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Take Note

The deadline for all articles for the Newsletter is the 25th of each month.

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Club Meetings

Wednesday June 6th 2018 1830 EDT
Meeting held in Potvin Room
99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.

ARES/RACES Meeting

Wednesday June 20th 2018 1730 EDT
Androscoggin Unified EMA Office
Basement of Central Fire Station
2 College Street Lewiston, ME

Club Breakfast

Wednesday June 27th 2018 0730 EDT
at Ramada Inn in Lewiston

ARES/RACES Net

Every Thursday on the 146.61
PL 88.5 Repeater.

Dates to Remember

ARRL ANNUAL FIELD DAY ON JUNE 23 AND 24, 2018

Location: Auburn/Lewiston Airport
More to come, discussion at June 6
meeting

Secretary's Report
By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday May 2, 2018 at the Potvin room at the St. Marys' Medical Building in Lewiston, Maine. In attendance: kb1qhr, k1wtx, n1wfo, wb1hfy, kb1dhi, ac1ae, w7vx, w1ltx, w1lwt, n1nyw, wa1skp, kb1wkt, wt1a, n1oxa, kc1aih, n1dot, kb1doi, n1zrl, kb1ypz, n1jd, kb1wvo, and kc1rhm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m. Walter ac1ae found that the minutes of the last meeting when Bob w1ltx nominated Lee w1lwt for President did not include Paul kb1qhrs' second of that motion. (whoops! on my part) Miriam kc1aih made the motion to accept the report as printed in the newsletter and add Pauls' second to Bobs' motion. That motion was seconded by Andy kb1doi. Vote: approved with the amendment.

Ivan n1oxa read the Treasurers report. Bob w1ltx made a motion to accept the report that was seconded by Miriam kc1aih. Vote: approved. Ivan also read comments from the hamfest visitors who thought the talks should start earlier and end earlier so people would not miss the prize drawings.

Tim has been testing the repeater that was intended to go up in Leeds at his new house in Livermore. So far it does a nice job covering the area we want and the antenna is not even on a tower yet. Give it a try and let Tim know how it works for you. Jerry k1wtx made a motion to cancel the Leeds installation and put it at Tims' new house because it is at a higher altitude and has internet access. The motion was seconded by Walter ac1ae and Miriam kc1aih. Vote: approved. The coordination will be changed from Leeds to Livermore.

Jim wb1hfy pointed out that the club calendar needs a change on Mondays. The frequency of the AM net has changed to 50.400.

Tim told us there is a plan in the works for another school contact with the International Space Station probably next year. He told of a request for a ham to talk at a school. Lee w1lwt volunteered to do the talk and questions and answers. While on the subject of schools, the sets of ham radio books in the schools need updating. Paul kb1qhr made a motion to buy sets of books for the Turner schools and four other school libraries. That motion was seconded by Miriam kc1aih. Vote: approved.

Wednesday May 9th there will be a hospital ham radio test with Maine and New Hampshire hospitals at 4 p.m. on the Mt. Washington repeater according to Pete n1zrl and Mike kb1wkt from St. Marys Hospital. Mike explained the minor difference between the hospital forms (Hicks forms) and the

ham radio forms and promised to supply the forms to be posted on the w1npp.org website.

We discussed the list of events hams are involved with, May 4 and 5 Near Fest, New England QSO Party, a 200 mile bike race in Turner in June, also Field Day, Tim will check to confirm we can use the Airport for Field Day. Trek across Maine fathers day weekend. Ivan told us that the routes of the Dempsey Challenge will go to the coast and back this year. The routes may need to be changed to be safer according to Ivan. He also told us how the MS walk went.

Miriam kc1aih made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Clint kb1ypz. Vote: Passed adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

50/50 winner was Bob w1ltx who won \$ 16.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

Paul Thuotte N1ZRL
ARES Emergency Coordinator

On May 20th, Dave, WE1U, my son and myself left for Cathedral Pines Camp Ground, starting point for the Sugarloaf Marathon. We started about 0230 to get there for 0630 "in place" time. 101 miles one way, total miles about 300 miles for the day, we were one of the 3 "rover" vehicles.

We volunteered to assist: Russ KA1FKC, Randy KB1RDG, John WA1KLI, and Jim KB1BTM from the Franklin County ARES/RACES group,

Weather was a mixed bag, showers, rain, sun, overcast warm. What a day. Snow could be seen on the upper parts of the trails on Sugarloaf.

