



ACORN Newsletter



Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club (AARC)
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<u>Auburn</u>		<u>Repeater</u>	
146.61 PL 88.5	<u>Auburn</u>	<u>Poland Springs</u>	<u>Leeds</u>
	443.300 D-star	147.315 PL 103.5	146.895 PL 103.5

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Club Meetings

Wednesday March 1st 2017 1830 EDT
Meeting held in Potvin Room
99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.

ARES/RACES Meeting

Wednesday March 15th 2017 1730 EDT
Androscoggin Unified EMA Office
Basement of Central Fire Station
2 College Street Lewiston, ME

Club Breakfast

Wednesday March 22nd 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 March 22nd 2017 @ 1900
on the 146.61 PL 88.5

ARES/RACES HF net @ 1400

March 4th 40 m 7262+ or
March 11th 28.46+ or – after
Check Paul's website, for the new bands
<HTTP://EC.KE6PIJ.org>

Androscoggin ARES/RACES By Paul KE6PIJ

February saw a great deal of snowfall, and for the blizzard weekend, there was a Skywarn activation. An amazing amount of snow and a good reminder of why we have go-kits and to keep their supplies current. The ARES/RACES group has also begun using HF by utilizing an HF net very Saturday at 1400L, We rotate through the bands, so each week is a different band. If you can, check the website below to find what band and frequency we will be on for a particular weekend and join in. We are just testing our members setups and determining local coverage at the moment. As the net progresses we plan to add different modes of operation, so be a part of it with us and share your expertise.

As we head into March and the warmer weather, activities will begin to fill the

calendar, along with hamfests and everything else that can be done outside. It's a great time to experiment (or repair) antennas, have a fox hunt or two, and bring the radios outside for some fresh air. Hope to see and hear you at some or all of these activities. You can either check into our nets or check the website below,

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

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Secretary's Report

By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday February 1, 2017 at the Potvin Room of the St. Marys' Medical Arts Building in Lewiston, Maine. In attendance: kb1cdu, n1ty, n1dot, w1lwt, w1ltx, wa1skp, n1zrl, kb1doi, n1wfo, n1oxa, kb1ypz, ke4ucw, w1jiw, n1ywf, kc1aih, wa1eoj, n1jd, wtia, and n1nyw.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Tim Bubier wt1a. Bob w1ltx made a motion to approve the Secretary' report as printed in the Acorn that was seconded by Miriam kc1aih. Vote: approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers report that shows income from dues. Miriam kc1aih made a motion to accept the report, Ken kb1cdu seconded the motion. Vote: approved. Ivan also reported that the scholarship CD has an adjustable interest rate that climbed up. It used to pay pennies but this time paid \$ 20.76, the members approve of the extra interest.

Jerry k1wtx reports that the Quicksilver web site has the Andy Hamfest on the list they will visit. Jerry and I got the sign up files for the hamfest emailed to him by Ivan and told me that he would like to see them posted on the web site so the reservations and the money will start coming in. I postponed writing this report so the links to the forms can be added to the web page. Bob w1ltx tells us he has not received anything from vendors, for prizes or catalogs yet but he is working on it.

At the January meeting discussion started on the possibility of using club money to buy radios to sell to raise money. At the February meeting we discussed the chances we may have to do a lot of paper work to collect taxes on what we do sell because we will probably have to collect sales taxes. Jerry k1wtx made a motion to table going ahead selling radios with club funds until more research can be done. Miriam kc1aih seconded the motion. Vote: approved

Tim told the club that mice at our tower site had a good lunch eating cables that are now reconnected to

the EMA office radios. He also reports that work has stopped for the winter on repeater work, too cold and snowy and ice. Tim also says the rent at the Ramada may go up for the 2018 convention. Miriam kc1aih suggested we negotiate.

Field Day will be coming in June, last years location was discussed, members thought it was good and asked Tim to confirm a reservation for that location we had last year.

Fred missed the new club net. So you don't miss it a reminder, the club meeting net is on the .61 repeater at 7 p.m. on the last Wednesday of the month. A hospital radio test will be held Wednesday February 8 at 10 a.m.

Miriam kc1aih made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Jerry k1wtx. Vote: approved at 7:53 p.m. Miriam kb1aih was the 50/50 winner of \$ 10.

Respectfully submitted,
Dick Knight Secretary

DX News Notes
By Earl Gilmore N1SVB

DX News Notes
February, 2017

The month of January we made 26 DX contacts which represents 14 countries.

Countries contacted were: ZT1T, So. Africa; WP4YL, Puerto Rico; S57S, Sylvania; 3DA0TM, Swaziland; OK2RZ, Czech Republic; C5YK, The Gambia; CF7DP, Canada (BC); C91PA, Mozambique; HP/KC0GP/mm; Panama; ZD8SC, Ascension, Is.; FP5AC, St. Pierre & Miquelon; V51WH, Namibia; DP0GVN, Antarctica; LA5MIA, Norway;

We made no Pacific contacts in January.

