



ACORN Newsletter



Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club (AARC)
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Repeaters

Auburn - 146.610 PL 88.5
D-Star 443.300

Poland Springs – 147.315 PL 103.5

Leeds – 442..000 +5 PL 88.5

Club Officers

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Club Meetings

Wednesday Aug 3rd 2016 1830 EDT
Meeting held in Potvin Room
99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.

ARES/RACES Meeting

Wednesday Aug 17th 2016 1730 EDT
Androscoggin Unified EMA Office
Basement of Central Fire Station
2 College Street Lewiston, ME

Club Breakfast

Wednesday Aug 31st 2016 0730 EDT
Held at the Ramada Inn Pleasant Street
Lewiston, Maine

On Air ARES/RACES NET

Weekly ARES/RACES Net is every
Thursday at 1900, on Club 146.610
PL 88.5, plus Weekly Training net
follows. Digital will be part of training
net.

Adroscoggin ARES/RACES By Paul KE6PIJ

Our July EOC meeting was sparsely attended, but we were able to cover a few topics and prepare for some August events. For example, there will be Damage Assessment Training provided to us by the Androscoggin UEMA. This will take place during the August or September Monthly EOC meeting, so check the calendar at the site below.

We will have outdoor training and BBQ on Saturday August 20th at 10:00L and a repeat on Monday August 29th at 10:00L. Both dates will be at Beaver Park in Lisbon. Bring stuff to grill and your Go-Kit! Arrive as if you were activated and sent to this location.

There will be a Simulated Emergency Test (SET) in September, date to be announced. Check the calendar on the website below. The scenario will include having people in the field. This will help prepare us for the October ARRL SET.

Please welcome back Keith, KE4UCW as our AEC for Training. The training part of the nets will alternate between him and I, so you get some variety. Hope you are all enjoying the Summer weather.

Please take time to check out
<http://EC.KE6PIJ.org>

73 de Paul, KE6PIJ
ec@ke6pij.org

Attention

Walter, AC1AE is doing a
take on VHF Communication
at 6:30pm before the meeting.

President's Report By Tim Bubier WT1A

The summer months can be typically a slow period in ham radio; there are fewer on-air events, such as contests and, consequently, DXpeditions, HF propagation is typically down, people are busy with other duties, vacations and other pastimes, and interest in doing indoor projects tends to wane with the rise of outdoor temperatures. This summer has been particularly poor in terms of HF propagation and there has been a noticeable lack of activity on those bands at least partially because of it. But summer doesn't last forever and we're approaching fall which is, to me, the best time of the year to get your outdoor projects done.

I've asked in the past at our meetings if anyone has any projects for which they needed a helping hand. We've occasionally had some people speak up but I'm afraid that follow-through hasn't been what it should have up until this point. So, I'd like to propose that we add a page our website devoted to connecting those in need of assistance, whether it's something major like raising a tower or something less labor-intensive like tracking down a noise issue. There are some of us who have more knowledge and experience in certain areas but it's sometimes hard to know exactly whom to ask about a particular problem. It's also difficult for some of us to actually ask someone face-to-face for help. This way, we can just describe a particular project or problem in a sentence or two with the hopes that someone will read it and come to our aid. Likewise, we who are willing and able to help can regularly scan those requests and either volunteer our own services or connect the person in need with someone who can help. As I've said in the past this hobby is supposed to be all about helping others and that should go double for those in our local club with needs. Additionally, this approach

Secretary's Report

By Dick Knight N1NYW

July Report

A meeting of the Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club was held Wednesday July 6, 2016 at the Potvin Room of St. Marys' Medical Associates Building in Lewiston. In attendance: wt1a, kb1aih, n1zrl, n1oxa, n1nyw, kc1bep, wa1skp, wn1i, n1dot, k1wtx, w1ltx, ke4ucw, n1wfo.

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Bubier wt1a at 7:01 p.m. Keith ke4ucw made a motion to accept the Secretaries' report and John kc1bep seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers report making note that Paul ke6pij was given verbal confirmation of a \$ 250 contribution from Walmart toward expenses for Field Day but the money has not arrived yet. A motion to approve the report was made by Bob w1ltx and seconded by Miriam kc1aih. Vote: approved. Tim wt1a made a motion to put the \$ 5000 back in the scholarship fund. Seconded by Miriam kc1aih. Vote: approved.

