



Oxford County ARES/CERT Communications Group

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Oxford County Events:

January 19, 2026

On Air Net 7:30 pm (19:30) local time on the Oxford County Repeater system.

- 160 meter county wide radio test on 1.935 (plus or minus 5KC)

February 16, 2026 7:45pm to 8:00pm(19:45 -20:00R)-
160 Meter Communications Test -The focus of this brief net will check communications within the county. Others from outside Oxford county are invited to call in. Listen for W1OCA, KA1SG, KE1M, N1YIS, N1MRE. Relays maybe needed. If you are listening only, please send your report to either Wayne N1YIS or to the Oxford CERT Communications Unit Facebook page.

February 23, 2026

On Air Net 7:30 pm (19:30) local time on the W1IF, KE1M and W1OCA repeaters Following the net at 7:45 pm (19:45R) we will test:

2 meters on the :

- 1. 146.550 Mhz to be followed on our secondary frequency 147.435 Mhz.

10 Meter test on:

- 28.375 Mhz (+or - 5khz) USB (Please note that this is in the Technician portion of the 10 meter band).

6 Meter test on:

- 51.20 Mhz (+or - 5khz)USB &
- 52.54 FM (Simplex Calling).

Maine Events:January 28, 2026 - February 4, 2026

ARRL WAS250

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Phil Duggin N1ME (Maine SM EC) is looking for radio operators, preferably with experience in contests, POTA, or special events, in putting Maine on the air for our first week of ARRL WAS250, which for Maine starts on January 28.

This is a Logbook Of The World event and part of the ARRL's Year Of The Club 2026.

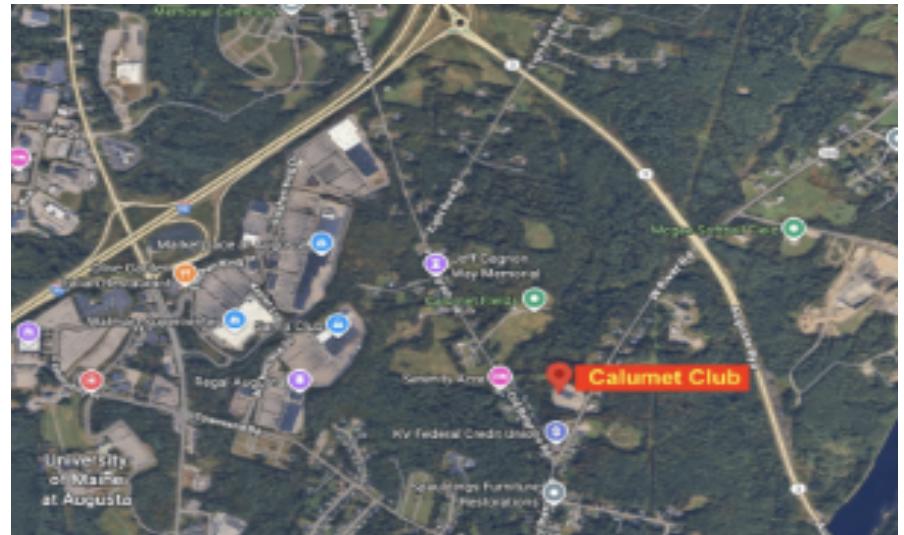
This event will allow hams to earn their Worked All States for the 250th anniversary of America, and all with W1AW/# call sign if they please. Registered Maine operators will be able to reserve selected time slots, band, mode of operation during that Wednesday to Wednesday week and call CQ as W1AW/1.

This is a much anticipated event. We need as many operators as possible to help out and keep Maine on the air with CW, Phone, and Digital. My hope is that every Maine ham that participated in Volunteers On The Air (VOTA) in 2023 will join in this activity too, as well as many other hams from our affiliated clubs, and so on.

To register you must send an email to was250me@gmail.com with your contact info, including a working email and phone number. This is in case of a mistake and two ops on same mode/time or if there is an interference issue to a government site/frequency (highly unlikely for Maine). Then I will send a link to the 'live' schedule where you can put your own callsign into your preferred time-slot/band mode. I will also send you a message with tips and rules, etc. All operators must agree to send their logs in by February 11 to was250me@gmail.com. More details on that will be shared later.

February 14, 2026 Boat Anchor Hamfest

The Augusta Club is hosting the annual first Maine Hamfest of 2026 at the Calumet Club in Augusta from 8 am to noon.



New England District Communications:

[2026 Boston Marathon Amateur Radio Volunteer Registration Remains Open – Volunteers Still Needed – Deadline – Friday 2/6/26](#)

January 5, 2026 by [Rob Macedo](#)

The BAA Amateur Radio Communications Committee Writes:

Volunteer registration for the 2026 Boston Marathon is open and ongoing. If you've already registered to volunteer at the 2026 Boston Marathon, we'd like to thank you for your interest in joining our team!

For anyone who hasn't yet, please don't delay! Volunteer registration closes on Friday, February 6. It would help our planning processes if you could complete your registration by Friday, January 30.

Registration Link (for new and returning volunteers):
<https://www.baa.org/races/boston-marathon/info-for-volunteers/>

Step by Step Sign Up Guide:

<https://hamradioboston.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/article/s/44002570599-2026-volunteer-registration-step-by-step-guide>

A few notes for volunteers:

Almost all amateur radio positions are single person assignments. We are not able to group people on a single assignment, but we will try to accommodate which segment you are assigned to in order to allow for similar start/end times.

We'd like to extend our sincerest congratulations to the winner of the Boston Marathon ARO bib lottery, Sparsh Bansal, KC1MGP. We're looking forward to cheering you on!

Final documentation is generally released during the first week of April. Before this can happen, we need the final logistical details from the various area coordinators for Start, Course, Finish, and Transportation. Where possible, we will release documents as they become available. In this case, look out for emails from the committee and your Team Captain.

As always, we appreciate your help in getting the word out to prospective volunteers. Please send this to hams or clubs that you think may be interested in joining us on the amateur radio team for the 2026 Boston Marathon!

If you have any questions about the content of this message or about volunteering at the marathon in general, please don't hesitate to send them to contact@HamRadioBoston.org.

We're looking forward to seeing you all again soon!

Thank you, and 73,

Boston Marathon Communications Committee
contact@HamRadioBoston.org

2026 HamX: Call for Speakers

January 1, 2026 by Phil Temples



HamX is the largest amateur radio convention in the Northeast! With close to 1,800 attendees each year, HamX draws radio amateurs from all over and is an ideal venue to present your ideas and experiences.

This is a call for speakers on topics of general interest to the amateur radio community. Some examples include: Operating practices, contesting, DXing, mobile stations, emergency communications, emerging activities, STEM outreach, club improvement, radio history, restoring antique gear, test equipment, kit building, antenna design, AI in amateur radio, VHF/UHF/Microwave/Mesh, EME and more. If you have a story to share, we would like to hear about it.

To submit a talk proposal, please go to the following website and enter the requested information.

<https://registration.hamx.org/speaker/>

If you have any further questions, please reach out to the program chair at the e-mail address listed below.

We look forward to your contribution at HamX 2026!

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