



# PAWA Lines

## Portland Amateur Wireless Association Newsletter

### Portland Amateur Wireless Association Repeaters

**W1KVI Falmouth: 146.730MHz (-600KHz) (T 100.0Hz)**

**W1KVI Scarborough: 444.100MHz (+5MHz) (T 82.5Hz)**

### Portland Amateur Wireless Association Board of Directors

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### Growing wiser?

Send us your birthday to include in the newsletter!



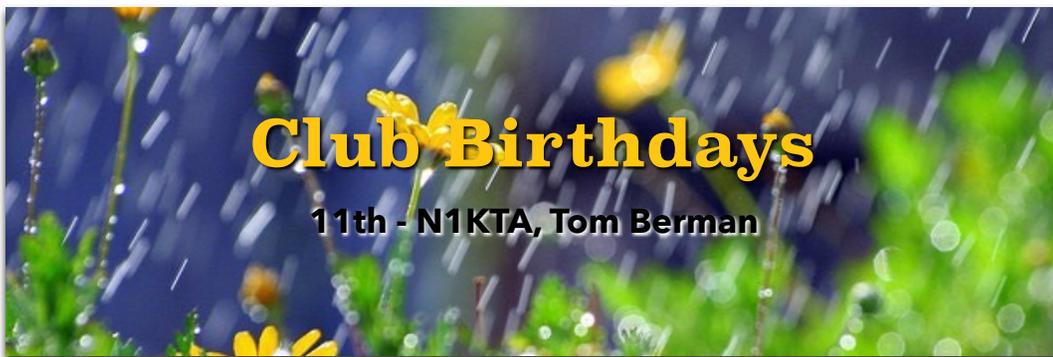
### Meeting Agenda

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### Club Officers

We have a full roster of officers! Thank you all who have taken on the necessary roles!



## Club Birthdays

**11th - N1KTA, Tom Berman**

## On The Web

Please visit us on the web! We have pages on Twitter, Facebook and the world wide web. Check out our addresses at the top of the newsletter's first page, follow us on Twitter, and like our page on Facebook to stay up to date on club activities. If you have something to add, please let us know!

## President's Message

### Jason Cote - W1WDW

Greetings members!

After what seemed like an eternity, a cancellation and two postponements, the club was finally able to meet on March 21 to conduct business regarding several hot ticket items. One of which being the filling of our vacant board positions. We had two qualified candidates, one for each seat: Benson Caswell, KB1UMU for Treasurer, and Joe Shortill, W1XXV for Member at Large. The full account of the discussion will come later in the Secretary's report, however I am happy to report that after some discussion regarding the treasurer's seat, Jack Ney has agreed to continue as club Treasurer until December, at which time he will turn over the seat to Ben Caswell. This was accepted by both parties and voted unanimously in favor by the board and general membership.

This is a great example of the teamwork and ability to find resolutions to problems we experience as a club. I am also happy to report that Joe Shortill was unanimously elected to his seat as Member at Large. So at this time, I am happy and somewhat relieved to report that all of our vacant director seats have been filled. The new lineup is on the cover of this newsletter.

We also had some discussion about the current state of the club as far as venue is concerned. PAWA Secretary Ariel, KC1CCB presented the results of her meeting with the Falmouth Legion Post's representatives and on a personal note, I do not believe that a move to that

venue under the offered terms would be in our club's best interest. It effectively reduces our access and perks while potentially increasing costs. With our club's current state, I do not believe this would be beneficial for us. We are expecting to sit down with our Legion Post's representatives soon to discuss the current situation and secure some reassurance that our rent will not change as well as discuss the proper protocols for scheduling club events and also negotiating access to additional keys for the facility.

At our upcoming April meeting (didn't we just have one?!) we should look forward to planning the club events for the year as we're already in the second quarter. I am seeking individuals to suggest events or programs they would like to see the club take part in this year, as well as discussing our annual Field Day operations and the club's hamfest, which will not be taking place in April this year. My goal is to set a firm date for the hamfest under the assumption that we will be remaining in our current facility. That way we can get the ball rolling on planning and securing promotion and vendors.

I hope to see you all at Wednesday's meeting!

