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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
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Treasurer: Ivan Lazure N1OXA
Secretary: Dick Knight N1NYW
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Club Meetings

Wednesday Nov 6th 1830 EDT
Meeting held in Potvin Room
99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me

ARES/RACES Meeting

Tuesday Nov 12th 1730 EDT
Androscoggin Unified EMA
Office Basement of Central Fire
Station 2 College Street
Lewiston, ME

Club Breakfast

Wednesday Nov 27th 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.**

UPCOMING EVENT

No Events at this time.

Secretary's Report

By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting October 2, 2019 at the Potvin Room of the St. Marys' Medical Arts Building. In attendance: n1dot, kc1rhm, n1nyw, n1zrl, kc1aih, w1lwt, n1wfo, kb1doi, wa1skp, k1wtx, kb1qhr, w1ltx, ke4ucw, n1jd, kc1lgk, n1uvp, wt1a.

The meeting was called to order by Lee Trask w1lwt. Lee started the meeting by taking comments about the Dempsey Challenge communications.

Bob w1ltx made a motion to approve the Secretary's report as printed in the newsletter. Motion was seconded by Miriam kc1aih. Vote: approved. Ivan was absent so there was no report from the \$\$\$ \$ department. Keith told us the bank balance from the September meeting.

Tim wt1a reported the DSTAR repeater is closer to getting back on the air. The antenna is up at 65 feet and the cable is run inside

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DX REPORT

by Mark Burton, KG1Q

Brrrrr its cold outside..... At the South Pole

Look for two Antarctic stations to be active from the Neumayer III research station, DP1POL and DP0GVN sometime in the 2020 summer campaign. Also in the 2020 summer research campaign, look for Oleg, operating as ZS7ANF from the Wolf Fang Runway camp.

See <http://www.waponline.it/> for more details on these expeditions.

Question for my readers

If your antenna has direction capability, which direction would you point it to work the Antarctic stations? Give me your answer at the December Andy Club meeting. See you there.

"O Bouvet, Bouvet, wherefore art thou Bouvet"

The Bouvet news lately has been pretty scarce. The Rebel camp is tight lipped and the ill-fated 3Y0Z camp is basically waiting to see what the rebels are doing. That being said, the Rebels have recently told the ham community that it wants the fuel costs (\$80K) paid for through donations before they make another attempt.

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Secretary's Report

Bob w1ltx told his ideas about prizes to get more hamfest visitors, Jerry k1ltx suggested using the Sun Spots column in the Sun Journal because it is low cost publicity.

Repeater status report: Rick kc1rhm had to reset the Poland repeater after the October 1st thunder storm. Jerry k1wtx told of his efforts to find an affordable tower. Lee w1lwt and Ken n1dot discussed the different devices needed and the cost of RF or Internet linking. A number of decisions were made. Keith ke4ucw made a motion to get a replacement for the Poland repeater and order the newer model while Yaesu is still running the discount program. Motion seconded by Paul kb1qhr. The club voted to spend a maximum of \$ 600. Miriam kc1aih made a motion to spend about \$100 to purchase a base plate for a Rohn 25 tower for the Poland sites tower construction. Tim wt1a seconded the motion. Vote: Approved.

A motion was made by Jerry k1wtx and seconded by Keith ke4ucw to order 2 sections of tower for the Poland repeater job next month after deciding which one to buy and at what price. I will check the status of the donated crank up tower

from Harrison and see if Oxford ARES is going to use it (they had fist dibs) and if Oxford is not going to use it see if it would be feasible for our purpose before we buy a tower. Jerry k1wtx made the motion and it was seconded by Keith ke4ucw. Vote: approved. Costs of concrete and other expenses for tower base construction of about 500 dollars were also approved.

Tim wt1a has two spools of hard line to sell if anyone needs any.

There was no 50/50 because Ivan was not here with the tickets. Miriam kc1aih made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Keith ke4ucw. Vote approved at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Knight n1nyw

DX Report

November will see the following activation's of note

VP6R, Pitcairn Island, Oct 18 to Nov 7
VU7RI, Lakshadweep Islands, Oct 19 to Oct 31
D68CCC, Comores, Oct 20 to Nov 1
TR8CR, Gabon, Oct/Nov
9X2AW, Rwanda, Nov 4 to Nov 6
H40KT, Temotu, Nov 14 to Nov 26
H40TT, Temotu, Nov 14 to Nov 26
V63AR, Micronesia, Nov 18 to Nov 26

Coming Soon

3Y0I, Bouvet Island, Who Knows
XT2AW, Burkina Faso, Dec 2 to Dec 20
8Q7XY, Maldives, Dec 10 to Dec 23
VP8\VP8DXU, South Orkney Island, Feb 2020
KH6VV/KH4, Midway Island, Oct2020

Happy DX everyone,

Mark KG1Q

Sources:

DX World <https://dx-world.net/>
Clublog <https://clublog.org>
Worldwide Antarctic Program <http://www.waponline.it/>
ARRL DX News
Rebel DX Group <https://www.rebeldxgroup.com/>

November Acorn Calendar 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 Mhz	2
3 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 Mhz	4 1930 AM net on 50.400	5	6 Club Meeting 1830 EDT at 99 Campus Ave in Potvin Room	7 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 Mhz PL 88.5	8 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 Mhz	9
10 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 Mhz	11 1930 AM net on 50.400	12 Ares/Races meeting @ 1730 local time. Androscoggin Unified EMA Office Basement of Central Fire Station 2 College Street Lewiston, ME	13 1930 – Ragchew net on 50.2 Mhz	14 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 Mhz PL 88.5	15 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 Mhz	16
17 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 Mhz	18 1930 AM net on 50.400	19	20 1930 – Ragchew net on 50.2 Mhz	21 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 Mhz PL 88.5	22 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 Mhz	23
24 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 Mhz	25 1930 AM net on 50.400	26	27 Club Breakfast 0700 @ 767 Minot Ave. KRISTI'S CAFE in Auburn, Maine 1930 –Ragchew net on 50.2 Mhz	28 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 Mhz PL 88.5	29	30