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# The ACORN

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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 ON AIR	443.300 D-star OFF AIR	147.315 PL 103.5 ON AIR	146.895 PL 103.5 ON AIR

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### Club Officers

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### Club Meetings

Wednesday Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 1830 EDT  
Meeting held in Potvin Room  
99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.

### ARES/RACES Meeting

Wednesday **Cancelled** 2017 1730 EDT  
Androscoggin Unified EMA Office  
Basement of Central Fire Station  
2 College Street Lewiston, ME

### Club Breakfast

Wednesday Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 2017 0730 EDT  
at **Ramada Inn** in Lewiston

### 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.

### Take Note:

The deadline for articles for the Newsletter is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each Month.

## Important Information

The December meeting will be a Christmas Dinner, so bring your favorite food or soda. We don't need plastic wear, plastic plates, and napkins.

Androscoggin ARES / RACES

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Paul Leonard / KE6PIJ  
ARES EC, Androscoggin County

The weather has been cold, but that didn't deter the dedicated HAMs who came out and helped to get the Poland repeater secured to Rick, KB1RCM's house. It is notable that the tower, while on the trailer and guyed only by the severely deteriorated rope from Goff Hill, held up just fine during the Halloween Wind and rain storm that devastated much of the State. The tower is now bolted to a concrete slab, and to the side of Rick's house. Cabling is routed through the wall to the repeater, and the entire system is properly grounded. Thanks to all that gave up a weekend or more to insure this was done right, regardless of how cold it got.

2017 is wrapping up and the Holidays are upon us. As a result there will be no December meeting at the EOC since that will be just prior to Christmas. The November EOC meeting was used to allow our members to present ideas and comments about training, events, and activities for 2018. And they did just that, with a long list of things, and some of them new, to fill our calendar for the new year. I'm looking forward to seeing what 2018 will bring. I'm certain it will be filled with changes and challenges, and also certain the group will rise to the occasion to meet those head on.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all.

73 de Paul, KE6PIJ  
ARES EC Androscoggin County  
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## **Secretary's Report**

By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday November 1, 2017 at the Potvin Room of St. Marys Medical Arts Building in Lewiston Maine. In attendance: kb1rsd, kb1qhr, w1ltx, k1wtx, wa1skp, kb1doi, ac1ac, wn1i, ka1usa, n1zrl, kb1ypz, kc1aih, n1oxa, wt1a, w1lwt, n1nyw, kb1zhn, n1jd.

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m. by President Tim Bubblier. Miriam kc1aih made a motion to approve the Secretary's report as printed in the ACORN. The motion was seconded by Andy kb1doi. Vote: approved.

Ivan gave the Treasurers report followed by a motion to approve the report by Andy kb1doi and a second by Miriam kc1aih. Vote: approved.

Tim reports that Paul Michaud is no longer a tower climber so we will need to find another person(s) to help us. Also the Poland repeater .315 is off the air because of the power outage cause by the big wind storm.

Ivan tells us of his comparison shopping for insurance for the repeaters. The best deal was with the ARRL which covers all four repeaters for \$220 per year. Lee w1lwt made a motion to buy the ARRL insurance, the motion was seconded by Miriam kc1aih. Vote: approved.

The club received a bill from the former landlady of the Poland Spring repeater seeking \$300 for

a last payment. After some discussion about the issue the language of our reply would include wording that this is our final payment and it should be sent registered mail with a return receipt.

Lee w1lwt is donating 200 feet of half inch feed line that could be used for the new .61 site along with a lightning arrestor. Lee was also at a church in Auburn talking about ham radio and "answering many questions". Lee will also be operating a special events station at the Lisbon VFW hall on Veterans Day and then going to the Red Barn.

Tim says the state EMA is looking for damage reports from private property owners to include in their report to FEMA.

Our next meeting will be at 7 p.m. December 6 and will be mostly our annual Christmas Party. Please bring one or two of your favorite dishes to share potluck and it was decided that club members should ask family members to attend.

The Dempsey Challenge went pretty well except they ran out of shirts for the volunteers. Again this year there was no thank you to ham operators in the two page ad in the Sun Journal that thanked others for their help.

Miriam kc1aih made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by k1wtx. Vote: adjourned at 7:38 p.m. Paul kb1qhr won \$ 11 from 50/50.

## DX Report

By Earle Gilmore N1SVB

DX News Notes  
November, 2017

The month of October we made 45 DX contacts which represents 27 countries.

Countries contacted were: MX0LGR/p, Scotland; EB1DJ, Estonia; LZ6C, Bulgaria; OT4A, Belgium; RG5G/p, Russia; S51DX, Slovenia; HA500M, Hungary; YB1/N9EV, Indonesia; SV2HJQ, Greece; 3DA0AQ, Swaziland; 9H5BZ, Malta; HK0RMR, San Andres & Prov.; OF8L, Finland; C37NL, Andorra; PA1FD, Netherlands; SM5CAK, Sweden; A41NN, Oman; EI8WAW, Ireland; A61FK, United Arab Emirates; FM1HN, Martinique; C41CV, Cape Verde Is.; V47JA, St. Kitts & Nevis; VP5/KD3TB, Turks & Cacos; EA8/RW4WR, Canary Is.; CN2R, Morocco; EL2EL, Liberia; ZS6TVB, So. Africa

We made one Pacific contact in October, we contacted YB1/N9EV in Indonesia.

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

Dec. 03 to Dec. 08	XW4Z	Laos
Dec. 03 to Dec. 18	V85/	Burundi
Dec. 05 to Dec. 07	A31NM	Tonga
Dec. 05 to Dec. 12	ZC4MK	Cyprus
Dec. 15 to Dec. 17	6V1A	Senegal
Dec. 25 to Jan. 12	6W/	Senegal

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