

April 2020



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Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club
(AARC)
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Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club.Repeaters

Lewiston
146.61 PL 88.5
ON AIR

Livermore
443.300 D-star
OFF AIR

Poland Springs
147.315 PL 103.5
ON AIR

Livermore
146.895 PL 103.5
ON AIR

Club Officers

President: Lee Trask W1LWT
V. President: Pete Thoutte N1ZRL
Treasurer: Ivan Lazure N1OXA
Secretary: Dick Knight N1NYW
Trustee: Tim Bubier WT1A
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Harold Hartley N1LLU

Club Meetings

Wednesday Mar 4th 1830 EDT
Meeting held on the .61 repeater.

ARES/RACES Meeting

Canceled

Club Breakfast

Wednesday **Canceled** 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.

Take Note

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

Hamfest news

Hamfest is canceled until further notice.

There will be NO breakfast until further notice.

The club meeting will be held on the .61 repeater until further notice.

VE Exams are canceled until further notice.

ARES/RACES meeting canceled until further notice.

Please follow State and Local information

Secretary's Report

By Dick Knight N1NYW

A meeting of the Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club was held Wednesday March 4, 2020 at the Potvin Room of St. Marys Medical Arts Building in Lewiston Maine. In attendance: w1ltx, kb1qhr, k1wtx, wb1hfy, kb1doi, n1snp and son Markus, nu9c, ke4ucw, n1wfo, kc1aih, nb9d, wa1skp, n1zrl, w1lwt, n1nyw.

The meeting was called to order by President Lee Trask w1lwt at 7 p.m. The newsletter went out late but was approved as printed in the ACORN. Ivan was absent so there was no report from the treasury.

Pete n1zrl reports that the next ARES meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. at the EMA March 10.

Jerry k1wtx reports that the Poland repeater work is coming along, Jerry sent pictures of the steel work Mark kg1q did to the club officers. As part of the linking project we need to purchase two more repeaters, we need two ways to control each repeater. There was a traffic jam during a net and .61 needed to be shut down.

Lee was taking names of members to do the different jobs at the hamfest, selling tickets, setting up tables etc. The club voted to buy hand sanitizer, wipes and gloves from club funds to prevent the spread of whatever virus is going around at the time.

The Wireless Society of Southern Maine will hold the Simplex Challenge March 28 from noon to 4 p.m. We have details of this event on the W1NPP.ORG website hamfest and events page.

Bob w1ltx reported that he expects catalogs and handouts from MFJ, Yaesu, Kenwood and DX Engineering. Lee talked with HRO, they are not attending but have supplied catalogs. So far four talks have been scheduled.

Paul kb1qhr asked about the DSTAR repeater and we learned it is in Livermore, the last report was that it needed to be hooked up to power and antenna then it should be good to go.

There was no 50/50 drawing. Miriam kc1aih made

the motion to adjourn that was seconded by Bob w1ltx. Vote: adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

[Reminder: Election of Officers at the April meeting.](#)
[Also if you have not paid your dues see Ivan at the next meeting or pay your dues at the convention.](#)

DX REPORT

by Mark Burton, KG1Q

COVID-19

The COVID-19 outbreak has canceled just about everything in the short term. Please see the list below for more information. We are asked to participate in 'Social Distancing', well ham radio is the ultimate social distancing hobby if you think about it. Take this opportunity to work some DX. Even though many dxpeditions have canceled, there are plenty of hams out there to contact. Take this time to familiar yourself with a cluster. Next month, I'll preview the most popular clusters and describe their importance to the ham community.

THE FOLLOWING DXPEDITION HAVE CANCELED THEIR OPERATIONS DUE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

OC-092 Calayan Isl, DU2/SP5APW will be active April 2020.

SA-091 Riesco Isl, XR8RRC/p between March 19-21

SA-092 Papegaaen Isl, PZ5G will be operating April 2020

CE0Y, EASTER ISLAND, CE0Y/VE7ACN from March 19 until March 30

CP, BOLIVIA, CP6/RZ3K between March 24 and April 6

FK, CHESTERFIELD ISLAND, FK/C October 2020

HH, HAITI, 4V5H Paul G4PVM, May 9 and May 15

KH8, SWAINS ISLAND, W8S September 23 and October 6

PJ2, CURACAO Andy, PJ2/DK5ON until March 31

T30, WEST KIRIBATI, T30ET during October from Tarawa

TU, IVORY COAST, TU2R will be active from March 23 until April 3

VU4, ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISL, VU4R March 28-29

ZA, ALBANIA, ZA/HG2DX, June 21 and July 3

ZC4, CYPRUS SBA Adrian, ZC4MK from March 26 until April 1

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS, ZF2PG between March 25 and March 30

Coming Soon

W8S, Swains Island, Sep 23 to Oct 6, 2020

KH6VV/KH4, Midway Island, Oct 2020

3Y0I, Bouvet Island, December 2020

COMING IN NEXT MONTHS NEWSLETTER

Clusters, what are they, and why are they important to HAM radio

April Acorn Calendar 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Club Meeting On the .61 repeater only.	2 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 Mhz PL 88.5	3 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 Mhz	4
5 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 Mhz	6 1930 AM net on 50.400	7	8 1930 –Ragchew net on 50.2 Mhz	9 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 Mhz PL 88.5	10 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 Mhz	11
12 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 Mhz	13 1930 AM net on 50.400	14 Ares/Races meeting Canceled	15 1930 –Ragchew net on 50.2 Mhz	16 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 Mhz PL 88.5	17 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 Mhz	18
19 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 Mhz	20 1930 AM net on 50.400	21	22 1930 –Ragchew net on 50.2 Mhz	23 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 Mhz PL 88.5	24 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 Mhz	25
26 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 Mhz	27 1930 AM net on 50.400	28	29 Club Breakfast Canceled	30 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 Mhz PL 88.5		