



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

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### Club Meetings

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

### ARES/RACES Meeting

Wednesday Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 1730 EDT  
Androscoggin Unified EMA Office  
Basement of Central Fire Station  
2 College Street Lewiston, ME

### Club Breakfast

Wednesday Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 2017 0730 EDT  
It will be at new location, Terry's &  
Maxine at Auburn/Turner line  
on route 4.

### 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.

### ARES/RACES HF net @ 1400

Will start in September  
(Cancelled)

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

## Important Information

The D-star Repeater on 443.300 as of August 27, 2017 is off the air and is being moved to another tower in Auburn.

The Poland repeater 147.315, will be shut down Sunday Sept 3, 2017 and relocated to another location in Poland with the same height or more. Unknown as to when it will be back up. We plan by the end of Sept.

The Auburn Repeater 146.61 will also be taken down and relocated. We are waiting for City of Auburn to start on the relocation of their 911 system to our location. The 70 ft tower will be taken down and replaced with a 180 ft tower. we will not be at that site, we are moving to another 180 ft tower in Auburn.

Check our web site for the latest info.

## UP COMING EVENTS

Loon Echo Bike and Hike Trek Saturday, September 16, 2017, Contact: Gary N1ZNJ  
[n1znj@yahoo.com](mailto:n1znj@yahoo.com)

Dempsey Challenge, Oct 8, 2017, register at [dempseychallenge.org](http://dempseychallenge.org)

## Secretary's Report

By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday August 2nd 2017 at the Potvin Room at the St. Marys Medical Arts Building Lewiston Maine. In attendance: kb1ogs, wa1skp, kb1doi, kb1ypz, kc1aih, n1oxa, wt1a, n1nyw, wb1hfy, w1lwt, w1ltx, n1wfo, kc1rhm, kb1qhr, n1dot, ke6pij, kb1bdc.

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Bubier wt1a at 7:01 p.m. Bob w1ltx made a motion to approve the Secretary's report as printed in the ACORN. Seconded by Miriam kc1aih. Vote: approved.

Ivan n1oxa read the Treasurers report, Miriam kc1aih made a motion to approve the report. Clint kb1ypz seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Tim took questions about plans to move the different repeaters, the common question is when will it happen, the answer is we don't know yet. There was discussion about the D-Star repeater moving. In order to keep it running until it gets to its new home Paul ke6pij volunteered to have the repeater and the portable tower on wheels moved to his house. Marion kc1aih made a motion to approve the temporary move that was seconded by Bob w1ltx. Vote: approved.

I volunteered to post the latest information about the status of the repeater moves on the w1npp.org web site so that there will be an accurate source for information for the club members and users and less gossip. Keep checking the site.

There was discussion about the breakfast meeting, Jerry k1wtx made a motion to move the meeting back to the Ramada that was seconded by several members. The vote: Approved. The breakfast meeting will be at the Ramada on August 30.

Paul ke6pij presented the club with a check from Walmart for \$ 250 to cover expenses for Junes Field Day.

Tim showed us a QSL card that came through the League from three years ago.

Herb n1rgo is moving and still has an Gap antenna that is free for the taking. You have to go help him take it down.

Events: Beach to Beacon 8/5.  
Milo hamfest 8/5  
Windsor hamfest 8/19  
Loon Echo in September  
Dempsey Challenge in

October

Andy kb1doi reports that he has got the usual special events call N1D reserved for the Dempsey Challenge special events station.

Rick n1wfo reports that his wife has lymphoma and has visited the Dempsey Center.

In other news: Miriam kc1aih reports that she will be 74 years old next month.

Jerry k1wtx made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Miriam kc1aih. Vote: approved at 7:42 p.m.

Richard Marshall kc1rhm won the \$15 50/50 jackpot.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Knight Secretary

## President's Notes

In light of the events in Texas following landfall of Hurricane Harvey, we are reminded of the role that we as license amateurs can play in time of disaster. Hams have played a significant role during most natural disasters over recent years and this was no exception. As I listened to reports of how communications at public safety slowly failed – first landlines, then cell service and finally radio comms – it reminded me that we need to establish and maintain a good relationship with our public safety, sheltering and response agencies before something like that happens here.

In order to prepare, the State of Maine has been conducting a series of exercises based on a simulated ice storm followed by a space weather (coronal mass ejection) event that cripples communications around the Northeast. The next installment of this exercise will be on September 21<sup>st</sup> between about 12:30 PM and 9 PM during which we will try to include radio operators at the EOC (dinner provided) to attempt HF and other communications with the other 15 county EOCs. In the final part of this exercise, being held during the normal work day on October 26<sup>th</sup>, we will again ask hams to participate. That time we will assign someone to each of the shelters in the county, along with other critical infrastructure, such as fire stations, as available personnel allows.

It's important to remember our primary commitment in this hobby to assist in times of need. We should take this time to reassess our capabilities and make adjustments as necessary, and as we can afford to do so. Maybe turn on that portable radio that you don't use every day and make sure it's still programmed correctly and that the battery doesn't die in 10 minutes. Check your go-kit and make sure you haven't stolen everything out of it for other projects. Or, if you don't even have one, make sure you make a kit with not only radio supplies but personal needs, such as medications and non-perishable snacks, because you may be assigned somewhere without relief for more than just a few hours. Just be ready, even if it means that you have what you need if you're ever forced to unexpectedly evacuate your own home, just as so many have had to do in Texas and Louisiana over the past few days. You'll be glad that you are.

73,

Tim, WT1A

## DX Report

By Earle Gilmore N1SVB

DX News Notes  
August, 2017

The month of July we made 18 DX contacts which represents 13 countries.

Countries contacted were: MM0CXZ, Scotland; E51QX, Estonia; OD5VB, Lebanon; VX7150, Canada; OT4A, Belgium; J69Z/p, St. Lucia; EA1AT, Spain; TM160BF, France; CT2KNA, Portugal; DD5XX, Germany; HB9IY, Switzerland; S500R, Slovenia; HG2DX, Hungary;

We made no Pacific contacts in July.

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

Sep. 06 to Sep. 13	CN2/	Morocco
Sep. 06 to Oct. 01	FO/	French Polynesia
Sep. 07 to Sep. 15	A25AL	Botswana
Sep. 09 to Sep. 15	HB0//	Liechtenstein
Sep. 09 to Sep. 22	SV5/	Dodecanese
Sep.13 to Sep. 28	VK9CGJ	Cocos & Keeling
Sep. 13 to Sep. 25	E6AG	Niue
Sep. 14 to Sep. 21	HD8M	Galapagos
Sep. 15 to Sep. 20	JW/	Svalbard
Sep. 15 to Sep. 25	A25/	Botswana
Sep. 16 to Sep. 28	5T5OK	Mauritania
Sep. 17 to Sep. 23	FP/	St. Pierre & Miquelon
Sep. 01 to Sep. 04	E51JHQ	So. Cook Is.
Sep. 01 to Sep. 10	7X94I	Algeria
Sep. 05 to Sep. 22	3B8/	Mauritius
Sep. 20 to Sep. 26	T88XA	Palau
Sep. 27 to Oct. 02	V63/	Micronesia
Sep. 28 to Oct. 30	XT2AW	Burkina Faso
Sep. 30 to Oct. 20	H40GC	Temotu

CQ WWW DX CONTEST, RTTY (Sep. 23 - 24 2017)

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

Earle Gilmore, N1SVB