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Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club  
(AARC)

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**Lewiston**  
146.61 PL 88.5  
ON AIR

**Auburn**  
443.300 D-star  
OFF AIR

**Androscoggin Amateur  
Radio Club.Repeaters**

**Poland Springs**  
147.315 PL 103.5  
ON AIR

**Livermore**  
146.895 PL 103.5  
ON AIR

### Club Officers

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

### Club Meetings

Wednesday Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 1830 EDT  
Meeting held in Potvin Room  
99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me

### ARES/RACES Meeting

Saturday Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 09:00 EDT  
Androscoggin Unified EMA  
Office Basement of Central Fire  
Station 2 College Street  
Lewiston, ME

### Club Breakfast

Wednesday Aug 28<sup>th</sup> 0700 EDT  
at KRISTI'S CAFE on 767  
Minot Ave. in Auburn, Me.

### ARES/RACES Net

Every Thursday except for  
meeting night on the 146.61 pl  
88.5 Repeater at 1930 (7:30pm)  
with digital after the voice part.

### Take Note

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

## UPCOMING EVENT

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 29, 2019, DEMPSEY CHALLENGE

**We can use more volunteers. They will need mobile VHF/UHF Radio's with a min. 25W and a mobile antenna, this equipment will be installed in a SAG vehicle. They need 12 SAG's for the event, the vehicles are Wheelchair Van, so the bikes are loaded by the WC lift and there is seating for the rides. If anyone has any questions have them email me at [ilazure@roadrunner.com](mailto:ilazure@roadrunner.com).**

### Secretary's Report

By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday July 3rd, 2019 at the Potvin Room of the St. Marys' Medical Arts Building Lewiston Maine. In attendance: kc1aih, n1dot, n1oxa, w1ltx, w1lwt, n1nyw, wa1skp, n1zrl, kb1doi, kc1bep, k1wtx, and kb1qhr.

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m. by President Lee Trask w1lwt using the new gavel. Jerry k1wtx made a motion to accept the Secretary' report as printed in

the newsletter. Marion kc1aih seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers report that included money that a hamfest vendor didn't pay at hamfest time for tables so the hamfest profits were higher than first reported. Money also included was \$25 extra because Lee w1lwt bought the extra food from Field Day. Miriam kc1aih made a motion to approve the report as read. Seconded by Jerry k1wtx. Vote: approved.

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### DX REPORT

by Mark Burton, KG1Q

#### BOUVET ISLAND

The rebels have released a video on YouTube showing their ill-fated trip to Bouvet Island. At minute 21:26 of the video, you can actually see the system that hammered the vessel they were traveling on which caused damage to their antenna and radar systems.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=1284&v=Q39AMAhciuk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1284&v=Q39AMAhciuk)

### VU2PAI - SK

With deep regret, Ananth Pai, VU2PAI has become an SK. He has been part of many dxpeditions over the years in and around the Indian Ocean, including trips to VU4, VU7 and 8Q. He was 47.

### August will see the following activation's of note

YJ0GA, Vanuatu, Jul 21 to Aug 2  
CY9C, St. Paul island, Jul 31 to Aug 8  
H44MS, Solomon Island, Jul 5 to Sep 25  
C5SP, The Gambia, Jul 23 to Aug 5  
IS0/OM2TW, Sardinia, Jul 21 to Aug 3  
8Q7GB, Maldives, Aug 6 to Aug 18

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Ivan reports that hamfests for the next two years have been booked on the second Friday and Saturday of April each year. There was only one bid for Norms' equipment from his estate that was turned down at the last meeting. By the end of this meeting John kc1bep ended up buying an antenna. Members are looking into selling the equipment on the Internet or maybe using the tower to replace the one at the Poland repeater site. More answers at the next meeting.

Ivan tells us that the CD is maturing, Jerry k1wtx suggested splitting the money, putting \$ 2500 into another CD and putting the rest into the club treasury. Miriam kc1aih made the motion to split the money with Jerry k1wtx seconding the motion. Motion approved.

Using \$ 400 to help link the repeaters was a motion from Jerry k1wtx and seconded by Miriam kc1aih. After lots of discussion it was decided to get the repeater committee together to decide what would be the best way to link the repeaters and come up with a price and then decide on spending the money or not. The motion was tabled.

Lee w1ltx proposed to have the ARES group take over the organization of Field Day. I don't remember that anything final was decided.

The breakfast meeting will be moving to Kristis' on Minot Ave. Pete n1zrl asked the club the question " does the club want to invest in a portable mast on a trailer?" Information will be gathered on that subject and brought up at the next meeting. Should it be a crank up or electric? We will explore the options first..

Miriam kc1aih made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Jerry k1wtx. Vote: approved at 7:51 p.m. The \$ 12 50/50 jackpot was split between Lee w1lwt and Bob w1ltx because there was a mix up with the ticket halves.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

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### Coming Soon

T33T, Banaba Island, Jul/Aug  
J28PJ/P, Moucha Island, Sept to Oct  
D44TWO, Cape Verde, Sep 29 to Oct 13  
ZK3A, Tokelau, Oct 1 to Oct 15  
FH/DJ7RJ, Mayotte, Mid Oct  
VP6R, Pitcairn Island, Oct 18 to Nov 7  
D68CCC, Comores, Oct 20 to Nov 1  
3Y0I, Bouvet Island, Oct/Nov  
TR8CR, Gabon, Oct/Nov  
9X2AW, Rwanda, Nov 4 to Nov 6  
XT2AW, Burkina Faso, Dec 2 to Dec 20  
VP8\VP8DXU, South Orkney Island, Feb 2020

Happy DX everyone

Mark  
KG1Q

### Sources:

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