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

Club Meetings

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

ARES/RACES Meeting

Tuesday Sept 10th 1730 EDT
Androscoggin Unified EMA
Office Basement of Central Fire
Station 2 College Street
Lewiston, ME

Club Breakfast

Wednesday Sept 25th 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

SATURDAY, SEPT. 29, 2019, DEMPSEY CHALLENGE

Dempsey Challenge is on Sunday Sept 29, 2019 as an all day event. To volunteer go to this web site, this is for Ham Radio Operator <http://ham.dempseycenter.volunteerhub.com/>. The two volunteer jobs are Rest Stop and SAG vehicle. Rest Stop is your vehicle at the rest stop and using your mobile radio. You will need both VHF and UHF Frequencies. VHF must be a Mobile radio with at least 25 or more watts. The UHF can be a HT because it will be the SAG vehicle and you when the SAG is one mile or less from the Rest Stop. The SAG needs a mobile radio to be installed in it, and you need a cigarette Power unit. And a mag mount antenna for both VHF and UHF frequencies. Any questions please email Ivan, N1OXA or call 207-577-5152.

Secretary's Report

By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday August 7, 2019 at the Potvin Room of the St. Marys' Medical Arts Building in Lewiston Maine. In attendance: kc1rcm, n1dot, wa1skp, kb1doi, wn1i, n1wfo, kc1aih, n1zrl, n1nyw, n1oxa, w1ltx, kb1qhr, ke4ucw, k1wtx.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Pete n1zrl at 6:56 p.m. because

the club President is on vacation. Bob w1ltx made a motion to approve the Secretary's report as printed in the newsletter, seconded by kc1aih. Vote: approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers report that included money from Walmart for Field Day and money from the CD that matured and was transferred to the checking account.

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DX REPORT

by Mark Burton KG1Q

[POSTPONED] KH6VV/KH4 - Midway Atoll

the following statement is from Ron, KH6DV, the team leader for the Midway Atoll expedition;

"For a number of very good reasons the Midway expedition is being postponed. Some of the things we are working on will take a number of months - one will take 4 or 5 by itself.

We could postpone for just a couple months but then we would be operating during the summer with its associated terrible conditions. WE HAVE DECIDED TO PLAN FOR THE FIRST TWO WEEKS IN OCTOBER 2020. The changes we are working on will make for a much better and more exciting expedition and are well worth waiting for."

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Also Ivan took equipment from Norms estate and Dave n10xe to the Windsor hamfest to sell and sold a lot of it so the check book balance went up some more.

Miriam kc1aih asked the status of the Dstar repeater. There is no change, it is still off the air waiting for the tower to be constructed and the antennas attached.

With more money in the club account talk about upgrading the Poland repeater and maybe its tower was discussed. It was decided that a meeting of the repeater committee is needed to sort out what needs to be done and get a plan together while the discount repeater program is still an option. Ivan reports that his house will be getting a generator that will work on natural gas and starts when the electricity from the power company stops.

Keith ke4ucw told us about the new people in charge at the EMA who got funding for ham radio equipment and a plan to get a communications trailer.

There was no 50/50 drawing but Miriam kc1aih did make a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Paul kb1qhr and a second from Jerry k1wtx. Vote: approved, adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Knight Secretary.

DX Report

This was disappointing to hear as, of August, Midway is ranked #14 on the most wanted charts and within reasonable striking distance for most Ham's chasing DX. Let's hope their 2020 plans come to fruition.

September will see the following activation's of note

EX6QP, Kyrgyzstan, Sep 2 to Sep 15
H44MS, Solomon Island, Jul 5 to Sep 25
T30L, Tarawa, Sep 6 to Sep 15
C21W, Nauru, Sep 16 to Sep 25
WH0RU, Mariana Islands, Sep 15 to Sep 22
J28PJ/P, Moucha Island, Sep to Oct
T6AA, Afghanistan, Early Sep
D44TWO, Cape Verde, Sep 29 to Oct 13

Coming Soon

ZK3A, Tokelau, Oct 1 to Oct 15

FH/DJ7RJ, Mayotte, Mid Oct
VP6R, Pitcairn Island, Oct 18 to Nov 7
VU7RI, Lakshadweep Islands, Oct 19 to Oct 31
D68CCC, Comores, Oct 20 to Nov 1
3Y0I, Bouvet Island, Oct/Nov
TR8CR, Gabon, Oct/Nov
9X2AW, Rwanda, Nov 4 to Nov 6
V63AR, Micronesia, Nov 18 to Nov 26
XT2AW, Burkina Faso, Dec 2 to Dec 20
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>

ARRL DX News

Acorn Calendar September 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	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 ARES/RACES meeting @ 17:30 EDT	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
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22 1700 – MECN net on 3.940 Mhz	23 1930 – AM net on 50.400	24	25 Club Breakfast 0700 @ 767 Minot Ave. KRISTI'S CAFE in Auburn, Maine	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					