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### Take Note

The deadline for all articles for the Newsletter is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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### Club Officers

President: Tim Bubier WT1A  
V. President: Lee Trask W1LWT  
Treasurer: Ivan Lazure N1OXA  
Secretary: Dick Knight N1NYW  
Trustee: Tim Bubier WT1A  
Newsletter Editor:  
Harold Hartley N1LLU

### Club Meetings

**NO MEETING** 1830 EDT  
Meeting held in Potvin Room  
99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.

### ARES/RACES Meeting

Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup> 2018 1730 EDT  
Androscoggin Unified EMA Office  
Basement of Central Fire Station  
2 College Street Lewiston, ME

### Club Breakfast

Wednesday July 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 0730 EDT  
at Ramada Inn in Lewiston

### ARES/RACES Net

Every Thursday on the 146.61  
pl 88.5 Repeater at 7pm with digital  
after the voice part.

## NO MEETING FOR JULY

### Next Meeting will be August 1, 2018

### UPCOMING SUPPORTED EVENTS BY THE CLUB

2018 Moxie 5K Road Race July 14 @ 7 am to 9 am to Volunteer contact Ivan, N1OXA

2018 Beach to Beacon Road Race Saturday, August 4,  
Register at [www.beach2beacon.org](http://www.beach2beacon.org).

2018 Dempsey Challenge Bike Treks on Sept. 30, 2018 Register at  
[DempseyChallenge.org](http://DempseyChallenge.org)

The winner of our scholarship for \$1000 is  
Theodore Parker, N1HW, from Ripley, ME

SSB Operator ---->>>>



**Secretary's Report**  
By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday June 6, 2018 at the Potvin Room of the St. Marys Regional Medical Associates building in Lewiston Maine. In attendance: wt1a, w1lwt, kc1aih, n1zrl, n1wfo, wn1i, kb1doi, k1wtx, w1ltx, n1nyw, wa1skp, wb1hfy, kb1dhi (new call w2egn) and kb1ijd.

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Bubier wt1a at 7:06 p.m. Miriam kc1aih made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as printed in the newsletter. Second by Jerry k1wtx. Vote: approved.

Tim gave the Treasurer's report because Ivan was absent. Motion to accept by Miriam kc1aih, seconded by Jerry k1wtx.

Tim saw our tower climber at the Hermon Hamfest. He says he has more work than first expected but call him in a couple of weeks and he should be able to get to our Auburn repeater move.

Pete n1zrl told of his trip to the Oxford ARES meeting. They are planning to have Field Day at the Sumner School, and may come to ours if the Sumner location is not available as hoped. They are waiting for final approval

Jerry k1wtx suggests looking into what it would take and cost to link all our fusion repeaters. Jerry made a motion to study linking our fusion repeaters, motion seconded by Miriam kc1aih. Vote: approved so fast I missed it and had to ask if it passed later.

Tim says the Auburn / Lewiston Airport is expecting us for Field Day. Tim applied for the K1A call sign for Field Day. Tim recommended a food for Field Day budget of \$300. Pete n1zrl made a motion to approve the \$300 for food, Miriam kc1aih seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

We talked about upcoming events for hams to attend or volunteer for.

Tim told us he is no longer working for the EMA office and will no longer be the ham radio liaison from our club to the EMA. The ARES / RACES meetings will continue at EMA.

Miriam kc1aih made a motion to adjourn seconded by Kendall kb1ijd and kb1doi. Vote: approved at 7:59 p.m.

Note: there will be no meeting in the month of July, see you August 1, 2018.

A 50/50 drawing was held \$8 to the winner and \$7 to the

club. The Secretary won. No I did not draw the ticket myself.

Respectfully Submitted.

Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

**Paul Thuotte N1ZRL**  
**ARES Emergency Coordinator**

You may or may know that Tim, WT1A, is no longer associated with the Androscoggin Unified Emergency Management, Joanne Potvin has taken over his duties, hence the "Statement of Understanding" is up for discussion. Joanne has requested our assistance to update the agreement, (Ivan and myself).

The signing will not take place until July's meeting (ARES/RACES mtg), (if everything is worked-out by then).

Field Day has come and gone, only the memories remain, thank goodness.

It could have left two of us attending with water damaged equipment!

Two incidents occurred, Tim WT1A, had a leak in his canopy/tent that drip on his radio but, he quickly covered the unit with a drop cloth and proceeded to "repair" the problem spot on the canopy/tent

My setup, in the back of the Nissan, hatch up, covered by a canopy that extended over the roof of the Nissan, by about 24", the canopy had collected water, in deep puddles on all four sides. Rick, W1FO, pushed up on the far side, from the Nissan, I pushed up on the side over lapping the vehicle, not a good move on my part.

The water hit the roof of the Nissan and proceeded to inside the open gap between the roof and hatch, the wireless keyboard taking a direct hit, water splashing on the the FT-857D and equipment, mounted in the Gator rack. I instantly pulled the Anderson Power Poles feeding the rack for the Battery enclosure (Battery enclosure was not a concern, was well protected).

We, Rick and I were going to get ready for a satellite contact, path was very good looking too, Darn it. Now we went into damage control mode. Rick retrieved a Power Ranger towel and another unmarked one, I Removed batteries from the wireless keyboard tapped gently on the floor of the Nissan's hatchback floor, set it aside, upside down, to help with drainage. **Continued on page 3**



Were you a licensed Amateur Radio operator in or before 1983, twenty five years ago?

If you were you are eligible to become a member of the **Quarter Century Wireless Association**

A national and worldwide organization that promotes Amateur Radio.

For additional information about the QCWA

Contact a QCWA member or check out their website at:

[www.qcwa.org/](http://www.qcwa.org/)

As a member of the national organization you are encouraged to join a local chapter. Here it is the Maine Pine Tree Chapter 134

If you decide to become a member many current members we would like to sponsor you. For a membership application, download one from the above QCWA website or ask a current member to provide you one.

Here are some Maine hams that you can contact:

Bruce Randall, W1ZE = [w1ze@arri.net](mailto:w1ze@arri.net)

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Wiped up the liquid Killjoy and I fought the instinct to "Blow" into the equipment to attempt to dry it out. Wiped up all We could,

Removed the detachable front of the FT-857D, gently tapped it against my hand to remove any liquid I could, and set it aside, front down, beside the key board . Inspected the FT-857D looking into it's innards, via the front end fan vents, located behind the now detached radio "Head" (with a Mag-light). Could see some water drops. No, will not power up yet I thought.

The rest of the FD crew were eating dinner, Rick and I joined them. I was deep in thought, what to do, what to do. As soon as I sat down, I was up. Left the dinner table to start the Nissan , crank up the heat, close all windows. Cook the moisture out darn it!!

Well, We never got through the pile-ups to the "Birds", Rick listened, pen and paper, to confirm what we were hearing, Jason, KB1RSD, working the Arrow antenna. We tried my different Satellites. Jason pointed out something that I won't get into here, (concerns CPU clock setting :) But, just to be able to "Attempt" to get through and try, was a great time and to have recovered from a "Near Hit" of the H O 2 kind,

well... a good wet time was had by all. Let's do this again! Without the water works.

Pete Thuotte N1ZRL



CW Operator



Early Setup Crew

Sat Lunch

