



ACORN Newsletter



Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club (AARC)
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Androscoggin ARES/RACES By Paul KE6PIJ

Repeaters

<u>Auburn</u>	<u>Poland Springs</u>
146.610 PL 88.5	147.315 PL 103.5
D-Star 443.300	

Club Officers

President: Tim Bubier WT1A
 V. President: Cory Golob KU1U
 Treasure: Ivan Lazure N1OXA
 Secretary: Dick Knight N1NYW
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Club Meetings

Wednesday Oct 5th 2016 1830 EDT
 Meeting held in Potvin Room
 99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.

ARES/RACES Meeting

Wednesday Oct 19th 2016 1730 EDT
 Androscoggin Unified EMA Office
 Basement of Central Fire Station
 2 College Street Lewiston, ME

Club Breakfast

Wednesday Oct 26th 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.

Fall is here and while the weather is cooling down, Androscoggin ARES/RACES is heating up. Our members, along with many other HAMs are volunteering to provide communications for the Dempsey Challenge on October 2nd. This is a long event covering a large area, so it makes for an excellent training opportunity.

Our October face-to-face meeting is on the Wednesday the 19th, 1730L at the UEMA office below the Lewiston Fire Station at 2 College St. Training on performing a Damage Assessment Survey will be presented to all who attend. This is above and beyond the Red Cross version of Damage Assessment due to the fact the county has a wider range of infrastructure that information needs to be collected for.

The October ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) will take place on October 22nd in the state of Maine. The scenario is an ice storm that has taken out communications state-wide and thus requiring the use of ARES/RACES to fill the void. This is what we train for and is a very likely scenario for our area. Activation will be a combination of deploying operators, having home operations, passing traffic and damage assessments.

Support for hospital communications within our county and throughout the state is beginning to become active again. We are hoping to get a jump on it by getting to the sites in our county in October and participating in their emcomm drills in November. This has been a long time coming and we welcome the opportunity to work them once again.

As you can see, the need for trained operators registered and active with Androscoggin ARES/RACES is in demand for us to provide the service that is being requested. This is a great time for growth and we encourage all amateur radio licensees to join our ranks and prepare with us so our communities can remain safe in times of disaster.

Please take time to check out <http://EC.KE6PIJ.org> for up to date information on activities.

73 de Paul, KE6PIJ
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Upcoming events for October of this year

The Maine SET is scheduled for Oct 22, 2016 0800 to 1300

Near-fest October 14th & 15th in New Hampshire

Secretary's Report

By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting September 7, 2016 at the Potvin Room of the St. Marys Medical Center Lewiston Maine. In attendance: n1dot, ka1usa, n1ywf, kb1doi, wa1skp, n1zrl, kc1dny, n1wfo, n1oxa, wt1a, ac1ae, n1nyw, kc4ucw, kb1ypz, w1ltx, w1lwt, kc1aih, ku1u and Simon, wb1hfy, wn1l, n1jd, ke6pij, kc1bep.

At 6:36 p.m. Walter ac1ae gave a talk about Software Defined Radio. We had fun listening to a radio receiver and tuning it in the Netherlands over the Internet. You can try it at <http://websdr.ewi.utwente.nl:8901>. Other sites visited were dxfun.com and websdr.org.

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with a motion from Bob w1ltx and a second from Miriam kc1aih to accept the minutes of the August meeting. Vote: approved.

Ivan n1oxa gave the Treasurers report that included \$ 300 for the club insurance policy. Tim wt1a tells us that the account now has a debit card that was used speed up the purchase of the \$ 1900 duplexers for the Leeds repeater. Miriam kc1aih made a motion to accept the report and kc1dny seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Tim wt1a told of the fun and adventures at the picnic in August.

