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146.61 PL 88.5	443.300 D-star	<u>Poland Springs</u>	146.895 PL 103.5
ON AIR	OFF AIR	147.315 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.

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 April 3rd 1830 EDT
Meeting held in Potvin Room
99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.

ARES/RACES Meeting

Saturday April 13th 09:30 am EDT
Androscoggin Unified EMA Office
Basement of Central Fire Station
2 College Street Lewiston, ME

Club Breakfast

Wednesday April 24th 0700 EDT
at Webster St, Conv and Deli, 715
Webster Street, Lewiston

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.

Upcoming Events

Saturday April 27, 2019 is the Auburn MS Walk, two lengths, one mile and three mile

DX Report By Mark Burton KG1Q

The Bouvet Island team have fueled up their vessel, the Atlantic Tuna with extra fuel with the intentions of staying up to 3-4 weeks on 3Y/B weather permitting. This is great news for the DX community as it will allow a larger range of Hams to make an ATNO (All Time New One). They will be signing as E51DOM/MM to and from the island. They departed on March 19 and are expected to arrive around March 26. Landing will take place using zodiacs. 3Y/B is ranked #2 on Club log's DXCC most wanted.

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We are coming into a busy time of year for DX so stay tuned for the latest DXpedition's, both large and small scale.

Other April activities of note:

E6, NIUE, E6AF, March 16 to April.
YJ, VANUATU, March 26 until April 2.
3D2, ROTUMA, 3D2AG/P, March / April 2019
Z8, SOUTH SUDAN, Z81D, Activity until June.

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Secretary's Report
By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday March 6, 2019 at the Potvin Room at St. Marys' Medical Associates Building in Lewiston Maine. In attendance: w1lwt, n1oxa, kc1aih, kb1yfn, w7vx, wa1kla, Carolyn Smith, n1wfo, k1wtx, kb1qhr, someone named Bob, w1ltx, kc1bep, kb1doi, n1dot, we1u, n1nyw, n1zrl, kc1dnv, kd1ow.

Pete n1zrl did a presentation about packet radio before the meeting that was called to order by President Lee Trask w1lwt at 7:16 p.m. Bob w1ltx made a motion to accept the Secretaries' report as printed in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Miriam kc1aih. Vote: Approved.

Ivan did not get a chance to get the Treasurers report ready so Miriam kc1aih made a motion to table the report until the next meeting. Paul kb1qhr seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

There was no takers for w1scm Norms' tower and antennas. A list of items will be available at the club table at the hamfest and bids will be taken at the club table also.

Jerry k1wtx reports that Quicksilver, Hamsource and Granite State plan to be at the hamfest. It was decided to have drawings for at the hamfest for the books that were donated. Miriam kc1aih made the motion to have the top door prize be a gift certificate to a ham radio supplier, Matt kb1yfn seconded the motion. Vote: approved. It was also decided that a \$ 300 limit will be placed on the value of the prize.

Ivan explained the different jobs that will need to be done to make the hamfest happen and started a list of names of people to work them. He will follow up signing up workers by email. Bob w1ltx reports that he has heard from MFJ, DX Engineering, and ICOM, that will be providing the SWAG for the event.

A committee was formed to make sure that enough GPS trackers will be available at the Dempsey Challenge. Lee reminded us the club has a breakfast meeting the last Wednesday of each month, details in the newsletter.

David we1u made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Miriam kc1aih. Vote: approved at 8:14 p.m. There was no 50/50 drawing.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

Pete Thuotte N1ZRL
ARES Emergency Coordinator

Looking over last April's ACORN newsletter article for ideas for this year, I noticed the Main theme was "Summer Go Kits", well, this has not changed, need to do the swap from winter kits to summer kits. (Feels good to write that, "winter to summer"-Yes !!).

I have held the position of EC for about 1 year now, seen some changes on the non-local level, ARRL's Data Base project, and at our state SEC, Steve Hanson, KB1TCE has stepped down. David Lowe, WE1U, has accepted the position. I wish him the best of luck on his new endeavor.

Dave will be busy and I do not expect him to continue full time in his duties as AEC (Assistant EC) for Androscoggin County (unless he wants to). So, we are looking for volunteers to join our ARES/RACES group. Maybe one of them will take on that task, or even an existing member?

This spring I expect a "Group Conscience" decision concerning our ARES affiliation within our ARES/RACES group. We really need discussion and guidance on this subject.

I can start the discussion but, I do not feel comfortable making the decision on my own, one that impacts our entire group. I will, if an impasse occurs.

I want to extend a special thanks to Jeremy, KC1DNV, for being instrumental in arranging a donation from the Auburn Public Works Department of 12 radios. They are Motorola Radius M1225, four channel units. They be great for dedicated APRS, (or packet) radios and even program for a couple repeaters and simplex channels.

After the Convention, a committee will meet to determine how best to make use of these units and what additional items will be required to get them "In service & Online"

I have to tell everyone that I was concerned about "legally" programming these radios (not wanting expose the club to possible legal action from Motorola), and was preparing to present to the committee the cost of the software. With trepidations, I contacted "Motorola Solutions" and spoke to a representative. Told him what I was looking for and asked if there was a possibility of a discount (I know the software can get pricy). The rep informed me that programming software, for discontinued products, Motorola does not charge, so yes, there is a discount, 100 %.

See you on the radio,
(Maybe one of those Motorola's !)
73's N1ZRL

Pete

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3YØI POSTPONED: On March 26, 2019, the vessel that has been carrying the Bouvet Island Dxpediton team encountered a cyclonal storm wandering nearby Bouvet Island. The captain of the MV Atlantic Tuna had to take a difficult but responsible decision to take a course back to Cape Town, South Africa. But the 3YØI Expedition is NOT canceled according to their website. Stay tuned for more info regarding the Bouvet Island Dxpediton. 3Y/B is ranked #2 on Club log's DXCC most wanted.

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Happy DX everyone

Mark