



# ACORN Newsletter



Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club (AARC)  
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<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 Officers

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### Club Meetings

Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup> 2017 1830 EDT  
Meeting held in Potvin Room  
99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.

### ARES/RACES Meeting

Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup> 2017 1730 EDT  
Androscoggin Unified EMA Office  
Basement of Central Fire Station  
2 College Street Lewiston, ME

### Club Breakfast

Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 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.

### Club on the Air Net

Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 @ 1900  
on the 146.61 PL 88.5

### ARES/RACES HF net @ 1400

April 4<sup>th</sup> 40 m 7262+ or  
April 11<sup>th</sup> 28.46+ or – after  
Check Paul's website, for the new bands  
[HTTP://EC.KE6PIJ.org](http://EC.KE6PIJ.org)

### **President's Notes By Tim, WT1A**

As our convention is on the doorstep and spring is somewhere (hopefully) near, I just want to put back in everyone's mind that ARRL Field Day is not too far off. We plan again to hold our event at the Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport, and hopefully again in conjunction with the Oxford County CERT Communications Group. Again we'll try to include several stations including voice, CW and digital modes, along with an attempt to make at least one satellite contact. I urge you all to get involved in some way. Even if you just come out to the site to see what it's all about and hang around to watch, that's great. We are always happy to explain what we're "trying" to achieve. There is almost always an open seat for operating as well, along with an opportunity to help new or completely inexperienced operators make contacts in the GOTA

(Get On The Air) station.

Even if you don't care for operating, there is always more than enough food and drink, plenty of laughs and a check to just "eyeball rag chew." Of course, we can always use an extra hand or two during set up on Friday and take down on Sunday. This is always a challenge to our team work and ingenuity.

More on this and how you can volunteer in newsletters to come. For now 73 and see you at the convention!

Tim, WT1A

### ATTENTION

**Quicksilver Radio will be at the Hamfest as well as Hamsource. they will have new HT's and a mobile radio as well.**

## **Secretary's Report**

By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday March 1, 2017 at the Potvin Room of the St. Marys' Medical Arts Building 99 Campus Avenue in Lewiston, Maine. In attendance: kb1cdu, n1dot, n1ty, w1lwt, ku1v, w1ltx, k1wtx, kc1bep, wa1skp, kb1doi, n1wfo, ke6pij, kb1ypz, kc1dny, n1ywf, kc1aih, wt1a, n1nyw.

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Bubier wt1a at 7:02 p.m. Bob w1ltx made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as printed in the ACORN. The motion was seconded by Miriam kc1aih. Vote: Approved.

There was no Treasurers report because Ivan was not present. Tim reported that there was a \$ 521 dollar purchase of the HF radio to be used as a door prize at the convention.

Tim reported that himself, Ivan and Bill Woodhead went to Ramada office after the February breakfast meeting to discuss future of hamfests at the Ramada. There was a misunderstanding about a price increase for future bookings, the club will continue to pay the same rate we always have so the dates March 30 and 31 have been booked for 2018 at the regular price. We will however have to give up a little space this year, but were given copies of floor plans that can fit about 80 tables in, more than we should need.

Tim told us of Lefties' donation of all his hamradio equipment and towers when he becomes a silent key. He will be bringing a lot of gear to the convention to sell. Miriam kc1aih made a motion to get him a price break on all the tables he would need when he brings a load to the convention, the motion was seconded by David kc1dny. Vote: Approved.

Bob w1ltx reported on what he has received for freebies from manufacturers and what he is still waiting for. Tim went over the list of talks already booked and noted that some rooms are left at the Ramada.

Jerry k1wtx reminds us that we ran out of vendor

badges and volunteer badges last year and pointed out we need to make more for this years convention so we don't run out.

Tim tells us that we will have an auction of leftover items to benefit the Good Shepherd Food Bank. He also told us that the construction permit for the Leeds repeater has been extended for another six months. Also there is so far a verbal agreement with the Auburn - Lewiston Airport to hold the June Field Day there again this year.

There was a long discussion about interference from grow lights and todays Sun Journal article. A link to the story is on the w1npp.org site.

There was no 50/50 drawing because Ivan was not present. Miriam kc1aih made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by kc1bep. Vote: Approved at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

**DX News Notes**  
By Earl Gilmore N1SVB

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

Earle Gilmore, N1SVB

DX News Notes  
March, 2017

The month of February we made 32 DX contacts which represents 21 countries.

Countries contacted were: TA1BX/m, Turkey; MI5AFX, No. Ireland; VE75RY, Canada; EI4GYB, Ireland; UR5MW, Ukraine; HA8IB, Hungary; TL8TT, Central African Republic.; V51WH, Namibia; G4WMP, England; SV2CXI, Greece; S52NR, Slovenia; AO3ANT, Spain; OZ100DVI, Belgium; SP90EDR, Denmark; LA/4X6TT, Norway; T42A, Cuba; A61CK, United Arab Emeritus; ZS6TVB, So. Africa; KL7HRN, Alaska; 5J0NA, San Andres & Providencia; A41ZZ, Oman;

We made no Pacific contacts in February.

There are several DXpeditions taking place in April, 2017. Some haven't been assigned a call sign so they will use the listed prefix followed with another call sign.

Apr. 01 to Apr. 08	J68HZ	St. Lucia
Apr. 01 to Apr. 30	9N1MD	Nepal
Apr. 02 to Apr. 06	CE0Y	Easter Is.
Apr. 04 to Apr. 06	V73	Marshall Is.
Apr. 06 to Apr. 12	P29VKG	Papua New Guinea
Apr. 06 to Apr. 18	S79Z	Seychelles
Apr. 07 to Apr. 15	J5/	Guinea Bissau
Apr. 07 to Apr. 16	FS/	St. Martin Is.
Apr. 11 to Apr. 18	VP5/	Turks & Caicos
Apr. 14 to Apr. 16	H91IT	Panama
Apr. 14 to Apr. 21	T8/	Palau
Apr. 14 to Apr. 23	J88PI	St. Vincent Is.
Apr. 15 to Apr. 22	GT4BRS	Isle of Man
Apr. 18 to Apr. 25	D4T	Cape Verde Is.
Apr. 21 to Apr. 15	TG9/	Guatemala
Apr. 25 to May. 06	A25UK	Botswana
Apr. 28 to May. 13	E51/	South Cook Is.
Apr. 29 to May. 06	ZF2AB	Cayman Is.
Apr. 30 to May. 12	E51/	South Cook Is.