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Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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REPEATER INFORMATION	Lewiston 146.610/PL 88.5 ON AIR	Livermore 146.895/PL 103.5 ON AIR	Poland 147.315/PL 103.5 OFF AIR	D-Star 443.300 OFF AIR
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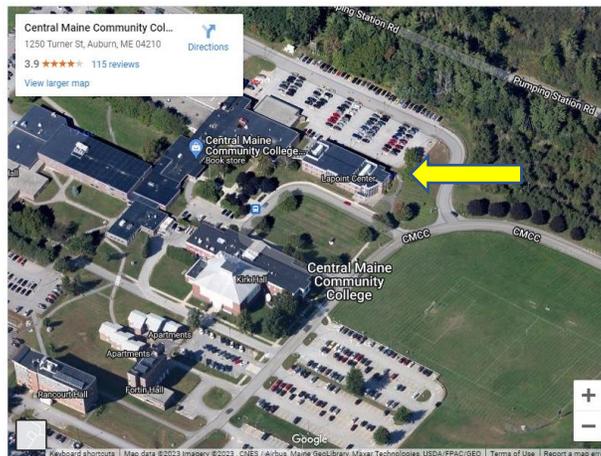
CLUB OFFICERS

President: Lee Trask, W1LWT	V. President: Pete Thuotte, N1ZRL	Treasurer: Ivan Lazure, N1OXA
Secretary: Paul Leonard, KE6PIJ	Trustee: Tim Bubier, WT1A	

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ** UPDATED **** In-person club meeting: **Wednesday March 1st, 7:00 PM**, Central ME Community College, Lapoint Building, Rm L-216, 1250 Turner Street, Auburn, ME (see map below)
- ARES/RACES meeting: **Saturday, March 11th, 9:00 AM**, Androscoggin EMA, 45 Oak St. Lewiston, ME
- Monthly club dinner: **Tuesday March 21st, 6:00 PM**, Longhorn Steakhouse, 14 Subaru Dr, Auburn
- Monthly club breakfast: **Wednesday March 22nd, 7:00 AM**, Kristi's Cafe, 767 Minot Ave., Auburn, ME

Monthly Meeting: The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club holds its monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at Central Maine Community College in the Lapoint Building, Room L-216, Auburn Maine. Meeting time is 7:00pm. If interested, please drop by!



NEW OPPORTUNITY - VOLUNTEER WANTED!!

The Andy Club is actively looking for a volunteer to develop a new member packet. Based on feedback received, we are looking to increase our membership and are looking for someone to be part of New HAM outreach and to create a new HAM club membership packet. The right person should be ready to bring their ideas and fresh outlook to this newly created position. Time requirement would be minimal. IF anyone is interested, please reach out to Lee Trask by email at w1lwt@yahoo.com

ON THE AIR

ARES/RACES Net: Every Thursday on Lewiston 146.610 repeater at 7:00 PM with alternating practice exercises immediately following voice portion of the meeting.

SEE CALENDAR FOR OTHER ON-AIR ACTIVITIES

MAINE STATE CONVENTION

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club presents the 2023 American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Maine State Convention and Hamfest at the Ramada Convention Center at 490 Pleasant St. Lewiston, Maine, on **Friday March 24, from 1900 (7pm) to 2100 (9pm) and Saturday March 25, from 0800 (8am) to 12 Noon**. See the schedule of events below.

FRIDAY NIGHT MARCH 24, 2023 (1900 to 2000)

Scheduled talks and forums will begin at **1900 (7pm)** and at **2000 (8pm)**. The ARRL New England Director will present a talk about the latest news on amateur radio, and have a Q & A section. All talks and forums are **FREE**. Check W1NPP.org for a list of talks.

SATURDAY MARCH 25, 2023 (0800 to Noon)

The convention talks and forms will continue at **0900 (9am)**, **1000 (10am)**, and **1100 (11am)** and these are also **FREE**. Check W1NPP.org for the list of talks. The Hamfest will start at **0800** and end at **12 NOON** with several Door Prizes. Admission is \$10 for 18 yrs. and older, free for 17 yrs. and under.