VHF Ham radio may improve in northern Oxford county I connected the ARES group with the owner of the tallest tower on Black Mountain who can't wait to move ham radio onto the tower. Now the work begins getting equipment together and installing it before winter.

Tim reports that the new repeater in Leeds is operating on 442.000 but does not have very good coverage. (It is about what was expected) He will start the process of switching it to two meters by ordering the duplexers, antenna, etc. that purchase and the money were approved at the February 2016 meeting. We have a two meter frequency coordinated at 146.895.

Up coming events: Rick n1wfo reports that the Moxie Fest is this weekend, also down town Freeport was a DMR dead spot at the L.L. Beans 4th of July 5K race. The New England Forest Rally is coming up July 15 and 16, Beach to Beacon in August, Boxborough September 9-10 and 11.

There are openings on the New England Spectrum Management Council, contact

information is on the # web site.

Fred wa1skp asked when work on the Poland antenna would be scheduled, Tim says before snow flies again, an email will go out before hand so a crew can be put together.

Lawrence w2fl had some hf equipment to pass on to a young new ham, Dakota kb1yyc is enjoying the equipment after reading the manuals and watching videos about operating the radio.

Bob w1ltx needs some help with tree trimming around his antennas. We decided to invite hams who need help with similar projects with antennas to have the help wanted ads posted on the w1npp.org website, just send the information about the help you need to the webmaster email link at the bottom of the web pages and we will try to get a crew of helpers over to you.

Jerry k1wtx made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Miriam kc1aih. Vote: approved at 7:53 p.m.

Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

President's Report Continued

would allow us to know if someone needing help has found a solution yet or not because for as long as the request remains on the website we can assume the need has not yet been met.

On another note, our now-annual summer outing is rapidly approaching. We will be gathering again this year at our home at 62 Nezinscot Drive in Turner on Sunday, August 21st at 4 PM. We will provide grilled meats but I'd request that you sign up with me either at the August club meeting or by email to bring either a hot dish, such as a crockpot item, or cold one, like potato or green salad or dessert. You are also encouraged to bring along a cold beverage of your liking. I'm looking for suggestions for activities beside a fox hunt which will probably take place anyway. I'd like to see one or more people step forward to give a demonstration of an aspect of the hobby about which he/she is particularly passionate. As always, you can reach me at wt1a.tim@gmail.com

Thanks and hope to see you all at the eyeball meeting!
Tim, WT1A

DX News Notes

By Earl Gilmore N1SVB

News Notes
July, 2016

The month of June we made 33 DX contacts which represents 21 countries.

Countries contacted were: 3Z9DX, Poland; TF3JB, Iceland; T77LA, San Marino; EA9ACD, Ceuta & Melilla; A66A, United Arab Emirates; ON6KX, Belgium; LY4A, Lithuania; 4X4KR, Israel, Z37ORSM, Macedonia; CE1OEB, Columbia; 5B4ALJ, Cyprus; E41WT, Palestine; 7X3WPL, Algeria; 4L7D, Georgia; 407TL, Montenegro; A41PG, Oman; A75GT, Qatar; 9K2WA, Kuwait; YV5ENI, Venezuela; YT8M, Serbia; ZD8RY, Ascension Is.;

We made no Pacific contacts in June.

There are several DXpeditions taking place in August 2016. Some haven't been assigned a call sign so they will use the listed prefix followed with another call sign.

Aug. 02 to Aug. 09	PJ6Y	Saba & Eustatius
Aug. 05 to Aug. 26	KH6/	Hawaii
Aug. 06 to Aug. 07	5N/	Nigeria
Aug. 06 to Aug. 20	6Y6N	Jamaica
Aug. 09 to Aug. 18	XU7/	Cambodia
Aug. 17 to Aug. 28	TX2AH	French Polynesia
Aug. 19 to Aug. 23	V31VP	Belize
Aug. 19 to Aug. 28	YJ/	Vanuatu
Aug. 21 to Sep. 04	TK/	Corsica
Aug. 29 to Sep. 05	XX9TYT	Macao
Aug. 30 to Sep. 24	JT/	Mongolia

The above DXpeditions are accurate to the 15th of the month. For later additions visit NG3K web page.