



# SQUELCH TALES



Newsletter from the Merrymeeting Amateur Radio Association  
for January 2025



## KA1WAL is MARA's HAM OF THE YEAR



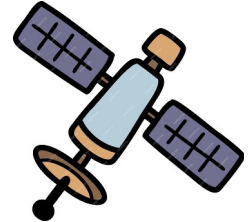
At the Association's Christmas/Year End lunch in Bath on December 14<sup>th</sup> MARA President, Robert Buckmore W1TON presented the Association's 2024 Ham of the Year award to Don Wakeman, KA1WAL.

The certificate read:

*You have demonstrated your enthusiasm and dedication to the Amateur Radio community here on mid coast Maine. Your willingness to step in and help the MARA, Mid Coast ARES and ARRL Volunteer Exam Program has not gone unnoticed by your fellow amateur radio operators. We appreciate you going the extra mile.*

Well done Don, you deserve it.

## Satellite communication via Amateur Radio



At the MARA monthly meetings we have mentioned a few times about our big upcoming February presentation via Zoom regarding Satellite communication. We have 100 slots available for the Zoom link and we would like to extend the attendance to other clubs in the state. We are asking if you can, especially if you are interested in the presentation, to please attend in person via the Red Cross Center in Topsham to help open more spaces on the link. I need a headcount if you would like to attend and if you are able to come in person to the Red Cross or if you will be attending via the Zoom link. The presentation information is below. Please feel free to copy, paste, and send the information below to other clubs/ham's in Maine and have them reach out to this email address.

[mara.ks1r@gmail.com](mailto:mara.ks1r@gmail.com)

We hope you all have a wonderful start to your New Year!

73,  
Shauna/K1ALZ



# MARA IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

As was announced at the December MARA meeting, the association is looking for a volunteer(s) from its membership to take over the position of the following positions:

1. MARA and KS1R call sign "Trustee"
  2. Technical committee Chair person.
- and in addition
3. A volunteer to be editor of the associations "Squelch Tails" newsletter.

These positions, now held by Bruce Randall, W1ZE and have been for the past 20+ years. This month he will turn 82 he wants to pass these positions on to a younger (than him) club members to help the MARA continue smoothly.

Bruce advised that he will assist whoever assumes these positions with a smooth turnover.

Please let the MARA President or any Executive Board member know that you will volunteer.



## Were you a licensed Ham Radio Operator on or before 1999?

If you were do you know you are eligible to become a member of the Quarter Century Wireless Association and it's Maine Pine Tree Chapter.



If so the QCWA would like you to join this group of seasoned Amateur Radio Operators.

If you would like more information about this organization, feel free to communicate with any of it's members, such as:

Jerry Burnes, K1GUP  
Bruce Randall, W1ZE ([w1ze@arrl.net](mailto:w1ze@arrl.net))  
Bob Oxton, W1RSO  
Donnie Dauphin, WD1F  
Mike Adair, N1MA  
Bill Woodhead, N1KAT  
Cory Golob, KU1U  
Phil Duggan, N1EP

For additional information about the QCWA, go to: <https://www.qcwa.org.au>

You are all invited to participate in the Maine Pine Tree Chapter's Pine Cone Net that meets every Sunday afternoon at 2:00 on 3942 Khz LSB,

We hope to hear from you.



The Officers and executive board members of this Association want to wish all Squelch Tails readers a very