- Jason, W1WDW - President

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Next meeting:

Wednesday, April 4th, 2018 - 7pm

Stuart Morrill American Legion Post #35 - 413 Broadway, So Portland

### Contests:

15th Rookie Roundup - Phone

### Events:

5th Annual Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference

Augusta Civic Center - Tuesday & Wednesday, April 24 - 25, 2018

<http://www.maine.gov/mema/prepare/conference/index.shtml>



## Treasurer's Report

March 2018	
Beginning Balance	\$937.26
Income	\$162.50
Expenses	\$150.00
Ending Balance	\$949.76

## Secretary's Report

**Ariel Cote - KC1CCB**

**Wednesday, March 21st 2018**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Discussion began with the continued lack of Treasurer and now vacant Member At Large office in the wake of Steve Mitchell, KB1YBT stepping down. Ben Caswell, KB1UMU has offered his services as Treasurer and Ross Drivas, KB1OND nominated Joseph Shortill, W1XXV for the open Member At Large position. Concerns were raised about turning over the clubs finances to a member who has not attended many meetings.

Ariel Cote, KC1CCB presented the details she learned following a meeting with the commander of the Falmouth Legion Post.

Mike Kilmartin, N1GRO posed the question to the board regarding why we were looking into new places to house the club. It was decided to look at other options for a clubhouse because of concerns about a possible increase in rent, relations with our current Legion, and past events being double booked as well as lack of access due to having only one key. Jason Cote, W1WDW and Ariel Cote, KC1CCB plan to attempt and facilitate a meeting to see if can keep same rental rate and amenities.

Hamfest has traditionally been held in April, but with the possibility of moving the club and missing multiple meetings due to inclement weather, nothing has been planned making it impossible to hold next month. QST requires 3 months lead time to put in an announcement, so we will need to wait until at least July. Other suggestions to get the word out included obtaining an email/ mailing list and other club websites. The ham fest is very important to the club as it is our main revenue source for the year.

Jack Ney, KC1UX graciously offered to continue to hold the office of treasurer through the end of the 2018 year, at which point the office will be turned over to Ben Caswell, KB1UMU following familiarization of the club's business with Jack. Let it be known that Jack's actions are exemplary of his dedication to the club and are very much appreciated.

### General Meeting

The meeting began with a vote to confirm the candidates for both the vacant positions of the board. After unanimous decision, Jack Ney, KC1UX was confirmed as treasurer and Joseph Shortill, W1XXV for Member At Large.

Ariel Cote, KC1CCB re-presented the information gathered from the Falmouth Legion for those not present during the Board Meeting. Steven Thing, W1ZW questioned if other meeting places had been explored. The board is open to suggestions if there are other places that may offer a space to hold club meetings. Though, pending confirmation that our rent will remain unchanged and improved access, it may be best to stay put since we have a radio room and appropriate space for meetings.

Steven Thing, W1ZW suggested taking inventory of our radio room equipment and possibly thinning out our stock or loaning out to new hobbyist/members. This would require a loan agreement, but may be relevant if we decide to

move to a location without storage space or radio room.

Sept/Oct may be the best timeframe for this year's Hamfest. We also need to start thinking about Field Day. Turkey Hill Farm has been generously offered to us as a potential location. There was also some interest in moving the event back to Fort Williams in the future.

Mike Kilmartin, N1GRO questioned whether we would be participating in any public service events this year. Bryce Rumery, K1GAX will be keeping the membership informed as details are confirmed.

It was also brought up that the website is outdated. Jason Cote, W1WDW asked the members to read through the bylaws. If you have suggestions for edits or processes we should update, please bring them to our attention at the next meeting or discuss them with any member of the board.

On an interesting note, our Facebook page has more followers than active members. Social media may be a way to grow membership.

## Chief Operator's Report

From Ross, there is no Chief Operator's report this month.

-Jason, W1WDW

## Public Service Event Season Is Almost Upon Us

**Bryce Rumery - K1GAX**

It's starting to get warmer and with it comes the PAWA's public service event season.

There are three major events that we do. First is the MS walk on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> starting and ending at the Portland Expo building. Next is the L.L. Bean 10k run on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> beginning and ending in downtown Freeport. The final event is the biggest. It's the Beach to Beacon 10k in Cape Elizabeth on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

I will be putting out reminders to all PAWA members about a month in advance and gathering volunteers.

