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Take Note

The deadline for all articles for the Newsletter is the 25th of each month.

Dates to Remember

Our next VE Test is Thursday May 10th, 2018 at 6:30 pm.
Walk-ins allowed at Region 9 Learning Center
377 River Road (Route 2) Mexico, Maine
The cost is \$15.00

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Club Officers

President: Tim Bubier WT1A
V. President: Lee Trask W1LWT
Treasurer: Ivan Lazure N1OXA
Secretary: Dick Knight N1NYW
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Club Meetings

Wednesday May 2nd 2018 1830 EDT
Meeting held in Potvin Room
99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.

ARES/RACES Meeting

Wednesday May 16th 2018 1730 EDT
Androscoggin Unified EMA Office
Basement of Central Fire Station
2 College Street Lewiston, ME

Club Breakfast

Wednesday May 30th 2018 0730 EDT
at Ramada Inn in Lewiston

ARES/RACES Net

Every Thursday on the 146.61 PL 88.5 Repeater. At 19.00

President's Notes By Tim Bubier WT1A

I just want to take the time to thank everyone who helped behind the scenes at this year's convention and hamfest. Setting up, taking down, watching the doors, selling tickets, watching the club table, and so on, are all very critical tasks but are sometimes overlooked.

Thank you for supporting you club and participating in the big effort that it takes to make that event a success.

Please think about volunteering in this year's Field Day effort. There is as much to be done as there was with the convention. Even if you can only help with set up or if you're only interested in operating, please join us on the last full weekend of June.

73,
Tim, WT1A

Paul Thuotte N1ZRL ARES Emergency Coordinator

Maine Packet Radio Group meeting was held in Portland on the April 21st, no one from our ARES/RACES was able to attend but , hopefully we will be represented in June at the Bangor Hamfest ,

Several of us, in our local ARES/Races group are preceding with our own projects, to become part of the network.
Up to date information, concern the Maine

Packet Group, check-out
MainePacketRadio@groups.io

The MS Walk, also held on April 21st was represented by several of our members, Thank you all !

Training AEC, Keith KE4UCW has recommended some reading, Dave WE1U (Administrative AEC), has posted the link on his web site:

KE4UCW traffic- source list of books for training

<http://we1u.us/index.HTML>

Topics for discussion, that concern myself are: Voice and Data (Packet, APRS, FLDIGI)
VHF and HF at the EOC.

If you have topics you feel should be part of a discussion, bring them, and yourself to our monthly meeting (usually the third Wednesday of the month) or check into the Thursday night NET 146.610 1930L hours.

73's Pete N1ZRL

Secretary's Report
By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday April 4, 2018 at the Potvin room at the St. Marys' Medical Building in Lewiston Maine. In attendance: kc1aih, kb1ypz, ac1ae, kb1doi, n1oxa, n1nyw, n1wfo, kc1bep, wa1skp, n1vlz, w1lwt, w1ltx, wt1a, wb1hfy, kb1qhr, k1wtx, n1jd, Dale Austin passed his test at the convention and is waiting for his call sign, and w7vx.

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m. by President Tim Bubier wt1a. Miriam kc1aih made a motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting. The motion was seconded by John kc1bep. Vote: approved.

Ivan gave the Treasurers Report including information about the hamfest and the money raised from the 308 persons attending. Ivan also reports that the CD for the scholarship earned \$ 74 interest. After next years convention we may need to add more money to the fund if someone wins the scholarship. No one won last year so the money remained in the CD. Ivan will make sure that the clubs credit card is charged for the correct prize for the convention because the first one ordered was not available.

The tower climber was at the convention. Tim talked to him, he should be able to get to our tower job(s) in May. It was reported that the Auburn police and fire radios will be moved from the Gracelawn road tower to the Goff Hill tower soon so there will be more room for our equipment at the Gracelawn tower. Also the Poland repeater will be checked for possible interference. Tim said he thinks that the linking of the DSTAR repeater and the .61 wire-x system can be done from the EMA office once the repeaters are installed in the permanent locations.

Jerry reported that a few people had problems with the Ramada with the restaurant and rooms. Hamfest suggestion: start the talks earlier so no one will miss the prize drawings.

The VE session at the convention had 12 new techs 6 general and 4 extra. The news from the ARRL is that there are 378 thousand people with tech licenses and the league is proposing adding more privileges on HF for the techs.

Election of officers: Tim asked for nominations so Bob w1ltx nominated Lee w1lwt for President, at the same time Miriam kc1aih made a motion to re-elect the current officers for another term with a second from Walter ac1ae. At this point Walter asked both candidates for President to step out of the room so a secret ballot could be held. At this time John kc1bep ran the meeting and held the vote. The two candidates returned to the room, it was then announced that Tim won the vote for President. A second motion was made

by Miriam kc1aih and seconded by Andy kb1doi to approve the current officers for the same offices for next year. Vote: approved almost unanimous.

Miriam kc1aih made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Andy kb1doi. Vote: approved at 7:45 p.m. Bob w1ltx won \$ 15 from the 50/50 drawing.

Respectfully submitted,
Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

Dx Notes
By Earl Gilmore N1SVB

DX News Notes
April, 2018

The month of March we made 21 DX contacts which represents 12 countries. Countries contacted were: VA6YA, Canada; CU2KG, Azores; ZS6TVB, So. Africa; 5V75M, Togo; TM15AAW, France; EA7GX, Spain; HC2AO, Equador; J52EC, Guinea Bissau; FG4KH, Guadeloupe; HP9SAM; Panama; Z60A, Kosovo; 4X/EA3HSO, Israel

We made no Pacific contacts in March.

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

May. 02 to May. 04	JD1BLY	Ogasawara
May. 02 to May. 15	C8T/	Mozambique
May. 02 to Jun. 01	KH6/	Hawaii
May. 04 to May. 06	3F6IC	Panama
May. 05 to May. 12	9H3JI	Malta
May. 06 to May. 11	OH0KA	Aland Is.
May. 08 to May. 11	E51MKR	So. Cook Is.
May. 08 to May. 13	P4/	Aruba
May. 11 to May. 16	3B9RUN	Rodrigues Is.
May. 11 to May. 18	VK9LI	Lord Howe Is.
May. 12 to May. 13	HB0/	Liechtenstein
May. 24 to May. 31	9H3SV	Malta
May. 26 to May. 29	JW8DW	Svalbaard

WW Contest, CW (May 26 - 27, 2018)

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

Earle Gilmore, N1SVB