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Repeaters

146.610MHz – PL 88.5
 D-STAR 443.300
 Goff Hill, Auburn Maine

147.315 PL 103.5
 Poland Springs, Me

ANDY Club Officers

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Andy Club Meeting

Wednesday Jan 6th 2016 1900 EDT
 Meeting held in Potvin Room
 99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.

ARES/RACES

Wednesday Jan 20th 2016 1730 EDT
 Androscoggin ARES/RACES meeting
 Androscoggin Unified EMA Office
 Basement of Central Fire Station
 2 College Street Lewiston, Me.

Andy Club Breakfast

Wednesday Jan 27th 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.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Let's start 2016 with a bang and kick things up a notch this year. I encourage everyone to join us at the January face-to-face meeting where we will be doing some hands on with the fleet of FT-897's we have. Bring you own radios along and program them in a similar fashion so we can all be consistent. This will be January 20th at 1730 in the UEMA office.

2015 saw very good participation in our weekly net. Digital mode has become a fixed part of the net now, so there is no reason to be rusty. Keeping active in the Winter can be tough, but very necessary. Part of that can be preparing for activities we want to do when the weather is warmer, so bring your ideas to the nets.

We have a new repeater (the 147.315 in Poland) and the plan is to have one in Leeds this year, which will finally give us our own full coverage of Androscoggin County. I'm excited for what we can do this year. Let's train, recruit, and make it fun!

Andy Repeater Committee Report

By Ivan, N1OXA Committee Member

We have been approved to operate a repeater at the new Leeds site on the output freq. of 147.375, input 147.975 with 103.5 Hz tone. Also, we have received the Yaesu Fusion Repeater that the club purchase and is being stored at my house. Dick, N1NYW has programmed it with the Frequency and tested it as well and everything checked out.

The committee stills has several decision to make, Antenna, coax, and duplexer, we will be meeting early in January. So we have a location, a great building that is heated and air conditioned, so once the rest of the equipment is purchase, we can plan to get this site ready for this next step in our club's history. I will try and keep the club up to date on our progress.

December Secretary's Report

by Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting December 2, 2015 at the Potvin Room of the St. Marys Medical Arts Building Lewiston Maine. In attendance: Kb1cdu, n1oxa, n1nyw, kc1aih, kb1doi, k1wtx and Joyce, kb1qhr, n1oxe, wt1a, n1dot, w1box, w1ltx, w1lwt, ku1u and Stanley, ke6pij, kc1ehp, kc1ddx, w1oks, wa1skp, kc1dnu, and kc1dny.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 after we had all the food the members brought in for the Christmas meal. (we couldn't let it get cold) Bob w1ltx made a motion to approve the Secretary's report as printed in the newsletter. Ken kb1cdu seconded the motion. The attendance record was amended on the report to reflect that Bob w1ltx was at the November meeting but his callsign did not get copied from the meeting notes onto the report. Vote: approved.

Ivan gave the Treasurers report which included a \$300 gift to the club. Miriam kc1aih made a motion to accept the report. It was seconded by Ken kb1cdu. Vote: approved.

Tim wt1a and Ivan n1oxa reported on the Poland repeater work. On November 18 and 19 the antenna was taken down and the SWR was checked. It was great and was put back up on the other side of the building because it is closer to the repeater and would have a shorter run of cable from the radio to the antenna. Jerry k1wtx passed along a message from David we1u about brackets that need replacing.

Tim talked about the need for copies of the keys to the repeaters should be made so the members of the repeater committee that live closet to the repeaters can have access in case of a malfunction.

Ivan passed on a letter to the club from the ARRL Foundation that the \$1000 scholarship from the Androscoggin Club was returned to the Foundation because the winner did not enroll in college this fall. The money will be used for a Scholarship next year.

Tim reminded us that the state convention is coming up in just a few months and it is on Easter weekend this

year. HRO has not committed to be at the convention because of the shortage of credit card equipment. Work will continue to get the issue resolved.

Talk of having a class or seminar for new hams who need an "Elmer" to help them with the transition into the hobby after they get their license. No date and time were scheduled yet.

A VE exam session will be held January 27 at 7 p.m. at the Potvin Room 99 Campus Avenue in Lewiston, the same room the club meetings are held. Contact person is Ivan.

Ken n1dot reports the frequency for his new repeater in Turner is 442.700. The frequency for the clubs new two meter repeater in Leeds has not be approved yet. It was decided that Paul Michaud will do the installation in Leeds because it is going to be in a building with other radio equipment that we don't want to interfere with.

Miriam kc1aih made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Bob w1ltx. Vote: approved at 8:00 p.m. A 50/50 drawing made \$14 for the club after the meeting adjourned.

December DX Notes

by Earl Gilmore N1SVB

The month of November we made 64 DX contacts which represents 37 countries.

Stations contacted were: R25MDC, European Russia; ZS6BAF, So. Africa; HA8CE, Hungary; 9G5GH, Ghana; PY4AH, Brazil; HC2AO, Ecuador; SU1AS, Egypt; PY0WY, Fernando de Noronha; 9H5BZ, Malta; EA8NG, Spain; PJ4/OE7PGI, Bonaire; A71AM, Qatar; E73E, Bosnia Herzegovina; FG5DH, Guadeloupe; XE1YQQ, Mexico; 3W3MD, Vietnam; MJ/K8PT, Jersey Is.; 3DA0TM, Swaziland; CE5PRD, Chile; OZ0IL, Denmark; ZD7VC, St. Helena Is.; VU2RCT, India; NH6I, Hawaii; Z38CE, Macedonia; HH90IARU, Haiti; KP4OUH, Puerto Rico; EL2DT, Liberia; LZ1QL, Bulgaria; S79C, Seychelles; VK7XX, Australia (Tasmania) YV4KW/p, Venezuela; KC4AAA, (Antarctica South Pole); F4ELJ, France: 6V1A, Senegal; LU7FSM, Argentina; V51B, Namibia; KG4EM, Guantanamo Bay;

We did receive a QSL card from 9M4DX, West Malaysia this month which brings our QSL cards for countries worked to 311 countries.

We made four Pacific contacts in November. We contacted 3W3MD in Vietnam, NH6I in Hawaii, VK7XX in Australia (Tasmania) and VK100ANZAC also in Australia.

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

Jan. 01 to Jan. 07	5N0UO	Samoa
Jan. 02 to Jan. 10	YJ0AFU	Vanuatu
Jan. 03 to Jan. 08	4S/	Sri Lanka
Jan. 04 to Jan. 07	7P8VR	Lesotho
Jan. 05 to Jan. 31	6W7SK	Senegal
Jan. 06 to Jan. 14	V25GB	Antigua
Jan. 07 to Jan. 11	ZL9A	NZ Sub Arctic Is.
Jan. 07 to Jan. 14	T88/	Palau
Jan. 07 to Jan. 22	PJ4B	Bonaire
Jan. 09 to Jan. 17	ZF2PG	Cayman Is.
Jan. 12 to Dec. 25	KP5/	Palmyra
Jan. 15 to Feb. 15	P5/	North Korea

Jan. 17 to Feb. 27	VP8STI	So. Sandwich Is.
Jan. 19 to Jan. 26	PY0/	Fernando de Noronha

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

President's Report

by Tim WT1A

None this month