



SQUELCH TALES



Newsletter from the Merrymeeting Amateur Radio Association for August 2026



HERMON HAMFEST & FLEAMARKET WAS FUN!



This years Hermon Hamfest could be considered a success by the three of us from Sagadahoc County that attended. The weather was warm with lower humidity, and after the previous week that was a blessing.

Kevin, W1SEA, Tom Mixon, WA1PJS and Bruce Randall, W1ZE got an early start up I-95 from Phippsburg because Kevan wanted to take his Extra Class exam that started at 8:00am. While he was doing that, Bruce and Tom set up their tailgate table then Bruce put out a bunch of stuff that was gathering dust in his closet. Right off the bat that table caught intrest by several shoppers and lookieloops. Sales were brisk, especially at bargain basement prices. Oh, by the

way Kevin now holds an Extra Class ticket, Kudos.

By the end of the Hamfest Bruce came home with only four items leftover but didn't sell the table or the two fold-up camp chairs.

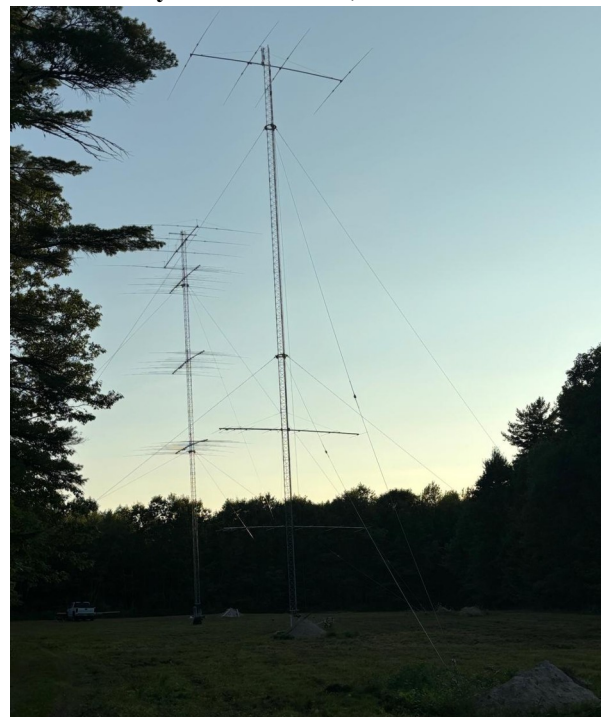
Thanks to Jerry Burns, K1GUP and his team for having a successful event. WELL DONE folks.



Big Contester K6RO QSYing to Maine

By Bruce Randall, W1ZE

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months ago I ran across the familuar call sign K6RO on six meters FT8 that rang a bell in my failing graycells. That call sign was for Larry Shapiro, an avid contester from his mountaintop QTH in Fallbrook, California.

It appears that Larry has made a cross country move to Cumberland County, Maine. In addition to the move it looks like he is reserecting a new big contest station at his new QTH in Casco Maine. WELCOME Larry!

Check out Larrys QRZ.COM listing at:

<https://cdn-bio.qrz.com/o/k6ro/towers.jpg?p=23a1acdc60565d42176702a081cfa8cb>

Maybe we could get Larry to do a show & tell at a future Association monthly meeting.



MARJORIE GETS A BIG THANK YOU



At the July MARA meeting at the American Red Cross building in Topsham, the Association presented long time member Marjorie Turner, KX1I with a Thank You plack in recognition of her twenty years as Association Treasurer. Yes 20 years of balanced and accurate bookkeeping.

She is stepping back because of increased family needs at this juncture.

Tom Mixon, WA1PJS volunteered to take over as treasurer and was very pleased to review all her accurate work in addition her work as membership chairman.

Thank You so very much Marjorie!



The MARA welcomes the following new members

KA1JWG, James Greene Sr. of Lisbon
and
KA1NP, Walter Harris of Topsham



There will be a QCWA Pine Tree Chapter meeting at the Maine State Convention that Saturday late morning at the August Civic Center in the main arena floor area.

We hope to see our members there. All are invited to sit in and see what we are all about and if you have been a ham for 25years we hope you consider joining the QCWA and our Chapter.

