

March 2020



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**Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club
(AARC)**

P.O. Box 1, Auburn ME 04212-0001

<http://www.w1npp.org>



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 Mar 4th 1830 EDT
Meeting held in Potvin Room
99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me

ARES/RACES Meeting

Tuesday Mar 10th 1730 EDT
Androscoggin Unified EMA Office
Basement of Central Fire Station 2
College Street Lewiston, ME

Club Breakfast

Wednesday Mar 25th 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.**

UPDATE ON THE CONVENTION AND HAMFEST

**WE VOTED TO HAVE THREE \$100 CERTIFICATES
FROM THE VENDORS WHO ARE COMING TO OUR
EVENT. THEY ARE QUICK SIVER RADIO, HAM
SOURCE, AND GRANITE STATE ANTENNA.**

Secretary's Report

By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting February 5, 2020 at the Potvin room of the St.Marys' Hospital Lewiston Maine. In attendance: kb1iek, n1dot, ka1usa, w1dxx, n1nyw, wa1skp, kc1aih, n1zrl, kb1doi, n1wfo, nu9c, n1oxa, w1ltx, w1lwt, kb1qhr, k1wtx, wa1eoj, kb1td.

The meeting was called to order by President Lee Trask with the real gavel at 7:00 p.m.. Because a newsletter was not distributed I read the Secretary's report from December meeting because there was no meeting in January. Miriam kc1aih made a motion to approve the report as read, Jerry k1wtx seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers report, Bob w1ltx made a motion to approve the report, second by Miriam kc1aih. Vote: approved.

The latest report on the Poland repeater shows that the new repeater has been installed and the site is waiting for spring to get the cement work and rebar done and get the tower up.

Ivan reports that aa4ak will be doing a talk about a 2.4 GHZ antenna at the convention. Jerry emailed Bob Heil about doing a talk for the convention, Jerry expects to hear from him in about a month. Bob w1ltx hopeful he will have a person from Yaesu to speak about Fusion. Lee was near HRO recently and pick up catalogs to give away at the convention. Ivan is planning to start the talks at 8:45, 9:45, 10:45, prize drawings at 11:45 and the VE exams for 12:30. Jerry told about another hamfest that is giving away gift cards from businesses like Home Depot. He will look into doing the same here.

Ivan is looking for volunteers for duty on the MS Walk May 2.

Miriam kc1aih made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Jerry k1wtx. Vote: approved. Adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Lee w1lwt won \$18 in the 50/50 drawing.

Respectfully submitted

Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

DX REPORT

by Mark Burton, KG1Q

BOUVET? SWAINS? SOUTH ORKNEY?

The rebels have announced that Bouvet is now scheduled for December 2020. I will update this as more information becomes available.

Swains Island was scheduled for March, but has been pushed back to the Fall of 2020. The reason behind this postponement is the travel restrictions when entering American Samoa, restrictions imposed by the Department of Health of American Samoa as a result of the Corona virus outbreak.

The Department of Health allows non-residents to enter American Samoa only via Hawaii, after a 14 days mandatory quarantine in Hawaii. For the team this is not a workable situation. It would require extending the holiday time by an additional 2 weeks, re-routing of the flights and purchasing new tickets etc.

The good news is, when you first receive this newsletter, the South Orkney Dxpediton will be well underway. Look for them on the bands.

March 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

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

5Z, KENYA Scott, WA5A is once again active from Ruaka as 5Z4/call until late March.

Coming Soon

3Y0I, Bouvet Island, Who Knows

W8S, Swains Island, Mar 10 to Mar 25

*****POSTPONED*****

VP8\VP8DXU, South Orkney Island, Feb/March 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

Special Event

The WSSM is hosting a 2 meter simplex contest for those interested.

The date is March 28 I believe.

Thanks

Rich NU9C

<http://www.ws1sm.com/2-Meter-Challenge.html>

March Acorn Calendar 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 Mhz	2 1930 AM net on 50.400	3	4 Club Meeting 1830 EDT at 99 Campus Ave in Potvin Room 1930 –Ragchew net on 50.2 Mhz	5 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 Mhz PL 88.5	6 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 Mhz	7
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