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

Mar. 01 to Mar. 03	J5UAP	Guinea Bissau
Mar. 03 to Mar. 05	9M4IOTA	West Malaysia
Mar. 04 to Mar. 11	C6APY	Bahamas
Mar. 07 to Mar. 10	DJ1BLY	Oqasawara
Mar. 07 to Mar. 13	8P9IF	Barbados
Mar. 07 to Mar. 21	9G5X	Ghana
Mar. 08 to Mar. 20	9N7EI	Nepal
Mar. 09 to Mar. 13	ZF2CA	Cayman Is.
Mar. 09 to Mar. 14	V31GX	Belize
Mar. 09 to Mar. 19	TU7C	Ivory Coast
Mar. 09 to Mar. 21	5U5R	Niger
Mar. 10 to Mar. 19	E51KTA	So. Cook Is.
Mar. 14 to Apr. 04	T2/	Tuvalu
Mar. 14 to Apr. 12	5H3MP	Tanzania
Mar. 15 to Mar. 22	EA9/	Ceuta & Melilla

Mar. 15 to Mar. 21	S21GM	Bangladesh
Mar. 16 to Apr. 05	V47JA	St. Kitts & Nevis
Mar. 18 to Mar. 21	EG9TOR	Ceuta & Melilla
Mar. 18 to Apr. 01	V47JR	St. Kitts & Nevis
Mar. 19 to Apr. 03	V633KS	Micronesia
Mar. 20 To Mar. 24	ZF2CJ	Cayman Is.
Mar. 20 to Mar. 27	ZF2TC	Cayman Is.
Mar. 21 to Mar. 27	S21KW	Bangladesh
Mar. 22 to Mar. 28	A35JP/p	Tonga
Mar. 22 to Mar. 29	ZA/	Albania
Mar. 29 to Apr. 10	KH2BY	Guam
Mar. 29 to Apr. 17	KH2P	Guam

ARRL International DX Contest, Phone (Mar. 04-05, 2017)

CQ WW WPX Contest SSB (Mar. 25-26, 2017)

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

Earle Gilmore, N1SVB

THE 2017 ARRL MAINE STATE CONVENTION & ANDROSCOGGIN ARC HAMFEST

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club presents the 2017 American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Maine State Convention and Hamfest at the Ramada Convention Center at 490 Pleasant St, Lewiston, Me., on Friday March 31, from 1900(7pm) to 2100(9pm) and Saturday APRIL 1, from 0800(8am) till 1200(12Noon).

FRIDAY NIGHT MARCH 31, 2017 (1900 AND 2000)

We are scheduling many interesting talks and forums starting at 1900(7pm) and more talks at 2000(8pm). The ARRL will have an official here to talk about the latest news on amateur radio, and have a Q & A section. Other talks will be related to amateur radio, Digital Modes, etc. All talks and forums are **FREE**. **Check W1NPP.org for list of talks.**

SATURDAY APRIL 1, 2017 (0800 TILL NOON)

The convention talks and forums will continue this morning at 0900(9am), 1000(10am), and 1100(11am), and these are also **FREE**. **Check W1NPP.org for list of talks.** The Hamfest will start at 0800 and end at 12 NOON, with the Door Prizes, Main Prize (**Xiegu X108G with Antenna Analyzer! OUTDOOR VERSION 0.5-30MHz 20W HF TRANSCEIVER QRP SSB-CW**) Admission is \$7 for 18 yrs. and older, free for under 18 yrs old.

SATURDAY APRIL 1, 2017 12:30pm

VE amateur exams will start at **12:30pm**.

Ramada Conference Center is again having their Hamfest Special of **\$65 (plus tax) per day**, single or Double. This includes indoor heated pool, sauna and Jacuzzi. Call (207) 784-2331 for reservations and mention "Androscoggin Hamfest or ARRL Convention".

Tables at the Hamfest are \$7 for each table in advance, till **March 25** and \$8 on Saturday. For clubs or non-profit groups, your registration gives you one free table with one free admission to promote your club or group. If you want to sell items, then additional tables are \$8 each and \$7 for each person working the tables.

For additional information or questions call or email:

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2017 ARRL STATE CONVENTION AND HAMFEST

March 31 and April 1, 2017 FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

WORK SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

	NAME / Phone #	CALL
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SATURDAY

TIME	VENDOR SETUP SIDE DOOR	VENDOR SETUP BACK DOOR
0600 TO 0730		
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TIME	VENDOR SETUP SIDE DOOR	VENDOR SETUP BACK DOOR
0730 TO 0900		
1		
2		

TIME	TICKET SALES and 50/50 TICKETS	TICKET SALES and 50/50 TICKETS
0700 TO 0900		
0900 TO 1030		

TIME	CLUB TABLE
0800 TO 1200	

TIME	FRONT DOOR FOR VENDORS
0600 TO 0830	