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Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club.Repeaters

<p><u>Lewiston</u> 146.61 PL 88.5 ON AIR</p>	<p><u>Livermore</u> 443.300 D-star ON AIR</p>	<p><u>Poland Springs</u> 147.315 PL 103.5 ON AIR</p>	<p><u>Livermore</u> 146.895 PL 103.5 ON AIR</p>
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Club Officers

President: Lee Trask W1LWT
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Secretary: Dick Knight N1NYW
Trustee: Tim Bubier WT1A
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Club Meetings

Wednesday Sept 2nd 1900 EDT
Meeting held on the .61 repeater
88.5 pl.

ARES/RACES Meeting

APRS/RACES meeting OCT 10th
at Fire Station 9:00am

Club Breakfast

Wednesday Oct 28th 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 VE Test in Bethel on Aug 15, 2020 was a success. Three people show up, two techs pass their General and one of them took his Extra and pass it as well. The third was a General and he passed his Extra.

**Every Wednesday at 7pm. on 146.61, pl 88.5
is the well check net**

All the repeater equipment has been ordered and delivered. So now we are starting the process of working to get the items hooked up and than do the programming. And final testing. More next month.

Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

Secretary's Report
By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting on the air using the .61 repeater September 2nd 2020. Checked in: w1lwt, kc1aih, k1wtx, kb1qhr, n1nyw, w1ltx, n1zrl and wa1skp. President Lee Trask w1lwt called to meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were no reports voted on during this meeting.

Lee came to me first. I informed those checked in that the newsletter was distributed later than planned and information on the Andy Club Scholarship winner was missing. I later told everyone the name and town she lives in.

Miriam kc1aih said she noticed some of the pictures she took at the Poland tower raising were in the newsletter. She also reported that the repeater committee met and decided to use the Internet to link our three repeaters.

Paul kb1qhr said there is not much going on with him except he is suffering with a bad back. Lets all hope it gets better soon.

Bob w1ltx didn't have much dx to report on.

Jerry k1wtx read a weather summary and told of the conditions.

Pete n1zrl is working on filtering out the packet radio from the voice radio reception.

Fred wa1skp related an interference problem from his life. Lee said he will consult with former coworkers of his about filters.

There was a plan to hold a meeting on the air on the Poland repeater, it was to be discussed but was not. Meeting / Net was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DX REPORT

by Mark Burton, KG1Q

VQ9ET – Diego Garcia

The following was recently posted by Bob, DU7ET Dates are not confirmed, but Bob, DU7ET could again be active from Diego Garcia as VQ9ET later this year. His job is a radio officer aboard a ship, however opportunities may arise to go ashore and operate. Time spent on the ship could be 4-5 months.

[POSTPONED] Z68AN – Kosovo

The following was recently posted by Erik, ON4ANN Just to inform we had an expedition planned for the end of September. Due to COVID we will postpone until (hopefully) next year. We have a QTH and a licence but we'll try again next year. Special attention for low bands was planned.

[POSTPONED] Plans to Activate AF-155

The following was recently posted by the ST6SIT team.

Earlier this year, an experienced IOTA team were issued with the callsign ST6SIT (Sudan). Their intention was to activate Mukawwar island, AF-115 – a never before activated IOTA in the Red Sea, off Sudan. Paperwork, on the ground support and planning was ongoing then Covid-19 struck. Like everyone and everything else, the team will wait until the Covid situation improves globally (how long will that take?) with a view to eventually renewing the ST6SIT license and restarting plans. Future updates will be posted here.

[CANCELLED] ZD7W St Helena

The following was recently posted by Oliver, W6NV. Oliver says that it does not look like his trip to ZD7 is going to be possible this year. Since the gear is stockpiled on the island he will try again in 2021.

Coming Soon

KUWAIT, 9K. Members of the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society are QRV with special call sign 9K90KSA until September 25 to celebrate Saudi Arabia's 90th National Day. QSL via 9K2RA.

BALEARIC ISLANDS, EA6. Philippe, EA4NF is QRV as EA6/EA4NF from Formentera Island, IOTA EU-004, until February 21. Activity is on the LEO Satellites. QSL via LoTW.

