



A.C.O.R.N. Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club Newsletter



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<u>Lewiston</u> 146.610 PL 88.5 ON AIR	<u>Livermore</u> 146.895 PL 103.5 ON AIR	<u>Poland</u> 147.315 PL 103.5 OFF AIR	<u>Livermore</u> 443.300 D-STAR OFF AIR
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CLUB OFFICERS

President: Lee Trask, W1LWT Vice President: Pete Thoutte, N1ZRL Treasurer: Ivan Lazure, N1OXA
Secretary: Dick Knight, N1NYW Trustee: Tim Bubier, WT1A

UPCOMING MEETINGS

In-person club meeting: **Wednesday April 6, 7:00 PM**, Great Falls Model RR Club, 144 Mill St. Auburn, ME
ARES/RACES meeting: **Tuesday April 12, 5:30 PM**, Androscoggin EMA, 45 Oak St. Lewiston, ME
Monthly club breakfast: **Wednesday April 27, 7:00 AM**, Kristi's Cafe, 767 Minot Ave., Auburn, ME

CLUB ON THE AIR

ARES/RACES Net: Every Thursday, except for meeting nights on Lewiston 146.610 repeater at 7:30 PM with digital following voice meeting.
Wellness Net: Every Wednesday at 7:00 PM except in-person meeting nights on Lewiston 146.610 repeater.
SEE CALENDAR FOR OTHER ON-AIR ACTIVITIES

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

1. WE ARE IN NEED FOR A Newsletter EDITOR..start Now for end of MARCH AND GOING FORWARD..HAROLD IS RETIRING from doing it. He has done a great job since his move to AZ several years back. Thank YOU big time Harold for doing it...

Editor's Note: I have taken over the task. Please let me know how I can improve things. And Thank You again, Harold. 73, Tim, WT1A

2. Some good and sad News. Good News first. We now have the POLAND Repeater unit in our care. Sad News the New owner to the home doesn't want us there due to liability issues as he rents the house out..So it must be removed from its location in the house in Poland....We actively researching a new location soon. But mean while the tower needs to be taken down once the snow melts and ground firms up Late April/early May...we be asking for some help to lower a 30 foot tower. So volunteers let us know and we'll keep every one informed weeks before removal.

3. APRIL 1/2, 2022 the ARRL CONVENTION for Maine is on. We are in need of Volunteers for 2 hour shifts for Saturday the 2nd from approx 6 am -1pm. Watching doors and tickets sales and clean up after wards. Friday after noon we need help to set up tables and chairs for a few hours...Let Ivan or Myself know...

4. We will continue having our meetings at the TRAIN HOBBY Building as we been doing since Sept last year..Its a temporarily location until St Mary's open up to have meetings back to there...SO thank you goes to the Train Hobby Members letting us meet there mean while.

5.Good News we will try out Zoom for the next meeting which is APRIL 6Th, 2022...Its going to be an experiment for the first time..Once the practice is done. Another email in next few weeks will have needed information for members to join

in...as for a LINK / a Button on scene to Join meeting. So have all this sent to all as members. I got some support members who knows all this so even myself it will be new ground to try out...

6. AS of Now as the same it has been for TWO years now since the sad time when our country needed to shut down. I needed and with help with members to keep our club alive. To Keep all who listen in and check in on Wed evenings at 7pm for the ANDY HOW GOES IT NET..We will continue on the 147.610 Lewiston repeater. My goal for the past years is to keep members in the Know and Involved and Share everything possible to make a club healthy. And most important is to know how we are all doing this time each of us and keeping the attitude as a Club WE CARE for all its members...THANK YOU. Times for some things is cheering up on as we move on...

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday March 2nd at the Great Falls Model Train Club in Auburn Maine. The meeting started at 7:05 pm. In attendance: kb1qhr, n1wfo, w1lwt, n1oxa, n1nyw, Michael ko4ppm, Ron kc1qlg.

