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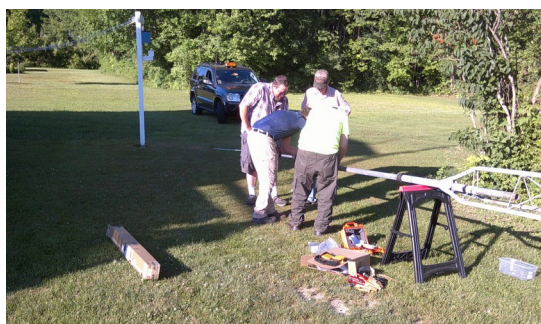


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**Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club
(AARC)**

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Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club.Repeaters

Lewiston
146.61 PL 88.5
ON AIR

Livermore
443.300 D-star
ON AIR

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
Trustee: Tim Bubier WT1A
Newsletter Editor:
Harold Hartley N1LLU

Club Meetings

Wednesday Dec 2nd 1900 EDT
Meeting held on the .61 repeater
88.5 pl.

ARES/RACES Meeting

APRS/RACES meeting Dec 12th
at Fire Station 9:00am

Club Breakfast

Wednesday Dec 30th 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 VE Test in Bethel on Aug 15, 2020 was a success. Three people show up, two techs pass their General and one of them took his Extra and pass it as well. The third was a General and he passed his Extra.

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

We are still working with the repeater issue, emails between Yaesu, Arcom, Pete, N1ZRL, Ken, N1DOT is the only way all parties communicate. At less we don't need to go outside, so all I can say is it is being worked. Hope I will have more info next month.

The meeting is on Saturday Dec 12, 2020. At 9am. It will be by phone on Zoom. So Paul, KE6PIJ, needs your email, so he can send the contact info for Zoom. His email is "paul@ke6pij.org" .

Secretary's Report
By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting on the air at 7:00 pm on the 146.61 repeater November 4, 2020. Call signs of those who checked in: w1lwt, w1ltx, kc1aih, kb1iek, kb1qhr, n1oxa, n1nyw and n1zrl.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

DX REPORT
by Mark Burton, KG1Q

3Y0I Bouvet Island Update

We are still pushing with the missing budget (\$24300) to finalize last payment for the vessel to make 3Y0I happen. So far (as an international team) we still can't travel to South Africa due the Covid situation. Bouvet is not cancelled! All our equipment is ready there, waiting for us. Time is running like crazy, also Antarctic summer will not wait for us so long... **Please keep in mind that we will maybe need to reschedule this trip for the next season.** In the meantime Dom 3Z9DX received his Fijian government travel permit to go back to the Pacific Rebel Base as a back up plan. There is three different DXCC's around: 3D2/C Conway, 3D2/R Rotuma, 3D2 Fiji + several IOTAs including some very rare groups. Unfortunately, cyclone season starts from November to March... so all looks very difficult and hard from logistic point of view. Let's see what happens

Coming Soon

OMAN, A4. Members of the Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society may use the A450 prefix to mark Oman's 50th National Day.

BAHRAIN, A9. Members of the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society are QRV with special event station A91WTVD until November 21 to celebrate World TV Day. QSL via EC6DX.

SAUDI ARABIA, HZ. Members of the Saudi Amateur Radio Society operate special event stations HZ20G, 7Z20G and 8Z20G until November 23 to recognize the G20 Riyadh summit. QSL via operators' instructions.

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Coming soon (continued)

ST. VINCENT, J8. Oleh, KD7WPJ will be QRV as J8/UR5BCP from November 21 to 28. Activity will be on 40 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, FT8 and FT4. QSL to home call.

MINAMI TORISHIMA, JD1. Take-san, JG8NQJ/JD1 has been QRV on 40 meters using CW around 0900z. QSL via JA8CJY.

OGASAWARA, JD1. Station JD1BHA has been active on 40 meters using CW around 1200z. QSL via operator's instructions.

AUSTRIA, OE. Members of the VIC Amateur Radio Contest DX Club are QRV with special call sign 4U2STAYHOME until December 31. QSL via UA3DX.

ARUBA, P4. John, W2GD will be QRV as P40W from November 23 to December 1. Activity will be on all bands as time permits. This includes being an entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL via N2MM.

POLAND, SP. Members of the Ostrow Radio Amateur Radio Club are QRV as SN3ISS until December 21 is to celebrate the 20th anniversary of active amateur radio communication service on the International Space Station. QSL via SP3POW.

GREECE, SV. Special event call sign SX40ARES is QRV to celebrate the 40 years of the Hellenic Amateur Radio Emergency Service. QSL via operators' instructions.

SOMALIA, T5. Ali, EP3CQ is QRV as 6O1OO until January 15, 2021 while working for the UN Department of Safety and Security in The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting on the air at 7:00 pm on the 146.61 repeater November 4, 2020. Call signs of those

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Dick Knight n1nyw SecretaryMogadishu. Activity is in his spare time on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL direct.

MALI, TZ. Ulmar, DK1CE is QRV as TZ1CE and is here until December 8. QSL to home call.

ASIATIC RUSSIA, UA0. Vladimir, R0FP is now a resident on Iturup Island, IOTA AS-025, and is active on various bands and modes. QSL via RZ3EC.

INDIA, VU. Datta, VU2DSI is QRV with special call sign AU2JCB until December 15 to celebrate

December Acorn Calendar 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Club Meeting On the .61 repeater only.	3 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 Mhz PL 88.5	4 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 Mhz	5
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