



A.C.O.R.N.

Put out by the

Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club (AARC)

P.O. Box 1, Auburn ME 04212-0001

<http://www.w1npp.org>



<u>Auburn</u> 146.61 PL 88.5 ON AIR	<u>Auburn</u> 443.300 D-star OFF AIR	<u>Repeaters</u> <u>Poland Springs</u> 147.315 PL 103.5 ON AIR	<u>Leeds</u> 146.895 PL 103.5 OFF AIR
---	--	---	---

INDEX

Secretary's Report.....2
DxNotes.....3

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

Wednesday March 7th 2018 1830 EDT
Meeting held at EMA
45 Oak Street, Lewiston, Me.

ARES/RACES Meeting

Wednesday March 21st 2018 1730 EDT
Androscoggin Unified EMA Office
Basement of Central Fire Station
2 College Street Lewiston, ME

Club Breakfast

Wednesday March 28th 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 all articles for the Newsletter is the 25th of each month.

Dates to Remember
March 30th & 31st 2018 Mainme State ARRL Convention and Hamfest.
Lewiston/ Auburn MS Walk is in a new location, Edward Little High School in Auburn on April 21, 2018.

Change of meeting location

Tim has scheduled the club meeting at his EMA office located at 45 Oak St. Lewiston. His office entrance is locked but we plan to have someone at the door to let them in. Reason: St Mary's Computer training for all employee's.



David, WE1U will give a presentation on Raspberry Pi/Arduino at 6:30pm before the club meeting.

Secretary's Report
By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday February 21, 2018 at the Androscoggin EOC in Lewiston. This meeting was postponed from February 7 due to a snow storm. In attendance: w7vx, kc1aih, kc1bep, kb1doi, wa1skp, n1wfo, w1ltx, n1dot, n1zrl, w1lwt, wt1a, ke6pij, n1oxa, kb1obd, kb1ypz, n1nyw, kc1fzb, k1wtx, kb1qhr.

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Bubier wt1a at 7:00 p.m. Miriam kc1aih made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as printed in the newsletter, the motion was seconded by Clint kb1yzp. Motion approved.

Ivan n1oxa gave the Treasurers report, kb1doi Andy made a motion to approve the report, Miriam kc1aih seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Purchasing door prizes for the convention was brought up by Jerry k1wtx who has already got the power supply, but not the Jet Stream radio and MFJ 947. Bob w1ltx made a motion to buy the door prizes, seconded by Miriam kc1aih. Vote: approved.

Bob w1ltx reported on his success getting things to give away to the visitors and tells us a rep from Yaesu may come. Bob also added that goodies from MFJ arrived and he is waiting for Cable Experts. Tim tells us that the package of gift certificates from the ARRL has arrived. Ivan listed the talks that have been booked so far and told me he will be updating the list and he will send it to the clubs web site to be posted if there are changes.

There was discussion about charging NEARFEST for a table but because they make a \$100 donation to our clubs scholarship fund last year Miriam kc1aih made a motion to give them a table for fee so they can come and collect more \$\$\$ for the fund. Jerry k1wtx seconded the motion, Vote: approved.

Tim announced that Pete n1zrl has been appointed the new EC to replace retiring (at least from the EC job) Paul ke6pij. Good luck Pete!

Tim and Ivan will be going to the Leeds site soon to get the serial numbers of the equipment to include on the insurance paper work.

A nomination paper was sent around to collect signatures from ARRL members to nominate Bob Gould n1wj0 section manager.

Lee w1lwt reports that Winter Field Day was loads of fun

last month, the 9th or 10th year of participation for the group. Bob w1ltx made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Miriam kc1aih. Vote: approved, meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Paul Lenard KE6PU

After several years of holding the position of ARES Emergency Coordinator for Androscoggin County, it is time for me to step down and pass it to someone else while I make time to pursue some personal ventures. I've enjoyed my time as EC and feel I've learned a lot from the many talented members of our organization. I'll still be active as a participant, but in a different capacity.

I'm happy to announce that my successor shall be Pete Thuotte, N1ZRL out of Lisbon, ME. He has been active in ARES/RACES and well versed in digital modes. I'm certain that the group will welcome him and provide him with their full support during the transition. Steve KB1TCE (SEC) and Ivan, N1OXA (DEC) are both aware and supportive our new EC so hopefully the paperwork will pass through quickly.

2018 should be an exciting year for ARES/RACES with a lot of changes coming from the ARRL as well as at local levels. If you haven't been active, this is a good time to change that so you don't get left behind.

Thanks again for the support over the past several years and join me in welcoming Pete in his new position.

73 de Paul, KE6PIJ

Dx Notes

By Earl Gilmore N1SVB

DX News Notes
February, 2018

The month of January we made 34 DX contacts which represents 20 countries.

