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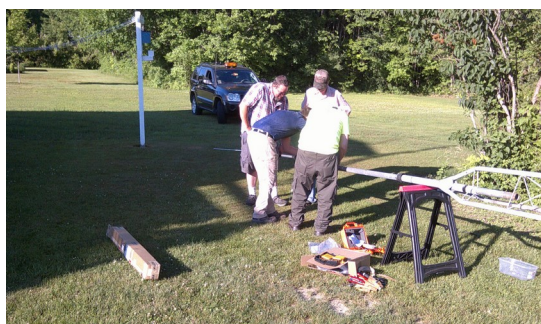


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**Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club
(AARC)**

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Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club.Repeaters

Lewiston
146.61 PL 88.5
ON AIR

Livermore
443.300 D-star
ON AIR

Poland Springs
147.315 PL 103.5
ON AIR

Livermore
146.895 PL 103.5
ON AIR

Club Officers

President: Lee Trask W1LWT
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Club Meetings

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

ARES/RACES Meeting
Canceled

Club Breakfast

Wednesday Sept 30th 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

The club Repeater group well be meeting to finalize the next step to link the three 2 meter only so it will be a couple of months to purchase and install than test before we can complete it. More to come.



Secretary's Report
By Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club had a meeting Wednesday August 5, 2020 on the air on the 146.610 repeater.

Members that checked in: w1lwt, n1oxa, n1jd, n1nyw, kc1aih, kb1qhr, k1wtx, w1ltx, wa1skp, we1u, and nu9c.

Lee started with me so I made sure to call attention to the newsletter where the editor Harold n1llu had a case of Covid-19 and was in the hospital but is out now. We wish him well.

Ivan reported that the new coax has been installed on the Poland repeater, next the old tower and antenna must come down and Ivan is looking for a crew of strong people to help. He had a good meeting with the EMA office about the planning for an October exercise. Lee wants to know if the Poland repeater project came in under or over budget. Ivan asked for information from past meetings and the voting to find out what the budget is to help him with the numbers.

Miriam kc1aih told the members that she sent pictures of the Poland tower project to Ivan. Jerry k1wtx had his electricity off for 11 and a half hours due to damage from what was left of a hurricane that turned into a tropical storm. Paul kb1qhr asked about the status of the DStar repeater, Ivan will check on it. Bob w1ltx has news that makes him happy, he is going to be a grandfather!

Fred noticed a hum on the Poland repeater, it was discussed and decided that it may be a one time thing however everyone listen carefully to find out if it happens again. Also Fred did not get a newsletter, I checked the address list that was used and his name and address was on it. I sent him another one. If you don't get a newsletter

check the spam in box, it may hide in there. We1u David wanted to vote money to fix the hum but Lee says no vote yet while we wait to see if it hums anymore or it was a one time thing.

Tune into .61 next week for the "how goes it net" Wednesday at 7 p.m. and September 2nd for the next meeting. Watch the newsletter and / or w1npp.org to find out if the meeting will be at St. Marys' or on the .61 repeater.

The meeting / net closed at 7:45 p.m.
Respectfully submitted
Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

DX REPORT

by Mark Burton, KG1Q

With a vaccine seemingly right around the corner, I hope the endless postponements and cancellations will eventually end and I can report some quality dxpeditions soon. This week has seen some concerning news regarding the VP8 prefix.

VP8 Licensing Situation

The following was recently posted by Alan, VK6CQ regarding the VP8 prefix

Britain's desire to maintain its claim over its slice of the Antarctic plus the South Shetlands, South Orkney's, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands is fast waning, it would seem. All existing VP8 "lifetime" amateur radio licenses for these regions have recently been abruptly canceled by the body responsible for issuing them (the Falkland Islands Government) and there are no longer provisions in place to issue new licenses for these regions as the VP8 prefix apparently now only applies to the Falkland Islands. Therefore, anyone planning a future DXpedition to any of these five entities will now have to get a license from either Buenos Aires or Santiago instead. The reasoning behind this astonishing action remains unclear. The last known licensed operation was VP8PJ from the South Orkney's earlier this year. Meanwhile, in the Falklands themselves, all "lifetime" licenses held by overseas amateurs have also been canceled in the same manner and such licenses are now reserved exclusively for permanent residents. Visiting amateurs to the Falklands will now only be issued a temporary license for the duration of their visit. Note that the Falklands do not participate in CEPT and operating as VP8/Homecall is not legal there.

[POSTPONED] XR0YSP – Easter Island

The following was recently posted by the XR0YSP team.

We are sorry to inform that we have to postpone our DXpedition to 2021. Exact dates will be published as soon as the situation permits. As far as we know there are no COVID-19 cases on the Easter Island, but in Chile the situation is serious and all flights to the island are canceled until further notice. In this situation we are have to postpone our DXpedition. We will keep you informed when the situation changes.

[POSTPONED] TT8RR & TT8XX – Chad

The following was recently posted by the 73 IDT Team.

The DXpedition in Chad TT8RR and TT8XX has been postponed to next year, Covid 19 situation permitting.

Coming Soon

JW/LB1QI, Svalbard, September 2020

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 |
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| | | 1 | 2 Club Meeting On the .61 repeater only. | 3 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 Mhz PL 88.5 | 4 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 Mhz | 5 |
| 6 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 Mhz | 7 1930 AM net on 50.400 | 8 | 9 1930 – Ragchew net on 50.2 Mhz | 10 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 Mhz PL 88.5 | 11 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 Mhz | 12 |
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