SCOTLAND, GM. Paul, G4PVM will be QRV as GM4PVM from the Isle of Mull, IOTA EU-008, from September 22 to 26. Activity will be holiday style on 40 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW.

SAUDI ARABIA, HZ. Special event stations 7Z90AL, 7Z90SJ, 7Z90AQ, 7Z90WW, 7Z90OO, HZ90SK, HZ90SM, HZ90BW, HZ90TL, HZ90LG, HZ90BT, HZ90DG, and HZ90ND are QRV until September 25 to celebrate Saudi Arabia's 90th National Day. Activity is on the HF bands using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL via operators' instructions.

ITALY, I. Members of the Oriental Sicily Contest Team are QRV as ID9OSC from Panarea Island, IOTA EU-017, until September 20 to celebrate the team's 10th anniversary. QSL via IT9ZZO.

JAN MAYEN, JX. Erik, LA2US will be QRV as JX2US from Olonkinbyen from October 2020 to March 2021. Activity will be in his spare time on 160, 80, 40, 30, and 20 meters using CW and FT8 in DXpedition mode. QSL via LoTW.

BELGIUM, ON. Members of the Pajottenlandse Radio Amateur Club will be QRV with special call sign OT5ABI from September 19 to October 18 to raise awareness of the work being done by the NAH Liga for Acquired Brain Injury. QSL direct to ON6LC.

FAROE ISLANDS, OY. Operators Torsten, DL4APJ and Udo, DL2AQI are QRV as OY/DL4APJ and OY/DL2AQI, respectively, until September 23.

Activity is holiday style on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL to home calls.

BONAIRE, PJ4. Rich, M5RIC plans to be QRV as PJ4/M5RIC from September 22 to 29. This includes being active as PJ4CC in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX RTTY contest. QSL via M0OXO.

SWEDEN, SM. Ric, DL2VFR and Klaus, DL7UXG are QRV as SD7V/3 and SD3G, respectively, from Alnon Island, IOTA EU-087, until September 21. Activity is on the HF bands using CW, SSB, FT8 and FT4. This includes an entry in the Scandinavian Activity CW contest. QSL via bureau.

DODECANESE, SV5. Claudio, HB9OAU is QRV as SV5/HB9OAU from Karpathos Island, IOTA EU-001, until September 25. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using SSB, RTTY and possibly FT8. QSL to home call.

INDONESIA, YB. Members of the Indonesian Amateur Radio Organization of the Local City of Bandung are QRV with special call sign 8A100GB from Bandung, Java Island, IOTA OC-021, until September 30 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Gedung Sate. Activity is on all bands and modes, and possibly various Satellites and EME. QSL via 8A100GB.

3Y0I, Bouvet Island, December 2020
W8S, Swains Island, Spring 2021
KH6VV/KH4, Midway Island, Oct 2021

Happy DX everyone,

Mark
KG1Q

Sources:
DX World <https://dx-world.net/>
Clublog <https://clublog.org>
<https://bouvetoya.org/>
ARRL DX News

August Acorn Calendar 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 Mhz PL 88.5	2 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 Mhz	3
4 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 Mhz	5 1930 AM net on 50.400	6	7 Club Meeting On the .61 repeater only. 1930 – Ragchew net on 50.2 Mhz	8 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 Mhz PL 88.5	9 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 Mhz	10 ARES/ RACES meeting at fire station at 9:00am
11 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 Mhz	12 1930 AM net on 50.400	13	14 1930 –Ragchew net on 50.2 Mhz	15 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 Mhz PL 88.5	16 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 Mhz	17
18 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 Mhz	19 1930 AM net on 50.400	20	21 1930 –Ragchew net on 50.2 Mhz	22 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 Mhz PL 88.5	23 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 Mhz	24
25 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 Mhz	26 1930 AM net on 50.400	27	28 Club Breakfast 0700 EDT at KRISTI'S CAFE on 767 Minot Ave. in Auburn, Me	29 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 Mhz PL 88.5	30 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 Mhz	31