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Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club  
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### Take Note

The deadline for all articles for the Newsletter is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### Club Officers

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

### Club Meetings

Wednesday Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1830 EDT  
Meeting held in Potvin Room  
99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.

### ARES/RACES Meeting

Wednesday Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 1730 EDT  
Androscoggin Unified EMA Office  
Basement of Central Fire Station  
2 College Street Lewiston, ME

### Club Breakfast

Wednesday Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 2018 0700 EDT  
at Bates College cafeteria commons  
in Lewiston

### ARES/RACES Net

Every Thursday on the 146.61 pl 88.5 Repeater at 7pm with digital after the voice part.

## UPCOMING SUPPORTED EVENTS BY THE CLUB

2018 Beach to Beacon Road Race Saturday, August 4,  
Register at [www.beach2beacon.org](http://www.beach2beacon.org).

2018 Dempsey Challenge Bike Treks on Sept. 30, 2018 Register at  
[DempseyChallenge.org](http://DempseyChallenge.org)

### Club Breakfast **NEW LOCATION,**

Wednesday August 29, 2018 at 0700 EDT, Bates College Cafeteria Commons, on Central Ave next to the Football Field. Call or email N1OXA for direction to this location.

## President Notes by Tim Bubier

Field Day this year was a little bit disappointing. Well, if I'm honest, more than a bit. We're not seeing the participation that we used to, we have fractured groups doing their own thing and it's completely impossible to have any idea who is going to show up to help and to operate. The venue has also changed for the worse, too. All the tall pines have been removed and our field is now somewhat of a dust bowl.

For this and other reasons, some of us who did participate have begun discussing new ways to do Field Day next year and new places to hold it. It's still a very long way away now so we'll have plenty of time to play but I think the unanimous opinion I've heard so far is "time for a change."

The summer is just flying by. We're rapidly coming to the time of year when there are a lot of events going on. Don't forget the Beach to Beacon Road Race coming up August 4, and the Dempsey Challenge which will be held on September 30. Both depend heavily on our support to run smoothly.

Remember to check the club website regularly for updates and new events. Hope to see you all at the meeting on the 1st.

73,  
Tim, WT1A

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

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday June 6, 2018 at the Potvin Room of the St. Marys Regional Medical Associates building in Lewiston Maine. In attendance: wt1a, w1lwt, kc1aih, n1zrl, n1wfo, wn1i, kb1doi, k1wtx, w1ltx, n1nyw, wa1skp, wb1hfy, kb1dhi (new call w2egn) and kb1ijd.

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Bubier wt1a at 7:06 p.m. Miriam kc1aih made a motion to accept the Secretarys report as printed in the newsletter. Second by Jerry k1wtx. Vote: approved.

Tim gave the Treasurers report because Ivan was absent. Motion to accept by Miriam kc1aih, seconded by Jerry k1wtx.

Tim saw our tower climber at the Hermon Hamfest. He says he has more work than first expected but call him in a couple of weeks and he should be able to get to our Auburn repeater move.

Pete n1zrl told of his trip to the Oxford ARES meeting. They are planning to have Field Day at the Sumner School, and may come to ours if the Sumner location is not available as hoped. They are waiting for final approval

Jerry k1wtx suggests looking into what it would take and cost to link all our fusion repeaters. Jerry made a motion to study linking our fusion repeaters, motion seconded by Miriam kc1aih. Vote: approved so fast I missed it and had to ask if it passed later.

Tim says the Auburn / Lewiston Airport is expecting us for Field Day. Tim applied for the K1A call sign for Field Day. Tim recommended a food for Field Day budget of \$300. Pete n1zrl made a motion to approve the \$300 for food, Miriam kc1aih seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

We talked about upcoming events for hams to attend or volunteer for.

Tim told us he is no longer working for the EMA office and will no longer be the ham radio liaison from our club to the EMA. The ARES / RACES meetings will continue at EMA.

Miriam kc1aih made a motion to adjourn seconded by Kendall kb1ijd and kb1doi. Vote: approved at 7:59 p.m.

Note: there will be no meeting in the month of July, see you August 1, 2018.