Please help to make this another smashing year for our public service event season!

73, Bryce, K1GAX, PAWA Public Service Event Coordinator

## ARRL: How can we help?

**Dan Romanchik - KB6NU**

Recently, I received this email from a reader:

*"Hi Dan,  
"Hope you're doing well. I have a couple of questions about the ARRL. I've been reading your blog and other sources, and it's clear that the ARRL is in a little trouble. I have to say, though, that as soon as the current administration in D.C. notices that some of their friends can make money off of amateur radio bandwidth, the whole amateur radio service is in very serious jeopardy. The only way I can think of to counter that would be an organization like the ARRL, and I think there's really*

*only one organization like the ARRL. Is that not true? If it is, how can we help?"*

I replied that it is true that there's only one organization like the ARRL. In the past, there have been groups that have tried to compete with the ARRL, but they've never really taken off. It's an incredible amount of work to set up an organization like the ARRL and none of the alternates have been able to get to critical mass.

The second question—How can we help?—is the big question. Here are a few thoughts:

- Join the ARRL. If you're not currently a member, join. You'll have little or no influence, if you are not a member.
- If you are a member, but your friends are not, encourage them to join. The more members the ARRL has, the more influence it will have. This is common sense, but the ARRL doesn't really seem to care about this. In the past, I've encouraged the ARRL to set a membership goal of 25% of licensed radio amateurs ([link 1](#), [link 2](#)). I honestly don't think this is asking too much, and I've never heard a good argument for them not to do this. They continue to ignore me, and the percentage of licensed radio amateurs that are ARRL members continues to decline.
- Take an interest in ARRL matters and let your director and vice director know your views. Get your friends to do likewise. Get on the mailing lists for the board meeting agendas and minutes. To do this, log into the ARRL website, click on "Edit your profile," then "Edit email subscriptions."
- Invite your ARRL elected officials—your division director, vice director, and section manager—to talk at your club meetings. Be prepared to grill them on issues that you think are important.
- Run for office yourself. I ran for Great Lakes Division vice director twice. Unfortunately, I lost both times, but even running is a way to have an impact. I'd like to see the "loyal opposition" get organized and challenge the status quo,

especially in divisions where I think the current director is making bad decisions.

Having said all that, there are ways to make an impact besides playing ARRL politics:

- Get on the air. It's easier to lose bands if we're not using them. Encourage others to be active.
- Be an Elmer to those that need it.
- Teach classes to help those who want a license get a license and to help those who are already licensed to upgrade their licenses.
- Be an ambassador for amateur radio, especially to related groups, such as the "maker" groups that have sprung up around the country. Make sure that they know about your amateur radio club and the classes and exam sessions that you offer.

I'd love to hear any other thoughts that you all may have on this. I really do think that at this point, we need to inundate the ARRL Board and staff with input from the membership. While they may have a long history of ignoring the membership and just going about their own merry way, now is really a time of change, and this might be the right time to set the ARRL on a better path.

**When he's not getting all worked up over ARRL politics, Dan blogs about amateur radio at [KB6NU.Com](#), teaches amateur radio classes, and works CW on the HF bands. He's the author of the *No Nonsense* amateur radio license study guides and *The CW Geek's Guide to Having Fun with Morse Code*.**

### PAWA Meeting Agenda - April 4, 2018

Schedule	Topic	Who
	<b>Board of Director's Meeting</b>	
6:30PM	Call to order	
	<b>Old Business</b>	
DISCUSSION	Field Day 2018	All
DISCUSSION	PAWA Hamfest 2018	All
	<b>New Business</b>	
	Any new business	All
7:00PM	Adjournment	
	<b>General Membership Meeting</b>	
7:00PM	Call to Order	
	Introductions	All
VOTE	Acceptance of meeting minutes/Secretary's Report	Jason
NOT AVAILABLE	Acceptance of Chief Operator's Report	Jason
VOTE	Acceptance of Treasurer's Report	Jason
	<b>Old Business</b>	
DISCUSSION	Field Day 2018	Jason
DISCUSSION	PAWA Hamfest 2018	Jason
	<b>New Business</b>	
DISCUSSION	Solicit ideas for presentations and programs	Jason
	Any new business	All
VOTE	Adjournment	