



ACORN Newsletter



Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club (AARC)
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<u>Auburn</u>		<u>Repeaters</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 Officers

President: Tim Bubier WT1A
V. President: Lee Trask W1LWT
Treasurer: Ivan Lazure N1OXA
Secretary: Dick Knight N1NYW
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Club Meetings

Wednesday May 3rd 2017 1830 EDT
Meeting held in Potvin Room
99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.

ARES/RACES Meeting

Wednesday May 17th 2017 1730 EDT
Androscoggin Unified EMA Office
Basement of Central Fire Station
2 College Street Lewiston, ME

Club Breakfast

Wednesday May 31st 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 May 31st 2017 @ 1900
on the 146.61 PL 88.5

ARES/RACES HF net @ 1400

Every Saturday
40 m 7262+ or 28.46+ or – after
Check Paul's website, for the new bands
[HTTP://EC.KE6PIJ.org](http://EC.KE6PIJ.org)

REPEATER UPDATES

The Poland Repeater needs to have the antenna raise and a new Coax added.

The Leeds Repeater still needs to schedule the Tower climber to install the antenna up on the Tower, and add the Coax.

The Auburn Repeater will be removed so the old shack and tower can be replaced, not sure when that will happen. More info coming. The City of Auburn is paying for this project.

OTHER UPDATES

We are planning to install an Antenna at a Church in Leeds, for local shelter. No date set for this work.

Install an antenna at Lewiston High School, need to be scheduled.

Review antenna's on roof of Lewiston Fire Station. More to come.

We have a lot of work to be done, and will need lots of help.

UP COMING EVENTS

Nearfest XXI at Deerfield NH fairgrounds May 5, 0900h to May 6, 2017 1500h NEAR-Fest

[Dayton\(Ohio\) Hamvention May 19-21, 2017](http://www.hamvention.org/)
<http://www.hamvention.org/>

2017 30th Annual Bangor Hamfest June 3, 2017 8 a.m to 1 p.m.
Tailgaters set up at 6:30 a.m. VE Exams at 9 a.m.
<http://www.n1me.org/Hamfest.php>

2017 ARRL Field Day June 24th and 25th Information Packet is available: [Field day information](#)

Secretary's Report

By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting April 5, 2017 at the Potvin Room of the St. Marys' Medical Arts Building in Lewiston Maine. In attendance: kb1cdu, n1dot, n1ty, w1lwt, w1ltx, wa1skp, ka1doi, n1zrl, n1oxe, n1wfo, ke6pij, ke4ucw, kb1zlv, kc1amq, kc1dny, kc1aih, n1oxa, wt1a, ku1u and Stanley, n1nyw, k1wtx, kb1qhr, kb1ypz, wb1hfy.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Tim Bubier. Jerry k1wtx made a motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting as printed in the newsletter. Miriam kc1aih seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Ivan n1oxa read the Treasurers report. Miriam kc1aih made a motion to approve the report, Andy kb1doi seconded the motion. Vote: approved. Ivan continued with a report on the hamfest and convention finances. The crowd was small because of the weather but still made \$ 525.77 profit. Our next hamfest at the Ramada is already booked for March 30 and 31 2018, Ivan made a motion to pay the Ramada a deposit of \$ 100 to hold the reservation. Motion seconded by Miriam kc1aih. Vote: approved.

Ivan also reports that the VE exam session had seven persons pass the tech test, three passed and became generals, one flunked the general test, and one passed the extra exam.

Ivan says he is looking for operators to work the MS walk on April 29, if you are interested contact Ivan.

Tim says the status of the Leeds repeater project is at a stand still awaiting better weather and getting a helper for Paul Michaud.

Tim and the crew are looking forward to Field Day June 24 and 25. A field day committee was formed to help plan and operate the Field Day. Members are Keith, Fred, Cory, Ivan and Tim. We are looking for help with \$\$\$ for food and supplies and recruiting operators. Oxford County is planning to bring their trailer and some operators.

Election of club officers: Cory stepped down from the job of Vice President. Jerry k1wtx made a motion to retain current officers except Cory, motion seconded by Dave n1oxe. Vote: approved. Bob w1ltx make a motion to nominate Lee Trask w1lwt for the Vice Presidents job. Motion seconded by Dave n1oxe. Vote: approved.

Dave n1oxe made a motion to adjourn, Miriam kc1aih seconded the motion. Vote: approved at 7:21 p.m.

Jerry k1wtx won \$ 17 in the 50/50 drawing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dick Knight n1nyw

DX News Notes
By Earl Gilmore N1SVB

DX News Notes
April, 2017

The month of March we made 38 DX contacts which represents 23 countries.

Countries contacted were: A41ZZ, Oman; I2WGY, Italy; CS8ABJ, Azores; FG4KH, Guadeloupe; TM6M, France; 9A3OS Croatia; LY5A, Lithuania; 4X6TT, Israel; TA1BX/m, Turkey; OM3TWM, Slovak Republic; EA2ELB, Spain; R5ZZ, Russia; HV0A, Vatican City; GP0STH, Guernsey Is.; RU5R, Niger; V21ZG, Antigua & Barbuda; DK1RU, Germany; VY0RST, Canada; 7U7E, Ivory Coast; CR7AKZ/m, Portugal; G6NT, England; 8S0C, Sweden; ES9C, Estonia;

We made no Pacific contacts in March.

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

May. 01 to May. 08	VK9L	Lord
Howe Is.		
May. 01 to May. 10	3W9DQ	
Vietnam		
May. 01 to May. 15	FS/	St.
Martins Is.		
May. 02 to May. 10	S79J	
Seychelles Is.		
May. 04 to May. 23	Z68BG	
Kosovo		
May. 05 to May. 11	MJ/	Jersey
May. 05 to May. 15	PY0NY	Fernando
de Nova		
May. 06 to May. 07	OJ0W	Market
Reef		
May.09 to May. 16	DU9/	
Philippines		
May. 09 to Jun. 02	D44TWO	Cape
Verde Is.		
May. 10 to Jun. 08	8R1/	Guyana
May. 11 to May. 23	E51LYC	No.

Cook Is.		
May.12 to May.19	T88MZ	Palau
May. 13 to May. 27	HR9/	
Honduras		
May. 15 to May. 24	9H3SQ	Malta
May. 15 to May. 29	HC8/	
Galapagos		
May. 15 to Jul. 15	JD1/	Minami
Torishima		
May. 16 to May. 30	E44WE	
Palestine		
May. 18 to May. 21	ED9T	Ceuta
& Melilla		
May. 19 to May. 23	PJ7/	Sint
Maarten		
May. 19 to May. 29	E31AA	Eritrea
May. 22 to Jun. 07	FG/	
Guadeloupe		
May. 24 to May. 28	PJ6/	Saba &
Eustatius		
May. 29 to Jun. 04	PJ6/	Saba &
Eustatius		

CQ WW WPX Contest, CW May 27-28, 2017

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

Earle Gilmore, N1SVB