event, I enjoyed meeting many hams from all over Maine that I have only met on the KQ1L Linked Repeater System. I was unoccupied during most of the event and next year I plan to bring something to read and detailed maps of the area. I was unfamiliar with the radio I borrowed, a 5-watt HT wouldn't perform well in the mountainous terrain. The radio buttons hit the lip of the shelf it was on, changing the settings.

There were opportunities to educate others in Amateur Radio, including inactive hams. Maybe we will have some new and renewed hams soon.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p><b>12 COUNTY NET</b>, usually starts between 9:30 and 9:45 am.</p> <hr/> <p><b>CENTRAL MAINE SWAP NET</b>, 7:00 pm.</p> <hr/> <p><b>TRI-COUNTY EMERGENCY NET</b>, at 8:00 pm.</p> <hr/>	<p><b>OXFORD COUNTY ARES NET</b>, at 8:00 pm. (except on first Monday)</p> <hr/> <p><b>CW PRACTICE GROUP</b>, 9:00 pm</p>	<p><b>MAINE ELMERS NET</b>, at 7:00 pm.</p>	<p><b>WAWA NET</b>, at 7:30 pm.</p> <hr/> <p><b>SKYWARN NET</b>, at 9:00 pm.</p>
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p><b>YL and OM NET</b>, at 8:00 pm.</p> <hr/> <p><b>CW PRACTICE GROUP</b>, at 9:00 pm.</p>	<p><b>SLOW SCAN NET</b>, at 7:30 pm.</p>		

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**Yankee Amateur Radio Club, Inc.  
Membership Application**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_  
Full(\$20) \_\_\_\_\_ Family(\$30) \_\_\_\_\_ Associate(non-voting)(\$15) \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an ARRL Member? (The Yankee Club is an Affiliate Club) \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make your check payable to:*

**Yankee ARC, Inc.**

Then mail the completed form with your enclosed check to:

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