SATURDAY MARCH 25, 2023 12:30pm

VE amateur exams will start at **12:30pm**. The cost is \$15 and photo ID required

Ramada Conference Center is again featuring their Hamfest Special room rate, Single or Double. This includes indoor heated pool, sauna and Jacuzzi. Call (207) 784-2331 for reservations and mention "Androscoggin Hamfest or ARRL Convention" for the convention rate.

Tables at the Hamfest are \$7 for each table in advance, until **March 20** and \$8 on Saturday. For clubs or non-profit groups, your registration gives you one table free to promote your club or group, plus \$10 per person admission. If you want to sell items, additional tables are \$8 each and \$10 for each person working the tables.

For additional information, questions or to volunteer please write or email:

Ivan Lazure, N1OXA, Hamfest Co-chairman

440 Webber Ave, Lewiston, ME 04240

Email: n1oxa@yahoo.com

SECRETARY'S REPORT FROM LAST MEETING

In Attendance: W1LWT, N1OXA, N1ZRL, KO4PPM, KU1U, KE6PIJ, KB1QHR and AC1NQ Ronie Ray

- Opening of Meeting to be called to order. 1910L
- Pledge of Allegiance to be recited.

Recognition of Silent Key(s): Lee, W1LWT noted passing of Richard Knight, N1NYW, Rod Scribner, KA1RFD and "Bill, from the hill", K1MNW

VP- Notes: N1ZRL, Pete noted, there were a few that missed the meeting room change. Let's make sure we make that change more prominent to show the new location of the Lapoint Building, room 216.

Treasures Report: N1OXA, Ivan read his report, noted that the Ramada Inn has received the deposit, Balance due 2 weeks prior to event. Working on a list of volunteers needed for Friday setup. Motion made to accept made by KB1QHR, Paul; 2nd motion to be accepted by KO4PPM, Mike. Outcome: Accepted

Secretary's Report: Due to late distribution of the Newsletter, the Secretary's report was not able to be presented. No motion needed

President Notes: Lee, W1LWT, addressed the 146.610 repeater relocation to Bill, N1KAT location in Auburn, still on hold until Bill can confirm it will not interfere with the commercial equipment presently installed.

- Addressed the FCC/FRN data base SANFU concerning renewing call signs.
- Winter FD was held at Lee's location in Lisbon Falls Jan 28,29th 12 hams showed up during the weekend. All enjoyed plenty of food, good talk and they even made about 75 contacts!
- Recruitment of new Hams was also discussed. (4H clubs are a potential)
- Lee, W1LWT, shared a copy of the letters he has sent to restaurants, thanking them for allowing us to host our evening meals.
- ARRL Events or Hamfest or Conventions coming up soon: N1OXA, Ivan, reported that contact has been made to vendors for the convention, still waiting for some responses.

Evening Presentation: Mike, KO4PPM assisted by Cory, KU1U, gave a presentation, concerning design of new web page for the club.

Looking for volunteer(s) interested in doing a Presentation next month. Lee, W1LWT tentatively, plans on a talk next month, concerning amateur radio balloon launching and tracking.

Nominations: Lee opened the floor for nominations for a new Secretary. KU1U made a motion for Paul, KE6PIJ, for the position. KB1QHR seconded the motion. All present accepted. Congratulations Paul Leonard KE6PIJ!

OLD BUSINESS: D-Star. Report by Cory, KU1U, working with Joe, W1SK, and coordinating with commercial rep. for Streaked Mountain installation. Have equipment ready to re-install. but, want it checked-out by Paul M. prior to the re-installation.

NEW BUSINESS: Mike, KO4PPM, initiated a conversation/motion concerning developing a "Welcome Package" for new hams to our club, seconded by Pete, N1ZRL. Further discussion to follow at a later date.

Meeting Adjourned at 2032L

Respectfully Submitted by Pete Thuotte, N1ZRL and Paul Leonard, KE6PIJ

A MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT PETE THUOTTE (N1ZRL):

I hope this month's newsletter finds everyone ready to go for this year's ARRL State Convention! In the meantime, I was reading some write-ups concerning "Anderson Power Poles". I thought it would be good to share a link and some comments. The first link is to a HAM in Finland, Julian W of Oulu. I have followed him for some time now, and he's got great ideas. He is constantly evolving his portable station, yea, portable ops; something to aim for! I say, lower the "Foot Print" of my setup and strive for solar power station (still working on that!). [When standards get in the way of common-sense Anderson Power poles.](#) The second link straight from the ARRL, contains the installation tips. Both articles are informative. [Training Modules - Anderson Power Poles.](#) I found the comments very eye-opening. Be sure to catch the comment concerning the "Retraining Pins" for the Anderson connectors that are discouraged and the remarks by the ARRL. Also check out the comments by OHG8STN, concerning color coding/polarizing of solar power outputs. (avoid in-vert connection). This sounds like it could be a possible future demo presentation.

