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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 Meetings

Wednesday Jan 3rd 2018 1830 EDT
Meeting held in Potvin Room
99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.

ARES/RACES Meeting

Wednesday Jan 17th 2018 1730 EDT
Androscoggin Unified EMA Office
Basement of Central Fire Station
2 College Street Lewiston, ME

Club Breakfast

Wednesday Jan 31st 2018 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 25th of each Month.

Dates to Remember

March 30 and 31, 2018 Maine State ARRL Convention and Hamfest.

Lewiston/ Auburn MS Walk is in a new location, Edward Little High School in Auburn on April 21, 2018.

Comments From Ivan N1OXA CLUB TREASURER

The club voted to buy insurance for all the Repeaters that the club owns, so I'm gathering all the data for each repeater. I hope to get all the info by the beginning of 2018. I need Model Numbers and Serial Numbers for each piece of equipment, Each repeater has the following item, Antenna, Coax cable, Repeater, and Duplexer. Some of the equipment is old, and need to research for replacement cost. We checked a couple of Insurance companies, by far the ARRL Insurance was the lowest. I hope to have the cost by the January's meeting.

Secretary's Report

By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday December 6, 2017 at the Potvin Room of the St. Marys' Regional Medical Center Lewiston Maine. In attendance: n1dot, kc1bep, n1zrl and Richie, kb1doh, n1mnq, ka1usa, w1ltx, kb1qhr, k1wtx and Joyce, wa1skp, n1jd, kg1q, kb1ypz, n1wfo, w1lwt, n1oxa, n1nyw, kc1rhm, kc1aih, k1cxx, kb1zhn. My apology if I missed anyone.

There was a big feast of different foods lasting until 7:29 p.m. when Vice President Lee Trask w1lwt called the meeting to order. It was not a very long meeting because it was important to eat all the food before it spoiled. Miriam kc1aih made a motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting, Bob w1ltx seconded the motion. The motion was approved even though most members did not receive a copy of the minutes in the email. It was posted on w1npp.org however.

Ivan read the Treasurers report and noted that \$ 300 was spent for the last rent at Poland Spring. The repeater was moved to the kc1rhm residence. \$ 401.20 was spent on supplies and meals for the crew that worked on the move. Bob w1ltx made a motion to approve the report, the motion was seconded by Jerry k1wtx. Vote: approved.

Ivan brought us up to date on the repeaters, Poland repeater is at its' new home at the kc1rhm residence. The Dstar repeater is off the air awaiting its installation at the tower on Gracelawn Road that will also be the new home of the 146.61 repeater that is on the air at Ivans' house in Lewiston in the interim. As far as we know the Leeds repeater antenna is mounted above roof level at the site and is in need of a tower climber to install the antenna.

Bob w1ltx told the story of a 75 year old ham who got one more chance to operate ham radio one more time before becoming a silent key.

We have discovered that our clubs Facebook page has been deleted but several in attendance plan to post information to make it useful again.

The ARRL State Convention is coming up March 30 and 31 of 2018 and the MS Walk is coming up April

21 and will be held at St. Doms in Auburn this year because Lewiston High School is under construction along with a new Elementary School.

Miriam made motion to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. that was seconded by Bob w1ltx. Vote: approved.

The 50/50 winner of \$24 was John Robbins kc1bep.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

DX Report

By Earle Gilmore N1SVB

month. For later additions visit NG3K web page.

Earle Gilmore, N1SVB

DX News Notes
December, 2017

The month of November we made 34 DX contacts which represents 27 countries.

Countries contacted were: Yt0W, Serbia; YP0C, Romania; VE5RAC, Canada; JA1CG, Japan; JA7AKH, Japan; UT2IY, Ukraine; ER4DX, Moldova; 3E1FD, Panama; CT2HTM, Portugal; LZ3RZ, Bulgaria; LY5A, Lithuania; EA2BV, Spain; 3C1L, Equatorial Guinea; V51WW, Namibia; ZZ8A/mm, Brazil; IK5ORP, Italy; OE5SLN, Austria; 9U4M, Burundi; ZS6OAJ, So. Africa; 5K0T, San Andres & Providencia; 9H5BZ, Malta (Gozo Is.) PD9DX, Netherlands; VP2MDL, Montserrat; S57S, Slovenia; TO2SP, St. Barthelemy Is.; XF1IM, Mexico; 9A7JLY, Croatia;

We made two Pacific contacts in November, we contacted JA1CG and JA7AKH both in Japan.

There are several DXpeditions taking place in January, 2018. Some haven't been assigned a call sign so they will use the listed prefix followed with another call sign.

Jan. 01 to Jan. 06	A70X	Qatar
Jan. 01 to Jan. 10	FM/	Martinique
Jan. 01 to Jan. 31	R150ANO	So.
Shetland Is.		
Jan. 09 to Jan. 23	XE4FB	Laos
Jan. 10 to Jan. 14	J70VR	Dominica
Jan. 10 to Jan. 23	6Y6J	Jamaica
Jan. 10 to Jan. 24	HP/	Panama
Jan. 13 to Jan. 21	ZF2PG	Cayman Is.
Jan. 14 to Jan. 20	FG/	Guadeloupe
Jan. 21 to Jan. 27	J88PI	St. Vincent
Jan. 23 to Jan. 30	P4/	Aruba
Jan. 24 to Jan. 31	ZC4A	Cyprus SBA
Jan. 24 to Feb. 19	TG9	Guatemala
Jan. 25 to Mar. 14	3Y0Z	Bouvet Is.
Jan. 27 to Jan. 31	T88PB	Palau
Jan. 27 to Feb. 01	PY0/	Fernando de
Noronha		
Jan. 29 to Feb. 12	V47UR	St. Kitts &
Nevis		

The above DXpeditions are accurate to the 15th of the