- The first report was from Lee and Ivan, they removed the repeater from Poland site Saturday morning, the Tower, Antenna and Coax will have to wait until after the snow melts and mud season dries up. It has not been decided where the repeater will be placed.
- Ivan gave the Treasurers report that was approved.
- The Secretary's' report was approved. We need a newsletter editor, there was no issue printed this month.
- It was decided to try to have the next meeting in April on ZOOM.
- Lee thinks after the convention we should give some more money to the train club if the radio club makes more at the Convention. Ivan signed people up to do jobs at the Convention.
- Plans for Field Day were not discussed at this meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

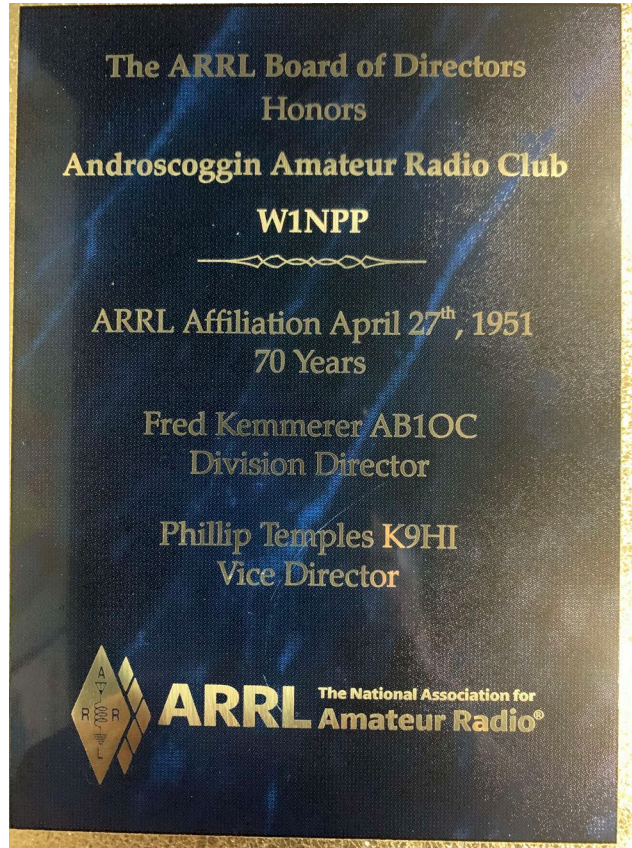
Respectfully submitted,
Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary.

TREASURER'S CONVENTION AND HAMFEST REPORT

WE HAD A GREAT HAMFEST WITH OVER 200 SHOWING UP FOR THE HAMFEST. EVERYONE THAT I TALKED TO COMMENTED THAT THEY ENJOYED IT, AND WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR. I WANT TO THANK ALL THE VOLUNTEERS FROM THE CLUB FOR THEIR HELP.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The club had the honor of receiving a special plaque and letter of recognition from The ARRL Board of Directors at the hamfest. They have recognized our organization for over 70 years of affiliation with the ARRL (our official date of affiliation is April 27, 1951) and our work on many things from hosting the annual State ARRL Convention, sponsoring volunteer exam sessions, providing emergency communications for, events and much more.



WHEREAS, the Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club ("the Club") is the longest continuous operating amateur radio club in Maine,

WHEREAS, the Club has been affiliated for at least 70 years,

WHEREAS, for many years the Club has provided access to members and other hams to multiple VHF linked repeaters, including analog, D-STAR and Yaesu System Fusion,

WHEREAS, the Club for decades has organized and run the annual Androscoggin Hamfest & Convention, featuring a wide variety of amateur radio presentations, including solving RFI problems, satellite communications, and the ARRL Forum, and hosted many NTS and other annual meetings,

WHEREAS, the Club has sponsored many Volunteer Examinations, bringing new people into the amateur radio community,

WHEREAS, Club members support multiple public service events, including the Dempsey Challenge, and other races and hikes,

WHEREAS, the Club is a staunch supporter of SKYWARN and ARES®, providing a valuable public service throughout southern Maine,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ARRL Board of Directors hereby congratulates and recognizes the Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club for its contributions to amateur radio on its 70th anniversary of ARRL affiliation.

Congratulations to all of you for all you do to make our club very special.

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April ACORN Calendar 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Maine State ARRL Convention & Hamfest Ramada Inn, Lewiston, 8 AM
3 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 MHz	4 1930 AM net on 50.400	5	6 Club Meeting Great Falls Model RR Club,	7 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 MHz PL 88.5	8 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 MHz	9
10 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 MHz	11 1930 AM net on 50.400	12 APRS/RACES meeting Androscoggin. County EMA, 45 Oak St, Lewiston at 1730	13 1930 –Ragchew net on 50.2 MHz	14 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 MHz PL 88.5	15 1930 – Ragchew net on 28.460 MHz	16
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24 1700 - MECN net on 3.940 MHz	25 1930 AM net on 50.400	26	27 Club Breakfast, 7 AM at Kristi's Cafe 1930 –Ragchew net on 50.2 MHz	28 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 MHz PL 88.5	29	30