



ACORN Newsletter



Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club (AARC)

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		<u>Repeaters</u>	
<u>Auburn</u>	<u>Auburn</u>	<u>Poland Springs</u>	<u>Leeds</u>
146.61 PL 88.5	443.300 D-star	147.315 PL 103.5	146.895 PL 103.5

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Club Meetings

Wednesday Dec 7th 2016 1830 EDT
Meeting held in Potvin Room
99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.

ARES/RACES Meeting

NO MEETING

Androscoggin Unified EMA Office
Basement of Central Fire Station
2 College Street Lewiston, ME

Club Breakfast

Wednesday Dec 28th 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.

President's notes

By Tim Bubier

It's been a long process but on September 12, the US House of Representatives voted to pass the amended H.R. 1301, Amateur Radio Parity Act. The amended version of the bill provides "Community associations should fairly administer private land-use regulations in the interest of their communities, while nevertheless permitting the installation and maintenance of effective outdoor Amateur Radio antennas. There exist antenna designs and installations that can be consistent with the aesthetics and physical characteristics of land and structures in community associations while

accommodating communications in the Amateur Radio services."

The next stop is the US Senate where it is expected to meet with a bit more serious opposition. You can help by going to the ARRL's "Rally Congress" web page at <https://arrl.rallycongress.net/> and using the form there to petition you Senator to support H.R. 1301.

I hope that all of you have a wonderful holiday season and that Santa brings you all the best radio toys. I will miss the Christmas party but my thoughts will be with you as I bask in the Florida sun.

73,
Tim, WT1A

Announcement:

December meeting is a Pot Luck supper, Contact Ivan at 577-5152 or email at n1oxa@arrl.net with your item you are bringing.

Starting in January 2017, it was voted to restart the on the air club meeting on last Wednesday of the month at 1900 on 146.61, and we will use our other repeaters in the future.

Secretary's Report

By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday November 2, 2016 at the Potvin Room of the St. Marys' Medical Arts Building in Lewiston Maine. In attendance: n1oxa, wt1a, n1zrl, wa1skp, kb1doi, kc1dny, n1ty, n1wfo, kb1qhr, k1wtx, kb1ypz, kc1aih, n1nyw, ke4ucw, w1ltx, w1lwt, kc1fzb and Kyle from Auburn who passed his test October 29 and is waiting for his call sign. Congratulations!!!

First, I forgot to put in the October report that k0ldo donated a Diamond 300 antenna to the club. A big thank you goes out to him.

Tim wt1a gave a presentation about "Radio Mobile Online" an online system to predict how well a station can be received. The URL is www.cplus.org/rmw/rmonline.html.

The meeting began at 6:57 p.m. with a call to order by President Tim wt1a. Keith ke4ucw made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as printed in the ACORN, motion seconded by Miriam kc1aih. Vote: approved.

Ivan n1oxa gave the Treasurers report, Miriam kc1aih made a motion to accept the report with a second from Andy kb1doi. Vote approved.

Tim reports that Cory ku1u was not able to attend this meeting but sends word he will co-ordinate the December 7 Christmas party. Send an email to Cory at ku1u@usa.com and let him know what you will be bringing to the party.

Tim also reports that Paul Michaud is committed to do the tower work on the Leeds repeater but is waiting to find a second climber. Tim say he thinks we have all the pieces we need but just need to get them up on the tower.

Rick n1wfo brought to our attention that there was no mention of the ham radio operators involved with the Dempsey Challenge and would like to see if something could be done to get a mention in the future.

Jerry k1wtx mentioned that we have not heard from other hams who need help with projects or ham related endeavors.

Fred wa1skp mentioned that someone should check on equipment in shelters to make sure it is all there and in good working order.

Bob w1ltx (the birthday boy) says he has an FT-50 radio he will donate to a new ham, it does need a new battery. Also Pete n1zrl has 2 radios to be used as loaners.

Rick n1wfo mentioned several events the train club is having.

Lee w1lwt will be hosting Winter Field Day again the last weekend in January 2017 at his house in Lisbon. Also Lee invites other hams to join him at the Lisbon Legion hall November 11 for a contest to contact other Legions around the USA.

After a little discussion it was decided the club should have the 2017 Field Day the last weekend in June at the Auburn Airport again, we should start reserving the space.

After a little talk it was decided to revive the clubs' on air meeting the last Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. on 146.610 to see if there is interest. We may also move it to the .315 from time to time and to the Leeds repeater when it is ready.

Ivan n1oxa made a motion to give a club patch to new members, second by Jerry k1wtx. Vote: approved.

Kc1dny made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Miriam kc1aih. Vote: approved.

Paul kb1qhr won \$ 10 in the 50/50 drawing.

Also Walter ac1ce will be giving his talk on the G5RV antenna at the January meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

DX News Notes
By Earl Gilmore N1SVB

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November, 2016

The month of October we made 36 DX contacts which represents 24 countries.

Countries contacted were: V51WW, Namibia; ZD7VC, Saint Helena Is.; CT3MD, Madeira Is.; AN4OOG, Spain; ZS6TVB, South Africa; FY5HB, French Guyana; TG9IIN, Guantanamo Bay; DP0GVN, Antarctica; CT1ASM, Portugal; HH2/KC2YUG, Haiti; PR7CPK, Brazil; HK3C, Columbia; KL3ZJ, Alaska; DK3EE, Germany; GB70CV, England; 4U1WB, World Bank; EA8DO, Canary Is.; TY2C, Benin; PJ2/KG2A, Curacao; 9A709A, Croatia; VP2EGR, Anguilla; S50G, Slovenia; TF2LL, Iceland; OH8X, Finland;

We made no Pacific contacts in October.

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

Dec. 01 to Dec. 11	FS/	St. Martens
Dec. 03 to Dec. 15	PJ4/	Bonaire
Dec. 08 to Dec. 12	E44QX	Palestine
Dec. 10 to Dec. 19	VP5/	Turks & Caicos
Dec. 17 to Jan. 02	J68HZ	St. Lucia
Dec. 31 to Jan. 06	H74/	Nicaragua

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

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