

December 2019



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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: Pete Thoutte
Treasurer: Ivan Lazure N1OXA
Secretary: Dick Knight N1NYW
Trustee: Tim Bubier WT1A
Newsletter Editor:
Harold Hartley N1LLU

Club Meetings

Wednesday Dec 4th 1830 EDT
Meeting held in Potvin Room
99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me

ARES/RACES Meeting

Saturday Dec 14 9am - noon EDT
Androscoggin Unified EMA
Office Basement of Central Fire
Station 2 College Street
Lewiston, ME

Club Breakfast

No club Breakfast

Wednesday 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 25th of each month.**

Christmas Potluck Dinner

**The December meeting will be the Christmas Pot
Luck Dinner, call Ivan at 577-5152 to tell me what you
intend to bring.**

Secretary's Report

By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club
held a meeting November 6, 2019 at the
Potvin Room of the St. Marys' Medical
Arts Building, Lewiston Maine. In
attendance: kb1doi, n1wfo, kc1aih, n1zrl,
kc1bep, n1nyw, n1oxa, n1dot, kd1td Pat,
w1ltx, w1lwt, kc1rh, wt1a, wb1hfy,
kb1qhr, k1wtx, wa1skp, and ke4ucw.

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.
without the gavel by President Lee Trask
w1lwt. Bob w1ltx made a motion to
approve the Secretary's report, motion

seconded by Miriam kc1aih. Vote:
approved with one correction. Jerry k1wtx
call sign was wrong, it is not k1ltx. Sorry.

The Treasurers report was not available
and is tabled until the next meeting. Ivans'
wife passed away.

There was a status report on the Poland
repeaters' status, the tower assembly and
what was ordered, what has arrived and
what needs to be ordered and construction
time table.

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DX REPORT

by Mark Burton, KG1Q

Dxpediton Movies

Ever wonder what it would be like to be on
a dxpediton? Check out these movies.
(you may need to copy and paste the link
into your browser)

Recent VP6R Pitcairn
<https://vimeo.com/372952687>

2016 Heard Island
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3fFt-E6DWdc>

2016 South Sandwich and South Georgia

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=i8Iyqr5CHw4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i8Iyqr5CHw4)

December will see the following
activation's of note

XT2AW, Burkina Faso, Dec 2 to Dec 20
8Q7XY , Maldives, Dec 10 to Dec 23
9J2MYT, Zambia, Now till May 2020
C56PIS, The Gambia, Nov 28 to Dec 13
JA1XGI, Micronesia, Dec 2 to Dec 9
HC3/EA5RM, Ecuador, Dec 2 to Jan 5

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Miriam kc1aih made a motion to allot \$ 200 in case of cost over run on the Poland tower project, Jerry k1wtx seconded the motion, Vote: approved. Miriam kc1aih made a motion to upgrade the Poland repeater to the DR1FR model. John kc1bep seconded the motion. Vote: approved. The antenna is also in need of replacing, Keith ke4ucw made a motion to replace the Poland repeater antenna with a like antenna from HRO. Meantime Tim wt1a checked the price of an Diamond BC103 model antenna, 149.99 plus shipping. Tim made a motion to purchase the Diamond antenna, Miriam kc1aih seconded the motion. Vote: approved. We will check to see if the club already has feed line for the project, if we don't have any coax an "allocated fund" was approved for the coax purchase.

We decided to try to finish as much business at this meeting because we want to spend as much time as we can next month eating at the Christmas party. Next meeting is December 4, with pot luck food. Please remember to bring your favorites or others peoples favorites.

Pete n1zrl reports that he has been reaching out to companies to attend the convention next April. He will continue to work on this.

Also Pete says we have had equipment donated to the club recently and should take an inventory of what it is and where it is now. If there is enough of it consider renting storage space.

Bob w1ltx made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Miriam kc1aih. Vote: adjourned at 7:57 p.m. Paul kb1qhr won \$ 16 from 50 / 50. Congratulations!

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

DX Report

Coming Soon

3Y0I, Bouvet Island, Who Knows

W8S, Swains Island, Mar 10 to Mar 25

VP8\VP8DXU, South Orkney Island, Feb 2020

KH6VV/KH4, Midway Island, Oct 2020

Happy Holidays and Happy DX everyone,
Mark KG1Q

Sources:

DX World <https://dx-world.net/>

Clublog <https://clublog.org>

ARRL DX News

December Acorn Calendar 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 Mhz	2 1930 AM net on 50.400	3	4 Club Meeting 1830 EDT at 99 Campus Ave in Potvin Room 1930 –Ragchew net on 50.2 Mhz	5 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 Mhz PL 88.5	6 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 Mhz	7
8 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 Mhz	9 1930 AM net on 50.400	10	11 1930 – Ragchew net on 50.2 Mhz	12 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 Mhz PL 88.5	13 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 Mhz	14 Ares/Races meeting 9am - noon. Androscoggin Unified EMA Office Basement of Central Fire Station 2 College Street Lewiston, ME
15 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 Mhz	16 1930 AM net on 50.400	17	18 1930 – Ragchew net on 50.2 Mhz	19 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 Mhz PL 88.5	20 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 Mhz	21
22 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 Mhz	23 1930 AM net on 50.400	24	25 1930 – Ragchew net on 50.2 Mhz Merry Christmas	26 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 Mhz PL 88.5	27 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 Mhz	28
29 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 Mhz	30 1930 AM net on 50.400	31 New Years Eve. Entering 2020				