AN ARES/RACES MESSAGE - FROM THE DESK OF KEITH ANOE (KE4UCW):

Androscoggin County Emergency Coordinator and Maine Section Emergency Coordinator

It's that Time! With most thinking that winter was over, we have been reminded that winter is still here with the current storms. But we know that with the State Convention coming, spring is coming. The Convention gives State Section ARES/RACES and Androscoggin County ARES/RACES an opportunity to provide information to the public and potential new members.

Androscoggin County ARES/RACES is looking to grow and expand our impact by improving our participation in [SKYWARN](#) and other programs that can be supported with stations providing reports and relaying functions. The intent is to provide a service so that we can apply our training to a REAL need, not a training simulation. Working the [Dempsey Challenge](#), test our organizational and operating skills. We are always looking to grow to support our local community as a group.

If you are interested in the [Androscoggin County ARES/RACES](#) or supporting Emergency Communications, please get in touch with me at keith@anoe.us. Our Next Face to Face Meeting is 11 March 23 @ 0900 at the Androscoggin County EMA, 45 Oak St., Lewiston, ME

Silent Keys

Richard "Dick" Knight, N1NYW

Rodney "Rod" Scribner, KA1RFD

Bill "from the hill" Messier, K1MNW

****Reminder:** If you have any news, announcements or general updates that you would like included in the newsletter, please email them to Deb Leonard, KB1DEB prior to the 20th of the month. My email is: editor.kb1deb@gmail.com

Agenda for the March Club Meeting (feel free to print and bring with you)

1 March 2023

1st Wednesday Each Month at 7pm (1900)
Monthly Meeting Agenda

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- NOTE: This AGENDA is subject to change at Meeting and Orders of them to make some items to fall in a unison. President will decide on the Meeting floor.
- NOTE: To newsletter editor. Please post this in each Monthly Newsletter as is. Changes from President will be done as updates are needed.
- All Individuals may print this and bring to meeting for note taking.

*Opening of Meeting to be called to order.

*Pledge of Allegiance to be recited.

*Ask if the Any SK needs to be recognized for a 20 sec silence before we start.

*Reading of the Officers reports.

* VP- Notes and happenings

*Treasures Report

- --Motion to accept
- --2nd motion to be accepted
- --All in Favor raise hand for Acceptance

*Secretaries Report on Newsletter sent out and Notes to be looked at from last meeting.

- --Motion to accept
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*President Notes and or Questions and updates

*Any Information on Events here or throughout Maine, which individuals maybe interested in.

*Any ARRL Events or Hamfest or Conventions coming up soon.

*Recognize the Speaker for the evening of presentations.

*Ask if anyone would be interested in doing a Presentation next month.

***ITEMS that NEED Immediate Attention** to be discussed at this time such as club events or areas of things being worked on and the progress that's been made since the last meeting, and what is left in the final process for it.

*OLD BUSINESS we need to cover tonight.

*New Business we need to also discuss

*Note: since our meetings are one hour long, to stay within a good timely manner everything above should be covered within 30 /40 minutes.

- *Guest speaker of the night for presentation can be called upon now for their time of 20/30 minutes with Q/A time included.
- *On the hour we should be ending and if there is a 50-50 drawing it can be done now and if there is any other General-Purpose Drawing should finish up at this point of the hour.

*Adjourn the meeting.

Good evening to all and drive home safely. Thank you all for attending tonight.

Lee WILWT

March ACORN Calendar 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Club Meeting **CMCC** Lapoint Bldg Rm L-216 Turner St, Auburn 7:00PM 1930 – RAGCHEW Net on 50.2 MHz	2 1930 – ARES/RACES Net 146.61 MHz PL 88.5	3 1930 – RAGCHEW Net on 28.460 MHz	4
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