



# ACORN Newsletter



Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club (AARC)  
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## Upcoming events for September and October of this year

## Repeaters

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

The Loon Echo bike event is Sep 17, 2016

The Dempsey Challenge is on Oct 1 and 2, 2016

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

Go to [w1npp.org](http://w1npp.org) for information and register for the first two events. At the October club meeting will have more details on the SET.

## Club Officers

President: Tim Bubier WT1A  
 V. President: Cory Golob KU1U  
 Treasure: Ivan Lazure N1OXA  
 Secretary: Dick Knight N1NYW  
 Trustee: Tim Bubier WT1A  
 Newsletter Editor:  
 Harold Hartley N1LLU

## Club Meetings

Wednesday Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 2016 1830 EDT  
 Meeting held in Potvin Room  
 99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.

## ARES/RACES Meeting

Wednesday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 1730 EDT  
 Androscoggin Unified EMA Office  
 Basement of Central Fire Station  
 2 College Street Lewiston, ME

## Club Breakfast

Wednesday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Secretary's Report**

By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday August 3, 2016 at the Potvin Room at St. Marys' Medical Associates Building in Lewiston, Maine. In attendance: ac1ae, kb1cdu, n1zrl, ka1usa, n1dot, wa1skp, kb1doi, kc1aih, n1oxa, wt1a, n1nyw, n1ywf, w1lwt, w1ltx, k1wtx, ku1u and Stanley and Simon, and ke4ucw.

Walter ac1ae (formerly ve1aws) started a presentation in VHF and UHF frequencies at 6:34 p.m. followed by the call to order of the regular meeting at 7:00p.m. Miriam kc1aih made a motion to approve the Secretary's report as printed in the ACORN. Jerry k1wtx seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Ivan n1oxa read the Treasurers report which included the \$200 from Walmart and a \$ 5000 transfer to a 3 year CD. Jerry k1wtx made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Miriam kc1aih. Vote: Approved.

Tim gave an explanation of the point breakdown of the 2900 points our club made during Field Day. He also reported that he has not had a chance to work on the Leeds repeater project but is hoping to have some time soon.

Lee w1lwt told about his finding someones' picture files on a discounted drive he found at Walmart and how he reunited the drive and its' pictures and files with the owner.

The club will have another picnic on Sunday August 21. Miriam kc1aih made a motion to use the left over money from Walmart that was not used for Field Day to buy food for the picnic. Jerry k1wtx and Walter ac1ae seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Jerry k1wtx is turning 70 years old!

We were reminded of events members should sign up for. The Loon Echo Hike and Bike Trek will be September 17th. To sign up send an email to n1znpj@yahoo.com.

Hams should sign up now for duty on line at the Dempsey Challenge October 2nd. Go to w1npp.org and click on the Dempsey Challenge logo to go the

official sign up page. Be sure to enter your call sign in the special place for it.

In the August ACORN newsletter the President wanted feed back about starting a new page on the www.w1npp.org website to give hams the chance to ask for help on ham projects like antenna raising or just need to talk to an Elmer send an email to dickknight@gmail.com and your request will be posted on the "A Helping Ham" page. Also, after your project is done send another email tell us that you got your project done and don't need the message posted any longer.

Keith ke4ucw will participate in a MARS exercise August 15.

Our Vice President has a new job as Training Coordinator for the State E911 system!

If you know someone who is not a ham yet the w1npp.org website has a link to a video called, "Ham Radio 101" that will try to get new people interested in getting licensed.

Lee w1lwt won a \$ 10 certificate good at the Adapter Guys web site and Keith ke4ucw was the winner of \$8.50 in the 50/50 drawing.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

## DX News Notes

By Earl Gilmore N1SVB

DX News Notes  
August, 2016

Wow! The month of July was about the worst DX month that I have ever experienced.

The month of July we made 24 DX contacts which represents 15 countries. Countries contacted were:

YT9M, Serbia; ZD8RY, Ascension Is.; 7T7T, Algeria;  
OE3XMA, Australia; TF3JB, Iceland; YI3WHR, Iraq;  
9A702YM, Croatia; DK6SP, Germany; S58MU, Slovenia;  
E7TESLA, Bosnia Herzovenia; 5B4AJC, Cyprus; ER4DX,  
Moldova; F5MUX, France; MX0TGB/10, England; MS0YHC,  
Scotland;

We made no Pacific contacts in July.

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

Sep. 01 to Sep. 15	T32AZ	E. Kiribati
Sep. 03 to Sep. 24	PS4/	Bonaire
Sep. 03 to Nov. 24	VP6AH	Pitcairn Is.
Sep. 05 to Sep. 12	FK/	New Caledonia

Sep. 06 to Sep. 24	JT/	Mongolia
Sep. 07 to Sep. 12	JW/	Svalbard
Sep. 08 to Sep. 19	E51Q	So. Cook Is.
Sep. 10 to Sep. 17	5W0BOB	Samoa
Sep. 10 to Sep. 29	V47JA	St. Kitts & Nevis
Sep. 15 to Sep. 21	OY/	Faroe Is.
Sep. 15 to Sep. 29	D44TUJ	Cape Verde Is.
Sep. 16 to Sep. 19	JW/	Svalbard
Sep. 18 to Sep. 30	D66D	Comoros
Sep. 20 to Sep. 25	T42CH	Cuba
Sep. 20 to Sep. 27	5W0JHQ	Samoa
Sep. 20 to Sep. 29	E6/	Niue
Sep. 23 to Oct. 04	MD/	Isle of Man
Sep. 24 to Sep. 28	PX0F	Fernando de Noronha
Sep. 24 to Oct. 08	S79KB	Seychelles
Sep. 24 to Oct. 10	5Z4/	Kenya
Sep. 24 to Oct. 03	H44GS	Solomon Is.
Sep. 24 to Oct. 24	T30COW	West Kiribati
Sep. 25, to Oct. 15	VK9NJ	Norfolk Is.
Sep. 26 to Oct. 01	S9/	Sao Tome & Principe
Sep. 27 to Oct. 01	Zf2EZ	Cayman Is.
Sep. 27 to Oct. 04	T2R	Tuvalu
Sep. 28, to Oct. 04	A35JP/p	Tonga

CQ World Wide DX Contest, RTTY (Sep. 24 - 25, 2016)

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