



# Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the July 23rd, 2019 Meeting

In attendance were: w1kmc-Kevin, WA1JMM-George, Karen, WA1PBR-Ben, N1MRT-Ray, Rob, KB1WRZ-Dave, KB1WRY-Debbie K, KB1WEA-Bill, KB1QU-Chip, KC1DUR-Don, K1DAE-Debbie E  
GUESTS: None

Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club president George Dean (WA1JMM) convened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The secretary's Report was accepted and treasurer's report was read and accepted. Treasury had \$ 954.16 with expenses of rent for the Hamfest building, The Hamfest Grand Prize of \$141.00 and Emera \$33.00

Ben gave a presentation on the New England Forest Rally. These are 2 day races in motor sports in which ham radio is widely used as some areas of the rally have no other means of communications are non-existent at times. All communications are done by ham radio which covers much of western Maine into New Hampshire. Races run much like the Kenduskeag and Piscataquis River races in that the checkpoints call in the car numbers and record times.

George proposed that we bring this up next year prior to the race so that those that want to help may sign up next year.

Stickney Hill repeater seems to be working well.  
K1PQ repeater is working well. The Echolink side of K1PQ may be down for a few days while KB1WEA has a new furnace installed in the room.

## OLD BUSINESS

Field Day 2019 report was submitted to the ARRL and also posted on the K1PQ Facebook page.

We need to check out other potential sites for next year's field day. Dover-Foxcroft does Whoopie Pie day at the same time, to which the public could then be exposed to Amateur Radio. But we also need to think safety when doing this (antennae wires, power cables and such.

Suggestions were the Library, Police Dept., Near the EMA building, the American Legion Building, and the courthouse parking lot.

## Three Rivers Hamfest 2019

We have a Grand Prize of a Yeasu FT65-R, Speaker Mike and a longer antenna, and prizes from ARRL (2-\$25 and 2-\$50 Gift Certificates), and the RF Adaptor guy

VE Testing will be in the Welcome Center as the space we normally used in currently unavailable for us to use.

Food is coffee and donuts for the breakfast crowd, and hot dogs, hamburgers, sodas for lunch.

It was suggested to have some kind of 'ticket' for easier flow of concessions.

Kevin will come up with something for us to use (and has done so)

Breakfast is \$2.00 (Blue Tickets) and Lunch is \$5.00 (Orange Tickets). If this does make things easier, then we can make a somewhat permanent set for the future. (There are 60 of each type)

Rob will do the announcements. George has the admission and 50/50 tickets

Ben – Where is the K1PQ equipment? – No list as yet – Tabled until August.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Bill – Special Events that are upcoming.

150<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Hiram Percy Maxim – August-September for 9 days – Anyone can participate using the club call – portable location or individuals using the club call at their home. Contact Bill if interested in a shift – we can have many on , just not same band/mode at the same time.

200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Maine being a State. This one goes on all year

Breakfast meeting each month? 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday? Wait until September, so tabled until August. Rob says not really a meeting but more of a get together.

Net Control Stations for the month are:

July 24th – KB1WRZ-Dave | 31st – W1KMC-Kevin | August 7th – WA1JMM-George | 14th – KB1WRY-Debbie K | 21st – WA1JMM-George

Acknowledgements:

Next Meeting will be August 27th at 19:00 (7:00pm) at the Milo Town Office.

ADDENDUM:

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.