A 50/50 drawing was held \$8 to the winner and \$7 to the

club. The Secretary won. No I did not draw the ticket myself.

Respectfully Submitted.

Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

**HOLD THE PRESSES!!!**

At this mornings breakfast meeting I was the old nag and asked if the dates for next years hamfest are confirmed. The answer was no! Tim, Ivan and Bill Woodhead went to the office to negotiate. There are still some details to still be worked out but the dates are confirmed.

It will be at the Ramada as usual on March 29 and 30, 2019.

73 Dick

A picture from the Trek Across Maine June 16. I did not find any other pictures of Andy Club members, just me. I found this at TrekImages.com on page 31 of the pictures. Photo credit is CREDIT: Karsten Moran for the American Lung Association of Maine.

This picture was taken June 16 at Colby College finish line for that day. The computer displayed the map of SAG vehicles on the screen.

Quote from Dick n1nyw "I finally got a job where I can drink lemonade while sitting in the shade". Note the Country Time lemonade bottle in the cup holder.

The camera that took that picture probably broken now.

I forgot to ,mention that I went up Black Mountain in Rumford with Howard n1ncb to help install a temporary repeater on the WOYO tower for the medics to use before the Trek and then went back up to retrieve it Sunday evening after the Trek. Howard is a GREAT tower climber!

73 Dick



**Paul Thuotte N1ZRL**  
**ARES Emergency Coordinator**

Summer is going by fast. We have members that need antenna work, any volunteers ? Please speak up at our next club meeting, if you need help with a project or willing to help-out.

Prior to our ARES/Races meeting July 18<sup>th</sup>, Ivan N1OXA and myself, sat down with Joanne Potvin, Director of Unified Emergency Management Agency, and went through the "Statement of understanding between ARES/RACES and UEMA". She, Joanne, will make changes to the agreement that all three of us noted require updating. Signing of the document will be, I am guessing here, late next month.

We also discussed access to the roof of the EOC, to determine a HF antenna project. Joanne will speak to the Fire Chief for permission to access the roof.

During the regular part of the ARES/RACES, the discussion of what bands the antenna (or antennas) to cover. We sort of agreed 40, 60, 80 meters. But, what type antenna (or antennas)...well we had some good suggestions and intense discussions, which is to be expected when you get a group of Hams talking antennas!! So, the suggestion was made to solicit Walter, AC1AE, for his qualified opinion. Ivan has contacted Walter, and as of this writing, hopefully, if all went well with the Fire Chief and Joanne, N1OXA & AC1AE have surveyed the roof and maybe made a determination. We will have to query N1OXA and/or AC1AE at the next club meeting.

Also, N1DOT, Ken Grimard & KC1AIH, Miriam Morgan-Alexander made a good case for a DMR for the EOC. It was noted that we now have a statewide DMR system. Amateurs assigned to the EOC should have access to it. Yes, I agree. (Another antenna project.)

Up coming events:

Beach to Beacon August 4<sup>th</sup>

No word yet from the Portland Club, on assignments or frequencies yet, I assume they will be coming via email very soon, it's getting close ! (probably have them by the time this is published).

Dempsey Challenge September 30<sup>th</sup>

Thanks, many times over, to Dave, WE1U and Ivan, N1OXA, for their efforts in determining APRS coverage for the event. Ivan driving along with Dave and critiquing the routes while beaconing APRS.

Dave has spent hours making maps, depicting routes, mile markers, rest stops, high points (for potential DIGIpeater sites). He has become quite the digital map-maker over the past few years. Learning the software cannot be an easy task.

I assume there maybe a request for assistance with gathering the equipment for APRS, for the SAG vehicles and DIGIpeaters. Battery operated mobile units for Stand alone. DIGIpeaters (hand held HTs won't cut it) for the event. The MARA group will be assisting also. Ivan will be updating us on the progress and actual equipment needs as we get closer to the date. Thanks Ivan for the logistical support (not a small task) you have provided.

See you on the Radio  
73's  
Pete N1ZRL



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**Here are some Maine hams that you can contact:**

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