

Projects and Events

After a relatively quiet July, we have many events to take care of during the next three months. First up is the work session Monday Night August 10th to work on the trailer and the Oxford EMA room. Scott, at the meeting on Monday the 3rd, mentioned we should get these projects done while there were resources available to the group. Norm KA1SG is spearheading the loop antenna detail with the assistance of others in the group. Gary N1ZNJ and Bob N1WJO are leading the group working on the trailer. The repeater projects are coming to blossom as well. Mark KB1MEE will be delivering the tuned cans to the Rumford site later this week. Thanks goes out to Norm KA1SG for getting the cans down to Paul A for tuning. The Norway/ So Paris machine is proceeding. Most all of the parts have been secured as well as a certified climber. Some issues that have been identified on the site still need to be finished before turning on the repeater.

Now the events, we need operators to work in shifts at the August 23rd drill. You must contact Teresa at the EMA by August 14th if you will be participating. You must let Brad N1GZB know as well so he can schedule us. This drill is lead by the Red Cross and we are supporting communications for our EMA and them as well. This drill will demonstrate our ability to work as a communication link for our local agency.

September has three major events. September 19 is the Loon Echo Bike Race in Western Maine and in Hancock County the CERT Jamboree. Volunteers are needed for Loon Echo and the contact is Gary N1ZNJ. If you haven't had CERT training, Hancock County CERT and EMA are holding the Jamboree at Schoodic Training & Research Site, 126 Acadia Drive, Winter Harbor. For more information, contact: Linda Feury 667-8126 ema@co.hancock.me.us .

On September 27th, we have been asked to assist in communications for the Alternate Care Full Scale Exercise

Time: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Location: Oxford Hills High School
256 Main Street South Paris ,Maine

For the month of October we have the Dempsey Challenge on the 4th which covers from Lewiston /Auburn to Bridgton. Ivan N1OXA is the contact person. Also check the web site (<http://www.dempseychallenge.org/content/4004/Volunteer/>) for more information.

On October 24th we have the Maine SET from 8am to 2 pm. This is a good chance to participate in an Amateur Radio only exercise to test your equipment.

On Thursday and Friday October 29th and 30th MEMA is having the 24 hour State wide drill. It will start at 8 am and run 24 hours. The ability to change shifts and to adapt to gradually worsening conditions is the focus that we have been given. The drill has been labeled as Ice Storm 2010.

That's it from here. Make sure your go kit is ready.

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Letters: On Emergency Net Control Protocol

During the Hurricane Katrina deployment, I was here in New Orleans at a pumping station. I remember when things got quiet I started to get active handling requests for equipment, fuel and H&W traffic. It was late afternoon and I needed to pass some H&W traffic, so I turned on 20 meters and tried to get on one of the major nets. But the NCS was spending 20 minutes telling everyone how important it was to keep the net frequency clear for traffic out of the affected area. I couldn't get in to pass my traffic! I finally just

transmitted over him and requested that if anybody could hear me to move off and call me. I finally managed to pass my traffic. The lesson learned: Keeping the net frequency clear also applies to the net control! -- Tom Miller, AC5TM, New Orleans, Louisiana, past Louisiana SEC

Public Service Events

September 19, 2009 Loon Echo Bike Race

October 4, 2009 The Dempsey Challenge

Maine and New Hampshire Hamfests

St. Albans Hamfest, Saturday, August 8, Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club
www.qsl.net/parc/ Snow-Devils Snowmobile Club 9 Bryant Road

Windsor Hamfest, Saturday, September 12, Augusta Amateur Radio Association,
www.w1tlc.com Windsor Fairgrounds State Route 32

St. Croix Hamfest Saturday, September 19 St. Croix Valley ARC
www.stcroixvalleyamateurclub.org/ Alexander, ME Alexander Elementary School, Rte. 9

NEAR-Fest VI - October 16th and 17th, Deerfield Fairgrounds, Hew Hampshire

2009 Exercise Schedule

August 23, 2009	Full Scale Exercise	8am-3pm	Venue B	Red Cross Sheltering/OHCHS
September 27, 2009	Full Scale Exercise	8am-3pm	Venue B	Acute Care Site/OHCHS
October 18, 2009	Full Scale Exercise	8am-3pm	Venue A	Oxford Speedway/First Responders
October 24, 2009	Section Emergency System Test	8 am- 2pm	State wide	Amateur Radio Operators
October 29/30 2009	24Hour MEMA Drill	8am-8am	Multi site/State wide	ARES,CERT, EMA, EMS, Red Cross, etc...

Training

September 19th & 20th Hancock County CERT Jamboree,

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Monthly Report of July 2009 Oxford ARES Activities

EC Report	
County	Oxford
Emergency Coordinator Callsign	N1GZB
Report for the month of:	July
Year:	2009
Total numbers of ARES members:	25
Change since last month: same (+, -, same)	same
Number of nets this month:	3
Number of person hours for nets:	17.2
Number of drills, tests, and training sessions:	1
Number of person hours for drills, tests and training sessions:	30
Number of Public Service Events:	2
Number of person hours for public service events:	36
Number of Emergency Operations:	0
Number of person hours for emergency operations:	0
Total number of ARES operations this month:	6
Total number of person hours for ARES operations:	83.2

Comments:

July 17-18 Two members ran communications for the New England Road Rally

This letter prepared by Wayne Strout, N1YIS for the Oxford County ARES group.

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