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

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

Trustee Norm, w1scm's wife donated a tower to the club

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:
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Club Meetings

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

ARES/RACES Meeting

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

Club Breakfast

Wednesday Jan 30th 0700 EDT
at Webster St, Conv and Deli, 715
Webster Street , Lewiston

ARES/RACES Net

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

In the middle of December we had a group of club members take down Norm's tower and three antennas. The antennas were a 2m/440 vertical, 12 ele 2m, and a 5 ele 6m antenna. The tower is 4, 10 foot section with a top and a rotor and mast. Also coax for each antenna in good shape and control cable for the rotor. We will discuss what we want to do with these items. So come to the meeting and if we decide to sell it off than make an offer on any of the equipment.

Happy New Year,

Ivan

Secretary's Report
By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday December 5, 2018 at the Potvin Room at the St. Marys' Medical Arts Building in Lewiston Maine. In attendance: kc1rcm, n1dot, k1wtx and Joyce, w1ltx, kb1qhr, wa1skp, kb1doi, kc1bep, n1wfo, n1ydp, kc1aih, n1oxa, wt1a, w1lwt, n1nyw, kg1q, kb1zhn, Kevin Berry, and kb1yfn.

This short meeting was called to order at 6:53 p.m. by President Tim Bubier wt1a. Miriam kc1aih made a motion to approve the Secretary's report as printed in the newsletter, seconded by Jerry k1wtx. Vote: approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers report and noted there were no bills to pay in November. Miriam kc1aih made a motion to approve the report as read. Ken n1dot seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Tim reports that Field Day plans at Beaver Park in Lisbon is almost a go. He hopes to get make it final soon.

There is no big news on the clubs repeaters, all is working well after the connector and coax changes a few months ago.

A note about other repeaters; The Norway Pikes hill repeater 147.120 is linked to the 224.62 repeater on Streaked Mountain. Now both of those repeaters are linked to the 146.910 on Black Mountain in Rumford. In other words, if you talk on one of the repeaters you will be heard on all three repeaters.

The tower(s) that Norm gave to the club will need to come down when the weather permits. If you would like to be on the tower moving crew contact Tim or Ivan.

Rod Scribner has been moved into rehab after his stay at the hospital after falling after a recent storm.

Miriam kc1aih made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Jerry k1wtx. Adjourned at 7:16 p.m. so we could enjoy all the food for the holiday party.

There was \$ 21 in the 50/50 drawing that Mark kg1q won.

Don't forget to bring your dues money to the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dick Knight Secretary

Pete Thuotte N1ZRL
ARES Emergency Coordinator

Hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and the New Year is upon us. Thanks to all those who have participated in ARES/RACES nets and events this past year. Looking forward to 2019. We need to reflect and see where we can improve, self included, to exam what are the core needs of the the agencies we serve, what do they expect from our group ?

Here what's been going on, during the past few weeks;

Participants of the ARES/RACS NET, that have been practicing FLDIGI, have been re-joined by Ivan, N1OXA. He is back online with the capability. Join us Thursday evenings, after the voice portion of the NET. We have sometimes used the repeater for voice while we do FLDIGI on HF. That way we can explain to each other (on VHF) how and why to set up FLDIGI for HF. It is different than going through the repeater, and really expands your knowledge of operating this digital mode.

I recently received a e-mail, via WinLink, from Steve KB1TCE, in which he was discussing RADIOGRAMS, and FLMSG (from FLDIGI). He, Steve, noted that FLMSG files (.k2s object files) can be opened from WinLink without having to detach and save the FLMSG. I need to explore this further to see exactly how that works. Could this lead to a seamless message traffic handling from FLDIGI to WinLink ? Cool, have to check it out. If anyone else has tried this, let me know.

Maine Packet Network has grown. 9600 is being worked on. Presently operating at a slower rate, it's up and running. BPQ32 Node N1ZRL-15, Lisbon Falls, is part of that effort. Connect and see what and where you can go. (I am not an expert, still leaning.)

For map of nodes see:

<http://www.ddrov.com/packet/images/MainePacketMap.pdf>

Maine Packet Web Page: <http://www.ddrov.com/packet/>

Want to mention APRS also. The AARC uses APRS for some events. They need trackers. I have built one, if several more members put one together, a tracker, they could loan it to the cause. Looking for mobile radio based trackers but, HT's may work in some cases. Speak to Ivan, N1OXA, see what he thinks. WE1U, Dave, is a source of information concerning Tracker-interface to radios, catch him on the .610 repeater. I will talk to him and put up a link concerning trackers.(on W1NPP web site).

That's all for now, see you on the radio.

Pete N1ZRL