Countries contacted were: EB1DJ, Spain; EA9ACD, Ceuta & Melilla; HH2AA, Haiti; ZS6DJD, So. Africa; V51WW/p, Namibia; EI8BLB, Ireland; ON7TQ, Belgium; 5K6RM, Columbia; LY5A, Lithuania; H91II, Panama; VA6YK, Alberta Canada; F4FHT, France; J70VR, Dominica; FM/DD0VR, Martneque; LA4VOA, Norway; MN0VFW, No. Ireland; CN8AM, Morocco; YO2LLL, Romania; C8X, Mozambique; Z60A, Kosovo; We made no Pacific contacts in January.

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

Mar. 01 to Mar. 05	4S7NK	Sri Lanka
Mar. 01 to Mar. 08	KH6/	Hawaii
Mar. 01 to Mar. 10	ZF2AE	Cayman Is.
Mar. 01 to Mar. 15	4B4B	Revilla
Gigedo		
Mar. 02 to Mar. 11	Z2LA	Zimbabwe
Mar. 02 to Mar. 15	XR0YD	Easter Is.
Mar. 02 to Mar. 20	FG/	Guadeloupe
Mar. 05 to Mar. 31	FR/	Reunion Is.
Mar. 06 to Mar. 13	C6A	Bahamas
Mar. 06 to Mar. 13	9M0W	Spraty Is.
Mar. 07 to Mar. 16	V31GX	Belize
Mar. 07 to Mar. 20	TY7C	Benin
Mar. 07 to Mar. 21	PJ2/	Curacao
Mar. 08 to Apr. 05	CT9	Maderia
Mar. 09 to Apr. 17	XX9B	Macao
Mar. 09 to Mar. 19	TN5R	Congo
Mar. 10 to Mar. 17	TX5X	French
Polynesia		
Mar. 13 to Mar. 17	H44YM	Solomon Is.
Mar. 13 to Mar. 18	DU1/	Philippines
Mar. 13 to Mar. 28	PJ2/	Curacao
Mar. 14 to Mar. 27	PJ2/	Curacao
Mar. 15 to Mar. 31	TJ/	Cameron
Mar. 17 to Mar. 24	VP2EGO	Angoila
Mar. 19 to Mar. 26	HC8/	Galapagos
Mar. 20 to Mar. 29	8P6DR	Barbados.
Mar. 21 to Apr. 03	7Q7EI	Malawi
Mar. 23 to Apr.02	XT2MAX	Buriina

Faso

Mar. 27 to Apr. 11

3B8MM

Mauritania

ARRL International DX Contest, phone (March 03 -04, 2018)

CO WW APX Contest, SSB (March 24 - 25, 2018)

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

President's Notes

As we approach the state ARRL convention and hamfest, I'm reminded that this is a privilege that our club has earned by maintaining its duty not only to the ARRL but to hosting this event that is so important locally to our hobby. We've made a commitment to continue hosting this event and I hope that we can continue to support this effort in the future, even if our relationship with the Ramada Inn falls through.

I think we do a good job with the convention and we have certain people who are very good at lining things up. We do, however, need as many as we can get to help set up on Friday afternoon and evening. Please keep that day free to come do your part and on Saturday too to help pick up. We'll also need volunteers as runners, door watchers and to sell both entry and 50/50 tickets. Next to Field Day this is my favorite event of the year. Hope to see everyone there.

On another note, I believe that I've been able to secure bonded climbers to do both the Auburn and Leeds repeater at a reasonable price. More on this at the March meeting. Speaking of which, parking around the office is a bit limited but you may use the parking lot across Oak Street and accessible off Bates Street which belongs to the Trolley Building but is relatively abandoned after 5 p.m. There is also a municipal parking garage across Bates Street. Please avoid using the fire department lot.

As always, I am open to your suggestions. We need ideas and speakers for upcoming meetings. Please let me know.

Amateur Radio on Display

As we approach the state ARRL convention and hamfest, I'm reminded that this is a privilege that our club has earned by maintaining its duty not only to the ARRL but to hosting this event that is so important locally to our hobby. We've made a commitment to continue hosting this event and I hope that we can continue to support this effort in the future, even if our relationship with the Ramada Inn falls through.

I think we do a good job with the convention and we have certain people who are very good at lining things up. We do, however, need as many as we can get to help set up on Friday afternoon and evening. Please keep that day free to come do your part and on Saturday too to help pick up. We'll also need volunteers as runners, door watchers and to sell both entry and 50/50 tickets. Next to Field Day this is my favorite event of the year. Hope to see everyone there.

On another note, I believe that I've been able to secure bonded climbers to do both the Auburn and Leeds repeater at a reasonable price. More on this at the March meeting. Speaking of which, parking around the office is a bit limited but you may use the parking lot across Oak Street and accessible off Bates Street which belongs to the Trolley Building but is relatively abandoned after 5 p.m. There is also a municipal parking garage across Bates Street. Please avoid using the fire department lot.

As always, I am open to your suggestions. We need ideas and speakers for upcoming meetings. Please let me know.



