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# A.C.O.R.N.

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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### **Club Meetings**

Wednesday Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1900 EDT  
Meeting held on the .61 repeater  
88.5 pl.

### **ARES/RACES Meeting**

APRS/RACES meeting Nov 10<sup>th</sup>  
at Fire Station 9:00am

### **Club Breakfast**

Wednesday Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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**

**The big issue for the linking of the three repeaters together, that the 146.61 is when it's hook up to the Repeater Controller we have a problem. The company that make the Controller says, that a Zener Diode on one of the circuit board in the Repeater needs to be replaced. So we are working on this, hope to have thinks done by next month.**

**On Oct. 24, 2020 the Maine SET 2020, all 16 County both EMA Directors, and ARES/RACES operators. We had 7 or 8 members involved from Androscoggin County. We had HF and VHF frequencies both voice and digital, had problems with the digital part. We will work on getting the issues fix. One thing that needs to be done is get new members to ARES/RACES Group, then start a training program.**

**Secretary's Report**  
By Dick Knight N1NYW

No Secretary's report received.

**DX REPORT**  
by Mark Burton, KG1Q

**RI0Q – Bol'shoy Begichev, AS-152**

The following was recently posted from Igor Znamenskiy from the Arctic Legends

*Dates are not yet confirmed, however the Arctic Legends team (RT9K) recently received their RI0Q license with a view to being active from Bol'shoy Begichev AS-152 in early 2021.*

**[CANCELLED] Guinea DXpedition 2021**

The following was recently posted from F6KOP

*The F6KOP team have updated news on their planned 2021 DXpedition to Guinea. We have waited as long as possible, but will be forced to cancel / postpone our expedition to Guinea Conakry (3X). COVID-19 is preventing us from making our expedition*

**OH0X – Aland Islands**

The following was recently posted from Pekka, OH2TA

*Pekka, OH2TA will be active during the CQWW SSB contest (Oct 24-25) from eastern Aland Islands as OH0X. QRV on 20m. QSL via OH2TA.*

**5T5PA – Mauritania**

The following was recently posted from 5T5PA

*Google Earth view of antennas at #5T5PA. Using my shack in the hotel with on top two masts for the 2x Optibeam antennas and using a 120m feeline to an old highrise building for the low-band antennas.*

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## Coming Soon

UGANDA, 5X. John, 5X1JT is QRV from Nansana while on work assignment for the next two years. QSL via operator's instructions.

MALAWI, 7Q. Don, K6ZO is QRV as 7Q6M while working at the Embangweni Mission Hospital project. He is active in his spare time until December 5. QSL direct to home call.

GHANA, 9G. Tom, DL2RMC is QRV as 9G5FI and is here for at least one year. Activity is on all HF bands using CW, SSB and FT8. This includes being active on Satellite QO-100. QSL via DL1RTL.

EAST MALAYSIA, 9M6. Special event station 9M4JAY will be QRV from Miri, Sarawak during the 63rd Scouts Jamboree On The Air event. QSL direct.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, A6. A number of stations are QRV as A6050Y and A6050Y/1-9 until October 31 to promote the next 50 years in the Emirates and as part of the Emirate Centennial Plan. QSL via operators' instructions.

BAHAMAS, C6. Richard, KN4CV will be QRV as KN4CV/C6A from Alice Town, Bimini Islands, IOTA NA-001. Activity will be on the various HF bands. QSL to home call.

GUADELOUPE, FG. Philippe, F1DUZ is QRV as FG4KH until November 5.

This includes being an entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX SSB contest. QSL to home call.

LIECHTENSTEIN, HB0. Loick, HB9HBY is QRV as HB0/HB9HBY until October 18. Activity is on the HF bands using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via EB7DX.

THAILAND, HS. The new call sign for His Majesty the King Vajiralongkorn is now HS10A.

ITALY, I. In celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, members of the UN Global Service Center ARC in Brindisi are QRV as 4U75B until December 31. QSL via 9A2AA.

ANTARCTICA. Members and operators of the Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition team are QRV as 8J1RL from Showa Research Station, Queen Maud Land, IOTA AN-015, until January 2021. Activity is on various HF bands using CW and various digital modes. QSL via JG2MLI.

ST. VINCENT, J8. Mac, 8P5AB is QRV as J88/8P5AB until December 3.

Activity is on various HF bands using FT8 and VHF bands using various digital modes. QSL direct to home call.

SVALBARD, JW. Erwann, LB1QI is QRV as JW/LB1QI from Spitsbergen Island, IOTA EU-026, until October 18. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

AUSTRIA, OE. Jo, OE6VIE is QRV with special event call sign OE65VIE from Styria until December 31 to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the Austrian State Treaty. QSL via the bureau.

ARUBA, P4. Members of the Aruba Amateur Radio Club are QRV as P42WW until October 31 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. QSL via P41G.

NETHERLANDS, PA. Special call PA5150EVH is QRV until January 31, 2021 to pay tribute to famous rock guitarist Eddie van Halen who was born in Amsterdam in 1955. QSL via PF1SCT.

EGYPT, SU. Members of the Egyptian Radio Amateurs Society are QRV as SU8J until October 18 to commemorate the official opening of the nature reserve Tigris Valley. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using SSB, FT8 and FT4. QSL via SU1SK.

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

## November Acorn Calendar 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 Mhz	2 1930 AM net on 50.400	3	4 <b>Club Meeting</b> On the <b>.61</b> repeater only. 1930 – Ragchew net on 50.2 Mhz	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 at fire station at 9:00am	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
15 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 Mhz	16 1930 AM net on 50.400	17	18 1930 –Ragchew net on 50.2 Mhz	19 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 Mhz PL 88.5	20 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 Mhz	21
22 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 Mhz	23 1930 AM net on 50.400	24	25 <b>Club</b> <b>Breakfast</b> 0700 EDT at <b>KRISTI'S</b> <b>CAFE on 767</b> <b>Minot Ave. in</b> <b>Auburn, Me</b>	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 1930 AM net on 50.400	31				