Tim also reported on the progress of the Leeds repeater project, it needs a tower climber feed line, connectors and an antenna. Tim says the original plan was to have the antenna 80 feet up on the tower, however the offer has changed, we can put it all the way up at 180 feet. To do that it is estimated that 175 feet of feed line will be needed along with connectors and the fasteners to keep the cable connected to the tower and the antenna. After a few minutes of checking prices on the Internet it was determined that is will take about \$ 750 for all the pieces. Price of a tower climber has not been determined. Funds were approved for the antenna to be at the 80 foot level at a prior meeting. Cory ku1u made a motion to change the amount to \$ 750 so the antenna will be at the top of the 180 foot tower. Motion was seconded by Walter ac1ae. Vote: approved.

It was brought up that the club insurance bill is coming due. Miriam kc1aih made a motion to pay the insurance one year \$ 300 premium, Walter ac1ae seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Tim asked if any of us have been to the ARRL headquarters and asked the members to give some thought to the idea and if there is enough interest we might put together a trip in the future. More discussion at future meetings.

Andy kb1doi says that the callsign N1D will be used again this year for the Dempsey Challenge special events station. He has four operators signed up for the event. Contact Andy to have some fun.

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Tim read a list of contests coming up in the next couple of months and wished everyone good luck with the contests.

The helping ham page on the club website had two questions answered so far. One person wanted to know where to find a list of dates to take the ham radio exams. I pointed her to the VE Exam list on the w1npp.org website. She will attend the October 18 exam in Presque Isle. Also a ham from Canada is working to take the exam to get an HF license and wanted a list of nets that is accurate and asked if our web site list is up to date. I took the list to the breakfast meeting and asked around about the nets and updated the list and replied to the question.

Miriam kc1aih made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Andy kb1doi. Vote approved at 7:49 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Knight n1nyw

DX News Notes By Earl Gilmore N1SVB

Wow! Another bad month. The month of August was about the worst DX month that I have ever experienced. The month of August we made 19 DX contacts which represents 19 countries. Countries contacted were:

A61FK, United Arab Emirates; EA8TL, Canary Is.; S57DX, Slovenia; CF2SQC, Chile; PJ6Y, Saba; YV1KK, Venezuela; EA51DQ, Spain; TA1BX/m, Turkey; 9A701AD, Croatia; CU2CR, Azores; V51WW< Namibia; TF3JB, Iceland; DF2BO, Germany; 4L7D, Georgia; Z35A, Macedonia; HB9OAV, Switzerland; 3Z9DV, Poland; TM6U, France; 5B4AIF, Cyprus;

We made no Pacific contacts in July.

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

Oct. 01 to Oct. 02	VK9L	E. Kiribati
Oct. 02 to Oct. 12	8Q7MD	Maldives
Oct. 04 to Oct. 09	9H3LH	Malta
Oct. 04 to Oct. 30	T31T	Central Kiribati
Oct. 08 to Oct. 23	S9YY	Sao Tome & Principe
Oct. 09 to Oct. 16	V31TT	Belize
Oct. 09 to Oct. 23	KH6/	Hawaii
Oct. 10 to Oct. 15	VP9/	Bermuda

Oct. 10 to Nov. 02	FO/	French Polynesia
Oct. 11 to Oct. 13	3D2GG	Fiji
Oct. 13 to Oct. 18	H84JK	Panama
Oct. 14 to Oct. 17	CE0Y	Easter Is.
Oct. 15 to Oct. 29	7P8AO	Lesotho
Oct. 17 to Nov. 01	V6Z	Micronesia
Oct. 18 to Oct. 27	J6/	St. Lucia
Oct. 18 to Oct. 30	ZD7VDC	St. Helena
Oct. 19 to Oct. 26	9G5AM	Ghana
Oct. 20 to Oct. 28	3W2R	Vietnam
Oct. 20 to Nov. 05	3W2DK	Vietnam
Oct. 20 to Nov. 12	5H3DX	Tanzania
Oct. 21 to Oct. 25	3D2YA	Fiji
Oct. 25 to Nov. 26	H44COW	Solomon Is.
Oct. 25, to Nov. 07	VP3E	Anguilla
Oct. 26 to Nov. 09	ZL7G	Chatham Is.
Oct. 29 to Nov. 04	FM/	Martinique

CQ World Wide DX Contest, SSB (Oct. 29 - 30, 2016)

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

Earle Gilmore N1SVB

