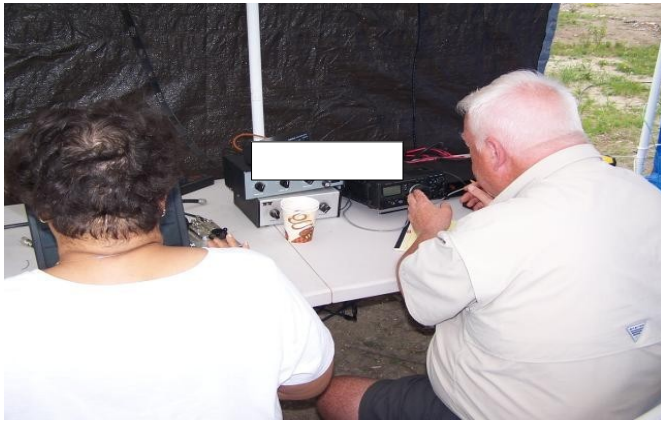


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Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club.Repeaters

Lewiston
146.61 PL 88.5
ON AIR

Auburn
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
Newsletter Editor:
Harold Hartley N1LLU

Club Meetings

Wednesday Feb 5th 1830 EDT
Meeting held in Potvin Room
99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me

ARES/RACES Meeting

Saturday Feb 15th 9am EDT
Androscoggin Unified EMA Office
Basement of Central Fire Station 2
College Street Lewiston, ME

Club Breakfast

Wednesday Feb 26th 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.**

**The Feb. meeting will cover the ARRL
STATE Convention and Hamfest on April
10 and 11, it's two weeks later than normal.**

Secretary's Report

By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday December 4, 2019 at the Potvin Room of the St. Marys' Medical Arts Building Lewiston, Maine. In attendance: Kb1cdu, n1dot, w1lwt and Dori, w1ltx, wa1skp, kc1lkg, kc1aih, n1zrl, the former kc1rhm now with the new call nu9c, n1oxa, n1nyw, n1wfo, kg1q, k1wtx and Joyce, kb1qhr, and n1uvp Mitch.

Miriam kc1aih made a motion to approve the Secretary's report as printed in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Pete n1zrl. Vote: approved. The breakfast meeting will not be held on December 25th Christmas day. It will be postponed until December 27 Friday. There will be no regular club meeting in January, the breakfast meeting will be held Wednesday January 29th.

Ivan told us the new antenna for the Poland repeater has been ordered and the new repeater has been shipped. Jerry k1wtx gave us a status report on the tower construction at the Poland site.

Earle n1svb has donated a vertical antenna and a radio to the club. Thank you Earle. Ivan reports that only one piece of Dave n1oxe estate remains, a 35 amp power supply, asking price \$ 135.

Ivan last gave a Treasurers report in September and caught up tonight. He also gave the final report on the 2019 convention. 321 persons attended and there was over \$ 1000 in profit.

Bob w1ltx made a motion to adjourn, Ken kb1cdu seconded the motion. Vote: adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Ivan won \$17 from the 50/50 drawing.

Respectfully Submitted,

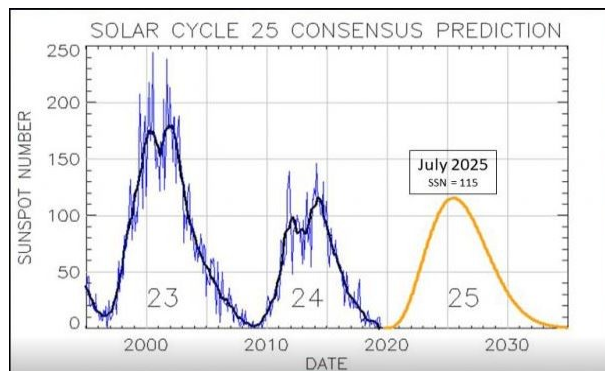
Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

DX REPORT

by Mark Burton, KG1Q

Solar Cycle 25?

NOAA has just released their latest forecast for Solar Cycle 25. The forecast consensus: a peak in July, 2025 with a smoothed sunspot number (SSN) of 115. The panel agreed that Cycle 25 will be average in intensity and similar to Cycle 24. Additionally, the panel concurred that solar minimum between Cycles 24 and 25 will occur in April, 2020. If the solar minimum prediction is correct, this would make Solar Cycle 24 the 7th longest on record (11.4 years).



Febuary will see the following activation's of note

4S, SRI LANKA Peter, DC0KK is active until March 30 as 4S7KKG

9J, ZAMBIA Mario, IK1MYT is active from Lusaka as 9J2MYT until May

9M2, WEST MALAYSIA Rich, PA0RRS is QRV as 9M2MRS until Feb 27

EA8, CANARY ISL Erich, HB9FIH is operating as EA8/call until end March

FG, GUADELOUPE Jean-Pierre, F6ITD is active as TO7D until mid-March as FG/call

HK, COLOMBIA Lothar, DK8LRF is operating as HK3JCL until end April from Finca Ligia

HR, HONDURAS Gerard, F2JD is once again operating as HR5/call until April 4

TI, COSTA RICA Rich, W4GKR is operating as TI5/call until Feb 4

VK9N, NORFOLK ISLAND Janusz, SP9FIH is QRV as VK9NK until April 12

C5, THE GAMBIA Russell, G5XW will be operating as C5XW until Feb 7

FR, REUNION ISLAND Roland, F8EN will be operating as FR/call till Feb 18

TI9, COCOS ISL, Mark XE1B will be active as TI9C between Jan 30 and Feb 9

VP2M, MONTSEERRAT Mel, W8MV will be QRV as VP2MCV between Jan 26 and Feb 2

Coming Soon

3Y0I, Bouvet Island, Who Knows

W8S, Swains Island, Mar 10 to Mar 25

VP8\VP8DXU, South Orkney Island, Feb 2020

KH6VV/KH4, Midway Island, Oct 2020

Happy DX everyone,

Mark
KG1Q

Sources:

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

Clublog <https://clublog.org>

ARRL DX News

February Acorn Calendar 2020

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