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

### Club Meetings

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

### ARES/RACES Meeting

Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup> 1800 EDT  
Androscoggin Unified EMA Office  
Basement of Central Fire Station  
2 College Street Lewiston, ME

### Club Breakfast

Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup> 0700 EDT  
at Webster St, Conv and Deli, 715  
Webster Street, Lewiston

### 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](mailto:k9hi@hamxposition.org) Program Chair Northeast HamXposition @Boxboro

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

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held its meeting Wednesday April 3rd at the St. Marys' Medical Arts Building in Lewiston Maine. In attendance: w1lwt, n1oxa, kc1aih, we1u, n1wfo, ke4ucw, n1zrl, kb1doi, k1wtx, kb1qhr, w1ltx, n1dot, kc1bep, wa1skp, n1nyw, kb1zhn and Kevin, kc1rhm, wa1yzv Joyce, n1jd, wb1hfy, w1jvx, w1etn, kb1yfn.

The meeting was called to order by President Lee Trask at 7:02 p.m. Bob w1ltx made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as printed in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Miriam kc1aih, Vote: approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers report that included a break down of the convention income and expenses including reimbursing Joe w1sk for paying for the clubs Internet site registration. Miriam kc1aih made the motion to approve Ivans' report, David we1u seconded the motion. Vote: approved. Ivan gave us his notice he is retiring / resigning from the hamfest coordinator job. David we1u volunteered to become the new coordinator of the hamfest.

Our club president will have a meeting soon with the person in charge of Parks and Recreation for the town of Lisbon to confirm the Field Day site reservation. David we1u gave a list of events coming up this summer. Ivan told of canoe races on June 22nd.

On April 13 there is a plan to move the DStar repeater (all 140 pounds) out of the EMA office and to its' new home in Livermore.

Election of Officers: Jerry k1wtx made a motion to nominate the current President, Treasurer and Secretary to be reelected. Bob w1ltx seconded the motion. Vote: approved. Jerry k1wtx made a motion to make Pete n1zrl Vice President. Miriam kc1aih seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

After a round of introductions Miriam kc1aih made the motion to adjourn. It was seconded by John kc1bep. Vote Approved at 7:54 p.m.

After the 50/50 drawing prizes that were left over from the convention were given away using the same tickets.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

**Keith Anoe KE4UCW**  
ARES Emergency Coordinator

Congratulations to Pete N1XRL on becoming the new VP of the AARC! This change also brings some change to the Androscoggin ARES/RACES. Pete is not the AEC and after some discussion I will taking the EC position. Other changes and challenges have been ongoing with the ARRL training requirements and systems.

As we move forward we have elected to stay with the ARES/RACES and maximize the tier one training for our members. All tier one training is locally developed and given. We had our first ever Saturday monthly meeting at the EOC on April 23 at 09:00. We will be alternating monthly meeting each month from Saturday AM to Tuesday PM every other month so our next meeting is Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup> @ 17:30 at the EOC.

At our First Saturday meeting we started an equipment inventory and started working on developing equipment sets that we can issue to support sites that may need communications with the EOC. Our goal is to have two fully operational set ready as soon as we can. We are defining a set as a system from antenna to outlet. Then we will work to getting all four systems deployable. We are hoping we can have one ready for field day with the club that we can man it over the weekend.

Remember:  
Communication  
Commitment  
Predictability  
Professionalism  
Maximization

Thanks  
Keith Anoe / KE4UCW

**DX Report**  
**By Mark Burton KG1Q**

**REPORT: SOLAR CYCLE 25 TO BE BELOW AVERAGE!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Have you seen headlines like this on spaceweather.com, dx news sources, ARRL, etc lately? What does it mean? Should we sell off all our gear and head for the hills? NO. Cycle 25 may be indeed lower than average, but DX operations will continue as they have, only strategy will play an important role. My advice, focus on sunrise and sunsets when the ionosphere is in a state of flux to take advantage of the greyline. Use different modes, like the ever popular CW. Maybe try FT8. The signal to noise (S/N) ratios of those modes are far superior to phone.

Whats up with Bouvet Island?

Well, the worldwide ham community is collectively holding their breath hoping the 3Y team makes another attempt. After spending 2 weeks at sea, and being only 70 nautical miles from Bouvet before a ferocious storm struck, the Atlantic Tuna is now back in South Africa. Dom, 3Z9DX has informed the DX community that the ship “is solid as a rock” and only “some electronic equipment suffered damage”. At the time of this writing, no return trip planned as of yet. The following is a statement from Stan SP8S, the 3Y0I press officer.

***“The expedition is set for another attempt, which time-frames and details will be announced later this month. A special report on the 3YØI DXpedition to be published soon. Stay Tuned.  
73 de Stan SP8S”***

Other May activities of note

FW/G0VJG, WALLIS & FUTUNA, May 6 to May 20  
FO/KE1B, FRENCH POLYNESIA, April 21 to May 3  
V6K, MICRONESIA, Dates TBD  
S9A, Sao Tome & Principe, June 6 to June 18

MN5A, Rathlin Island, rare IOTA, July 27 to July 28

Happy DX everyone

Mark  
KG1Q

Sources:

<https://bouvetoya.org/>

DX World <https://dx-world.net/>