

August 2020



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Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club
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Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club.Repeaters

<p><u>Lewiston</u> 146.61 PL 88.5 ON AIR</p>	<p><u>Livermore</u> 443.300 D-star OFF AIR</p>	<p><u>Poland Springs</u> 147.315 PL 103.5 ON AIR</p>	<p><u>Livermore</u> 146.895 PL 103.5 ON AIR</p>
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Club Officers

President: Lee Trask W1LWT
V. President: Pete Thoutte N1ZRL
Treasurer: Ivan Lazure N1OXA
Secretary: Dick Knight N1NYW
Trustee: Tim Bubier WT1A
Newsletter Editor:
Harold Hartley N1LLU

Club Meetings

Wednesday Aug 5th 1900 EDT
Meeting held on the .61 repeater
88.5 pl.

ARES/RACES Meeting **Canceled**

Club Breakfast

Wednesday Aug 26th 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.

**The club will have a VE session on
Saturday Aug. 15 at 10am, at Mundt-Allen
Post #81 hall is at 85 Vernon Street, Bethel,
04217. No walk-ins, only email or call to
reserve a seat. We have 18 spaces because
on Covid-19.**

Please follow State and Local information

**Every Wednesday at 7pm. on 146.61, pl 88.5
is the well check net**

**The Poland Repeater has the 30 foot tower
up with the antenna, we are planning to
add the coax within a couple of weeks, that
will complete the project. The next project
will be adding equipment at the three
repeater, so there will be connected
together like the KQ1L system.**

Note: I recently had been in the hospital in June with a mild case of COVID-19 and I recovered, But even though I no longer have the virus it still takes a while to get back into my normal routine. Some can have side effects for a while but I was lucky. So please everyone take this seriously as it could mean your life and how your living situation will be. Harold N1LLU

Secretary's Report
By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held an on air meeting on the 146.61 repeater July first 2020. The meeting was called to order by President Lee Trask w1lwt at 7:01 p.m. Stations that checked in include: kc1aih, n1oxa, n1zrl, nu9c, n1nyw, wa1skp, w1ltx, wz1j, kb1qhr, n1mta.

The on the air meeting started with comments from the Vice President Pete n1zrl about 30 contacts at Field Day with 5 operators during the event.

The Treasurers report, Ivan reported the club insurance premium payment was \$167 and the concrete for the Poland repeater tower base was \$347 with income of \$10 from dues. Ivan reports that there were 228 contacts and there was a visit from the new Section Manager. Ivan also said the Poland tower is up and the Dempsey Challenge will go virtual this year.

Lee tells us that Jerry k1wtx is in the hospital and may go home soon.

Miriam kc1aih told Ivan that she sent more pictures to Ivan and that she made 32 contacts at Field Day.

Fred wa1skp worked a few stations at Field Day and the most important part, he had FUN!

Bob w1ltx reported that Jerry is still in the hospital but he can eat now! Bob made contacts at Field Day.

Steve wz1j reported that the Whitefield exams went well, 17 new techs, 5 generals, and 6 new extras. One person passed a three tests and goes from no license to extra in one session! The youngest was 12 years old. GREAT WORK by

the examiners and examinees!!!!

Ivan will check in mid July and see if we can use the room at St. Marys or we will need to do a net on .61 again, watch your next newsletter or w1npp.org for the next meeting location.

Bob n1mta asked about the repeater linking and WIRES X.

Pete n1zrl made a comment about ku1u Corys' antenna that worked very well at Field Day. Fred wa1skp made a comment about the generator noise on the receiver.

Lee says he will have nets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. during July. The location of the August meeting is still to be determined, stay tuned on the nets.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Knight Secretary

DX REPORT

by Mark Burton, KG1Q

KH6VV/KH4 – Midway Atoll 2021?

the following was recently posted by Ron, KH6DV.

We've all seen the latest pandemic news; it's not progressing in a good direction or anything like the earlier predictions. The U.S. now has 132,000 deaths and the forecast is for 200,000 by November. We have encountered a strong and understandable push-back related to the original operation date of October 2020. Once the possibility of moving the operation to the second half of February 2021, the conversation turned more positive. The application for the Special Use Permit for Midway has now been edited and now proposes a period of the second half of February 2021 and will be submitted this week.

Video – Heard Island Cordell Expedition 2016

Remember the amazing expedition to Heard island in 2016? It was put together by the Cordell group, and featured one of the first real-time logging system using satellites. Check out this great video showing the island and the crew that activated it.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=-Z_bX4Webg0&feature=emb_logo

JW/LB1QI – Svalbard

Erwann will be activating Svalbard in September.

Finally some good news as I was able to secure a trip to Svalbard in September 2020 between the 24/09/2020 and the 27/09/2020. I will be hosted at JW5E Radio Club and therefore using their antennas from 160m to 6m. Please look for me on CW and SSB – no digital mode planned yet. will bring my own Yaesu FT857d and, if received in time, a JUMA PA1000 Amplifier.

[POSTPONED] CY0C Sable Island

the following was recently posted by Murray, WA4DAN, CY0C Team Leader.

The CY0C Sable Island DXpedition team learned this week that our DXpedition will have to be postponed until October 2021 due to the ongoing worldwide Coronavirus. Team leader Murray WA4DAN has been in regular contact with Parks Canada during this process. Parks Canada advised that no International visitors will be allowed on Sable Island for the remainder of 2020. The good news is that the Parks Canada Sable Island manager has already extended an invitation to conduct our planned DXpedition for October 2021. The DXpedition team voted to unanimously accept this invitation.

Coming Soon

JW/LB1QI, Svalbard, September 2020

3Y0I, Bouvet Island, December 2020

W8S, Swains Island, Spring 2021

KH6VV/KH4, Midway Island, Oct 2021

Happy DX everyone,

Mark
KG1Q

Sources:

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

Clublog <https://clublog.org>

<https://bouvetoya.org/>

ARRL DX News

August Acorn Calendar 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 Mhz	3 1930 AM net on 50.400	4	5 Club Meeting On the .61 repeater only.	6 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 Mhz PL 88.5	7 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 Mhz	8
9 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 Mhz	10 1930 AM net on 50.400	11	12 1930 –Ragchew net on 50.2 Mhz	13 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 Mhz PL 88.5	14 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 Mhz	15
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23 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 Mhz	24 1930 AM net on 50.400	25	26 Club Breakfast 0700 EDT at KRISTI'S CAFE on 767 Minot Ave. in Auburn, Me	27 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 Mhz PL 88.5	28 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 Mhz	29

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