Dave and I made use of APRS, He, Dave, previously made a route map. indicating mile points, the points were added by him "on the the go", placing a objects within the xastir map as we past the mile points during the first pass on the route.

APRS, use of, was of great assistance to inform net control of our location, and location of any issues we came across during many of our back n' forth passes along the route.

We also made use of GMRS, I have a license, WQRZ854, a mobile unit in my vehicle. my son uses an HT.

The activity was run differently than what has done at Beach to Beacon but, it works for them.

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Dx Notes

By Earl Gilmore N1SVB

DX News Notes
May, 2018

NOTICE: The sending of this months DX News Notes will be the "Swan Song" for any future News Notes. For many years I have sent monthly DX News Notes and seeing my age is approaching 86 years old it is time to pass on the baton to another member to run with. Earle, N1SVB

The month of April we made 27 DX contacts which represents 18 countries.

Countries contacted were: Z60A,, Kosovo ; 4X/EA3HSO, Israel; DF2BO, Germany; ES100A, Estonia; A47RS, Oman; R105AP, Russia; LY28A, Lithuania; S57DX, Slovenia; 9K2MU, Kuwait; EB1JD, Spain; 9A9A, Croatia; V31GS, Belize; PJ4/M0SDV, Bonaire; FM/F2VX, Martinique; 7Z7EI, Malawi; HB9GOLD, Switzerland; Z33IKN, Macidonia; SP4Z, Poland

We made no Pacific contacts in April .

There are several DXpeditions taking place in June, 2018. Some haven't been assigned a call sign so they will use the listed prefix followed with another call sign.

Jun. 01 to Jun. 09	S9ZZ	Sao Tome & Principe
Jun. 02 to Jun. 06	OG0C	Aland Island
Jun. 05 to Jun.24	9X2AW	Rwanda
Jun. 06 to Jun. 18	VP9/	Bermuda
Jun. 07 to Jun. 11	TE6DA	Costa Rica
Jun. 07 to Jun. 17	FO/	French
Polynesia.		
Jun. 087to Jun. 18	V73	Marshal Island
Jun. 08 to Jun. 10	KH8/	American
Samoa		
Jun. 11 to Jun. 13	5W/	Samoa
Jun. 13 to Jun. 25	VP5/	Turks & Caicos
Jun. 13 to Jun. 17	KH8/	American
Samoa		
Jun. 14 to Jun. 28	J3/	Grenada
Jun. 18 to Jun. 24	ZF2LT	Cayman Is.
Jun. 21 to Jun 27	H44XG	Solomon Is.
Jun. 22 to Jul. 20	V47JA	St. Kitts &
Nevis		
Jun. 24 to Jun. 30	BW/	Taiwan
Jun. 27 to Jun. 29	OJ0Y	Market Reef
Jun. 27 to Jul. 07	KH1/	Baker &
Howland Is.		

Jun. 29 to Jul. 2

V63/

Micronesia

The above DXpeditions are accurate to the 15th of the month. For later additions visit NG3K web page.

Earle Gilmore, N1SVB

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We were involved in transporting/transferring one runner to a medical unit, the runner had a pulled hamstring.

Communications, overall, was excellent (using the Sugarloaf repeater).

Other news, Thursday ARES/RACES NET, We have practiced Radiograms, by voice and FLDIGI, thanks Keith, KC4UCW. Radiogram practice weekly, will be a good exercise, just like we do for FLDIGI.

Speaking of FLDIGI, on Dave's Web site, we1u/us, he has some forms, most recently, a form that He and Mike Hatch, KB1WKT have worked on.(not quite sure if this particular form is there as of this writing) I have tried it out with Dave and He has figured out the best way/procedure to go about using it. The form, and where to get it, and installing it, will be a subject that will be addressed on a Thursday NET soon.

ARES/RACES members, I was in the Radio room at the EOC, last meeting, going over some radio programing software, with a potential new member, and they exclaimed, " Wow, neat, I have never been in here before." I then looked at our corner of the room. I was a bit disappointed, but did not express my disappointment to them. (Unless they read this). Maybe I have too high of expectations of a Amateur Station at an EOC but, I would expect a "World Class" station. Well, maybe not that but, something we could be proud of and I can not say that about our present setup. We need to open a dialog, among ourselves and the EOC concerning this. What communications capabilities does the EOC expect of us ? How do we go about it, and put it all together in a "professional", highly dependable, super neat manner ? I realize time and money would be a concern, Together, I believe we can do it.

Best regards, and 73's
Pete N1ZRL