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

<u>Livermore</u> 146.895 PL 103.5 ON AIR

Take Note

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

Club Officers

President: Lee Trask W1LWT V. President:

Treasure: Ivan Lazure N1OXA Secretary: Dick Knight N1NYW Trustee: Tim Bubier WT1A

Newsletter Editor:

Harold Hartley N1LLU

Club Meetings

Wednesday July 3rd 1830 EDT Meeting held in Potvin Room 99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.

ARES/RACES Meeting

Tuesday July 9th 1730 EDT Androscoggin Unified EMA Office Basement of Central Fire Station 2 College Street Lewiston, ME

Club Breakfast

Wednesday July 31st 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.

ATTENTION SPEAKERS NEEDED FOR THE NORTHEAST CONVENTION IN BOXBORO

Needed speakers and presenters for the 2019 ARRL New England Division Convention (re-branded as "Northeast HamXposition @Boxboro") Friday, September 6th - Sunday, September 8th

The story can be found at:

https://ema.arrl.org/2019/03/31/2019-arrl-new-england-division-convention-call-for-presentations/

To register as a presenter, please go to:

http://www.hamxposition.org/forums-and-classes/speaker-signup or email me if you have additional questions contact;. Phil Temples, K9HI, **k9hi@hamxposition.org** Program Chair Northeast HamXposition @Boxboro

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Secretary's Report By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday June 5, 2019 at the Potvin Room of St. Marys' Doctors building Lewiston Maine. In attendance: w1ltx, ke4ucw, kc1bep, we1u, n1zrl, w1lwt, n1wfo, n1oxa, k1bdc, n1ydp, kc1lgk, wt1a, kc1aih, n1oxa, wb1hfy, k1wtx, wa1skp, Mark, works at St. Marys' and n1nyw.

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Lee June saw a surprise activation of Conway Reef by the Rebel Trask w1lwt. Jerry k1wtx presented Lee with a home made gavel to call the meetings to order and adjourn them. Miriam kc1aih made a motion to accept the Secretarys' report as printed in the newsletter. Jerry k1wtx seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers report., Miriam made motion to approve the report as read, Bob w1ltx seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

There was one bid of 400 dollars for all of Norm w1scm equipment. Tim wt1a made a motion NOT to accept the \$ 400 bid that was seconded by kc1bep. The vote NOT to accept the bid was approved.

Keith told us about the drill with the Red Cross. The messages got through as planned. Also support from hams has been requested for Moxie Day. Details at next months meeting.

David we1u reports that the General study books will expire at the end of June and that the new versions have been ordered to replace the books in the libraries.

Pete n1zrl told of a change for the packet BBS.

At the last meeting I told the club that nerepeaters.com had not updated our repeater information. As of June first it was officially recorded that .61 has moved from Auburn to Lewiston and the Livermore repeater is now on the list. All looks well with the listings.

Lee handed out a folder showing details of the Beaver Park site of Field Day and a list of equipment available and their was talk about the set up of equipment and antennas etc. Rick n1wfo asked about ordering shirts from the ARRL, no action was taken. Purchasing a generic banner from the ARRL that could be used at any event for \$75 was proposed KG1Q by Jerry k1wtx who made the motion and was seconded by Miriam kc1aih.. Vote: approved. It was decided that planning on 20 persons per meal was a good budget, Ivan will get the paperwork to Paul to get a grant from Walmart for supplies. We should have plenty of grills, tents, and EZ Ups, tables and lots of generators.

The last bit of advice was to bring plenty of bug spray and chairs. Motion to adjourn from Tim wt1a and seconded by Miriam kc1aih. Vote: approved at 8:10 p.m. 50/50 winner of \$10 was Bob w1ltx.

Respectfully submitted, Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

DX REPORT by Mark Burton, KG1Q

DX Group signing as 3D2CR. This marked the first time the reef was activated since 3D2C in 2012. The rebels were active on SSB, CW and FT8, but due to conditions, they spent the majority of time on FT8. Conway Reef is currently ranked at #27 on the most wanted list. The rebels are moving on to Banaba island next and will sign as T33T sometime during July/August. The rebels will be making another run at Bouvet Island this fall.

The group signing as S9A just finished up operations on Sao Tome and Principe. They were all over the bands with a little more emphasis on CW than the Conway group.

I hope everyone who participated in Field Day had a great time.

July will see the following activation's of note T2AR, Tuvalu, Jun 25 to Jul 4 XW4XR, Laos, Jun 26 to Jul 7 JW7QIA, Svalbard, Jun 29 to Jul 6 CY9C, St. Paul island, Jul 31 to Aug 8 H44MS, Solomon Island, Jul 5 to Sep 25

Coming Soon

T33T, Banaba Island, Jul/Aug 8Q7GB, Maldives, Aug 6 to Aug 18 D44TWO, Cape Verde, Sep 29 to Oct 13 ZK3A, Tokelau, Oct 1 to Oct 15 FH/DJ7RJ, Mayotte, Mid Oct VP6R, Pitcairn Island, Oct 18 to Nov 7 D68CCC, Comores, Oct 20 to Nov 1 3Y0I, Bouvet Island, Oct/Nov 9X2AW, Rwanda, Nov 4 to Nov 6 XT2AW, Burkina Faso, Dec 2 to Dec 20 VP8\VP8DXU, South Orkney Island, Feb 2020

Happy DX everyone

Mark

Sources:

DX World https://dx-world.net/ Rebel DX Group https://www.rebeldxgroup.com/ Clublog https://clublog.org