



# The ACORN



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**Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club (AARC)**  
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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	443.300 D-star	147.315 PL 103.5	146.895 PL 103.5
ON AIR	OFF AIR	ON AIR	ON AIR

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### Club Officers

President: Tim Bubier WT1A  
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Treasurer: Ivan Lazure N1OXA  
Secretary: Dick Knight N1NYW  
Trustee: Tim Bubier WT1A  
Newsletter Editor:  
Harold Hartley N1LLU

### Club Meetings

Wednesday Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 1830 EDT  
Meeting held in Potvin Room  
99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.

### ARES/RACES Meeting

Wednesday Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 1730 EDT  
Androscoggin Unified EMA Office  
Basement of Central Fire Station  
2 College Street Lewiston, ME

### Club Breakfast

Wednesday Nov 29<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 D-star Repeater on 443.300 is still off the air, no date yet to be installed.

The Poland repeater 147.315, is back up and running at the new location.

No change to the 146.610 location, still no info on City of Auburn project on the new tower.

Check our web site for the latest info.

Heads up the Convention and Hamfest is March 30 and 31, 2018

Ivan, N1OXA

### UP COMING EVENTS

**None at this time**

## Secretary's Report

By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday October 4, 2017 at the Potvin Room of the St. Marys' Medical Arts Building in Lewiston Maine. In attendance: n1dot, n1zrl, w1ltx, k1wtx, wa1skp, kb1doi, n1wfo, kb1ypz, n1jd, kc1hjk, kc1rcm, wa1eoj, kc1aih, n1oxa, wt1a, w1lwt, n1nyw, w1jiw.

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

Ivan n1oxa gave the Treasurers report that included the \$ 300 expense for liability insurance that was approved at the September meeting. Andy kb1doi made a motion to approve the report that was seconded by Jerry k1wtx. Vote: approved.

Tim told the club that we are in the process of moving the repeaters around. The 146.61 repeater was removed from Goff Hill because the building has been taken down to make room for a new tower. The repeater has been moved to Ivan n1oxa house in Lewiston for the time being with pretty good results. It will be moved to a tower on Gracelawn road when we get a climber.

The 147.315 repeater was removed from Poland Spring and moved to Rick kb1rcms' house on White Oak Hill Road in Poland. The top of the antenna is 23 feet off the ground at this time. The crank up tower will be soon be removed from the trailer and mounted on a cement base and then extended a little higher. There was a lot of talk about the condition of the duplexers on the .315 repeater.

Tim reports that the crew that took down the .61 repeater antenna said it is not in good condition and may not survive for long after the installation at the new site. Lee w1lwt made a motion to buy a new antenna for the new .61 site. The motion was seconded by Jerry k1wtx. Motion approved.

At the last meeting in September after approving the purchase of liability insurance the club decided to inquire about purchasing insurance to cover replacing the repeaters in case they get damage by lightning or other damage. Ivan got a quote and Miriam kc1aih made a motion to buy the insurance from the ARRL to cover the three repeaters. With a motion on the floor it was decided to table the motion until we can get clarification of exactly what we will get for coverage for our premium payments.

The next event the club is involved with is the Dempsey Challenge Sunday October 8. Ivan is working on the assignment list.

Miriam kc1aih made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Jerry k1wtx. Vote approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. After the meeting the Secretary (me) won \$ 8 in the 50/50 drawing.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

Paul Leonard / KE6PIJ  
ARES EC, Androscoggin County

## Monthly DEC/EC Report

Jurisdiction: Androscoggin  
County Month: October  
Year: 2017

## AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

Total number of ARES members: 22  
Change since last month: 0  
Total number of ARES nets: 4  
Person

hours: 20  
Number of ARES nets with NTS liason:  
0  
Number of exercises and training sessions  
this month: 1 Person hours: 20  
Number of community events this month:  
1 Person hours: ?  
Number of emergency operations this  
month: 0 Person hours: 0  
Total number of ARES operations this  
month: 2 Total Person  
hours: 40+  
Comments:  
Dempsey Challenge was well attended  
and proceeded without incident.  
ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET)  
achieved its goals and identified other  
capabilities and challenges. Overall a  
successful event.  
Signature: Paul Leonard Title: EC  
Call sign: KE6PIJ

**DX Report**

By Earle Gilmore N1SVB

DX News Notes  
October, 2017

The month of September we made 52 DX contacts which represents 32 countries.

Countries contacted were: YT2ISM, Serbia CD5VB, Lebanon; 9A5O, Croatia; SV9RYG, Crete; OE5XCL, Austria; ON7TQ, Belgium; OK1DWF, Czech Republic; PD3AL, Netherlands; CN2HZ, Morocco; EC8AUZ, Canary Is.; DL0HN, Germany; OY/RU7D, Faroe Is.; RZ1O, Russia; SB6A, Sweden; EC5NJ, Spain; V51WW, Namibia; S51DX, Slovenia; LZ100SK, Bulgaria; 9H5BZ, Malta; ZD7DL, St. Helena; LU1DX, Argentina; SV3AQR, Greece; HB9HLM, Switzerland; HD8M, Galapagos; Sp6GVV, Poland; MU/ON4ANN, Guernsey Is.; F5RAG, France; VO1RAC, Newfoundland; GB1NYM, England; ZB2GI/p, Gibraltar; OZ8CTH, Denmark; EI1E, Ireland;

We made no Pacific contacts in September

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

Nov. 01 to Nov. 15	VR2/	Hong Kong
Nov. 03 to Nov. 16	VK9MA	Mellish
Reef		
Nov. 04 to Nov. 10	8P9MT	Barbados
Nov. 04 to Nov. 12	8P9BT	Barbados
Nov. 05 to Nov. 10	FGF/	Guadeloupe
Nov. 06 to Nov. 17	9U4M	Burundi
Nov. 06 to Nov. 20	VP2MDL	
Montserrat		
Nov. 07 to Nov. 10	VK9AR	Australia
Nov. 07 to Dec. 04	5H3DX	Tanzania
Nov. 08 to Nov. 15	V4/	St Kitts &
Nevis		
Nov. 10 to Nov. 13	JW/	Svalbard
Nov. 11 to Nov. 25	5K0T	San Andres
& Providencia		
Nov. 13 to Nov. 26	J5T/	Guinea
Bissau		
Nov. 16 to Nov. 30	TO2SP	St.
Barthelme		
Nov. 17 to Nov. 30	3W9CW	Vietnam

Nov. 18 to Nov. 30	V34	Belize
Nov. 20 to Nov. 29	99G5W	Ghana
Nov. 23 to Dec. 12	3B9HA	Rodriguez
Is.		
Nov. 26 to Dec. 07	FY/	French
Guyana		
Nov. 29 to Dec. 07	HC8LU	
Galapagos		
Nov. 30 to Dec. 08	FS/	St. Martin

CQ WW DX CONTEST, CW (Nov. 25 - 26, 2017)

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