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<u>Lewiston</u>	<u>Auburn</u>	<u>Repeaters</u>	<u>Livermore</u>
146.61 PL 88.5	443.300 D-star	<u>Poland Springs</u>	146.895 PL 103.5
ON AIR	OFF AIR	147.315 PL 103.5	ON AIR
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Take Note

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

Club Officers

President: Tim Bubier WT1A
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Treasurer: Ivan Lazure N1OXA
Secretary: Dick Knight N1NYW
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Club Meetings

Wednesday Nov 7th 1830 EDT
Meeting held in Potvin Room
99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.

ARES/RACES Meeting

Wednesday Nov 21st 2018 1730 EDT
Androscoggin Unified EMA Office
Basement of Central Fire Station
2 College Street Lewiston, ME

Club Breakfast

Wednesday Nov 28th 2018 0700 EDT
at Webster St, Conv and Deli, 715
Webster Street, Lewiston

ARES/RACES Net

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

October 27, 2018 Maine SET (Section Emergency Test)

Today the Androscoggin ARES/RACES, Participated by sending ARES operators to several Red Cross Shelters, with Net Control at Androscoggin EMA office. We past many messages from shelter to the EMA office. We did this with only simplex frequencies, plus we had the Androscoggin Comm Van located midway in the county on a high hill in Turner, Me. We relayed several messages between the shelters and the net control. We found that simplex frequencies do work throughout the county.

Ivan

President Notes by Tim Bubier

As the event season comes to an end, I just want to take the time to thank all of you who have taken the time out of their busy lives to volunteer. Whether you provided communications for a SAG vehicle, worked a rest stop or medical tent, acted as net control, or provided any other support, you did your duty as a ham in using your license for the benefit of others. Thank you for promoting this hobby by example. By being where you were needed you have done a community service while keep amateur radio both in the public's mind and a valuable resource for events coordinators.

Now we go into the dormant season for us all, the time when we stay home and hibernate. But this is also the time when the HF bands pick up a bit and lots of good DX can be found. If you didn't take the opportunity this past week to listen in, you missed a chance to catch some "rare" stations. The CQ Worldwide Single Sideband contest was October 27 and 28, and many of the participants took the week to either set up or tune up their equipment. They were on the bands later in the week making casual contacts and looking for reports. Keep your eyes open as we enter the HF contest season for the next events. Even if you you're not a contester, you can take advantage by listening in and making contacts with places you might have never even heard before in the time prior to the major contests.

73 and gud DX,
Tim, WT1A

Secretary's Report By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting October 3, 2018 at the Potvin Room of the St. Marys' Medical Arts Building. In attendance: kb1zhn, n1dot, wa1skp, kb1qhr, w1ltx, wb1hfy, kb1doi, n1zrl, n1jd, n1wfo, kc1rhm, kb1dhi, kc1aih, n1oxa, wt1a, w1lwt, wb1hfy, wa1eoj and n1nyw.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Tim Bubier wt1a. Miriam kc1aih made a motion to approve the Secretaries' report as printed in the ACORN that is posted on the club web site. Many members did not get a copy emailed to them. Motion seconded by Bob w1ltx. Vote: approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers report. Andy kb1doi made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Bob w1ltx. Vote: Approved.

Tim reported that the trouble with the Livermore repeater .895 went away after changing the N connectors. Also linking the repeaters is being explored, one thing has been determined, it maybe expensive.

Former club Vice President Earle Gilmore has donated a tower to the club. A work detail will be announced to take the donated tower down.

Ivan comments on the Dempsey Challenge, there were a few issues to address before next year but all and all the event went well.

According to Andy kb1doi Dempsey Challenge special event station coordinator there were more contacts made on Saturday than Sunday.

The SET is planned for October 27, again it will be about an ice storm from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The question was asked, when is the DSTAR repeater going back on the air? Tim replied. when he gets his tower up. Dave we1u, Tim wt1a, Pete n1zrl and Ivan n1oxa went to the last Oxford County CERT COMM meeting that was about the HARP net, Hospital Amateur Radio Project.

Rick kc1rcm reports the Poland repeater works OK. Miriam kc1aih tells of a new DMR repeater in Rangely.

The club has been told the 88 repeater on Streaked Mountain is beginning to fail and needs to be replaced. We have been asked to chip in with \$ 300 along with several other clubs to help buy one of the new self contained units. With little discussion besides wondering who do we write the check to, Jerry k1wtx made a motion to spend 300

dollars on the project. Fred wa1skp seconded the motion. Vote: approved by nineteen of the twenty members present.

Miriam kc1aih made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Jerry k1wtx. Vote: approved. Adjourned at 7:50 p.m. I won the \$ 10 50/50 jackpot again.

Respectfully submitted.

Dick Knight Secretary

DX Report By Tim Bubier W

I participated in the CQWW SSB contest this weekend as a Single Operator, all band, assisted, low power station. I made some 266 contacts on 160 to 15 meters and scored just under 380,000 points. Of course that means nothing to you if you're not a contester but it was a personal best in that contest for me. This is important, personally, because I did so with just two OCF dipoles antennas, both only about 20 to 25 feet off the ground, because I still do not have my yagi antennas in the air. I found that the combination of these two dipoles, one oriented roughly east-west, and the other north-south, one cut for 10 to 80 meters and the other 10 to 160, worked well in nearly every direction. Contacts were made on every continent (except Antarctica) and in both short and long path directions. Some notable contacts were with:

Ducie Island
Malawi
Reunion Island
Sierra Leone
Burkina Faso
Mozambique
Faroe Islands
Åland Islands
Fernando de Noronha
Isle of Man

Pete Thuotte N1ZRL
ARES Emergency Coordinator

ARES members, the ARES connect system is ready for members to create their accounts.

I can't help but wonder, are members willing to do this? (Sign up and create an account).

I received some feed back last Month and in October, concerning the system, as a whole, the feed back was not very positive.

Do we want to, at least, sign up and see how the initial stages play out? My opinion, we should. If it only for the time accounting system, that's good for Ivan N1OXA, Steve KB1TCE and me for a more accurate, membership involved, tracking hours spent on our activities. The system can also be used to indicate what group training we should be engaged in.

Go to: <http://vhub.at/aresconnect-me>

You will know you are at the correct web site if you see:

Welcome to ARES Connect – Maine!

On the upper right, click on "CREATE ACCOUNT"
Just follow the instructions, and fill out "Your Profile" save it.

Presently, you will not be able to do more than that.

I will need to "Create" some "Events" as soon as I receive "Administrative Privileges".

More to follow concerning the ARES Connect system via email, Thursday evening NET at 1900 on 146.610 Lewiston repeater, and/or this news letter.

Pete Thuotte
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