



Squelch Tales



Newsletter from the Merrymeeting Amateur Radio Association for June 2011

Field Day is June 25th & 26th

Tell Your Ham Radio Stories on HamRadioStoryProject.Com

by Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

For a long time, I've had the idea to set up a website to capture ham radio stories. Well, I've finally done it. The Ham Radio Story Project is now online!

<http://www.hamradiostoryproject.com>

This website was inspired by the Story Corps (<http://storycorps.org/>), which was itself inspired by NPR's National Story Project (<http://www.npr.org/programs/watc/features/1999/991002.storyproject.html>).

The tagline for the site is "capturing the human spirit of amateur radio," and my motivation for setting up the sit is to capture personal stories of how amateur radio has touched lives, either the lives of amateur radio operators themselves, or of the people that we serve.

The site has only been online a month, and I already have several good stories. I reposted my story about checking the QSLs of a county hunter, and there are also stories about an international friendship that survived WW II and a story about how an Elmer touched the life of his student.

These are exactly the type of stories I want to collect.

If you have a great story about ham radio, I want to hear about it and to publish it on HamRadioStoryProject.Com. If you want to tell the story yourself, let me know, and I'll set up an account for you on the site. If you would like some help, let me know, and I'll contact you and either write the story myself, or find someone else to help you.

I don't want to lose another great story because there isn't a place to tell it. HamRadioStoryProject.Com is the place to tell it.

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When he's not setting up yet another ham radio website, you'll find KB6NU teaching classes; working on WA2HOM, the ham radio station at Ann Arbor's Hands-On Museum (www.wa2hom.org), or operating CW on the HF bands. You'll find his blog at www.kb6nu.com, or you can e-mail him at cwgeek@kb6nu.com.



Pine State Amateur Radio Club to sponsor their 24th Annual Bangor Hamfest

As in past years our friends in the PSARC will be holding the first of the season Hamfest and flea market on Saturday, June 4th. As in recent years the event will be at the Herman High School in Herman, Maine.

The gates will open to tailgaters (sellers) at 6:00 AM and to the general public at 8:00 AM. The event will finish at 13:00 (1 PM).

Admission is \$5.00 with children under 12 free.

Features include:

- Dealers & tailgaters \$25.00 prize drawing
- VE ARRL exam, all classes
- Food
- \$150 Major Prize drawing
- Self contained campers may set-up in front lot of the school.
- Free parking at the school
- Many campgrounds & motels in the area

Programs:

- Antique radios.
- CW Proficiency Test for 5, 13, 20 words per minute with Certificates for those that pass

Radio talk-in:

On the 146.34/94 (pl-100.0Hz) Repeater

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K1ESE says thanks

On May 11th the MARA received a Thank You card with the above-enclosed photo. The card from John Huffman reads:

It was very much appreciated.

Thanks for sponsoring the Top Maine Single Op plaque for the NEQP!

73, DE K1ESE, John



Almost Field Day!

Mark June 25th and 26th your calendars as "Field Day." As has been done with few exception for the last thirty-one years your MARA will be participating in the Association's premier radio operating activity. At the May general meeting, John, N1OIG will give a detailed event planning presentation and will be looking for volunteers to get the ball rolling. As in the past several years KS1R will be participate in the 2F category with a GOTA station for those folks new to ham radio and HF activities. We hope to see you there!