



# ACORN



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## Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club (AARC)

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 Repeater 146.610MHz – PL 88.5  
 Goff Hill, Auburn Maine

Please submit articles, corrections and suggestions by the 16th of the Month to Ivan Lazure and he will send them to n1llu.

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## Coming up...

### Contesting

Aug 2, 0000Z, to Aug 3, 2359Z, 10 -10 Summer Phone QSO Party, Rules, [www.ten-ten.org](http://www.ten-ten.org)

Aug 16, 0800Z, to Aug 17, 0800Z, Russian District Award Contest, Rules [www.rdaward.org/rdac1](http://www.rdaward.org/rdac1)

Aug 16, 1800Z, to Aug 17, 0600Z, North American QSO Party, Rules, [ncjweb.com](http://ncjweb.com)

Aug 23, 0400Z to Aug 25, 0400Z, Hawaii QSO Party, Rules, [www.hawaiiqsoparty.org](http://www.hawaiiqsoparty.org)

See QST AUGUST issue on page 74 for more contest.

## SPECIAL EVENT STATION

**Jul 1 - Aug 31**, 0000Z - 2359Z, AA1KS/FDR, Eastport, Me. Moose Island Amateur Radio Club. 50th Anniversary of the Roosevelt International Park in Campobello Island New Brunswick. On 20, 15, and 10 meters, on both SSB and CW. QSL to AA1KS, 44 Clark St. Eastport, ME 04631

**Aug 3, to Aug 4**, 1400Z - 0400Z, K1CG, Port Angeles, WA. Coast Guard CW Operators Association and the Coast Guard Club. US COAST GUARD 224th Birthday. Freqs. 21.327, 14.327, 7.227, and 3.827. SSB sent QSL Card to KE7A. Complete info at [www.qrz.com/db/k1cg](http://www.qrz.com/db/k1cg)

**Aug 13 to 16**, 0000Z - 0000Z, N7HG, Window Rock, AZ. Navajo Amateur Radio Club. NAVAJO CODE TALKERS DAY. Freqs. 14.265 and 7.265. QSL Herb Goodluck, PO Box 3611, Window Rock, AZ 86515

**Aug 31**, 1430Z - 2100Z, K0F, Hanover, KS. Crown Amateur Radio Association. Hollenberg Pony Express Festival/154th Anniversary of the Pony Express. Freq. 14.245, Certificate and QSL, Crown Amateur Radio Association, 11551 W 176th Ter., Olathe, KS, 66062. Info: [www.arrimidwest.org/ponyexpress.html](http://www.arrimidwest.org/ponyexpress.html)

**CLUB REPEATER 146.61 WILL HAVE A PL TONE OF 88.5 AFTER AUGUST 8, 2014 AT 1400L**

**Andy Club Meeting**

**Wednesday Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 2014 1900 EDT**  
Meeting held in Potvin Room  
99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.

**ARES/RACES**

**Wednesday Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 1800**  
Androscoggin ARES/RACES meeting  
Androscoggin Unified EMA Office  
Basement of Central Fire Station  
2 College Street Lewiston, Me.

**Andy Club Breakfast**

**Wednesday Aug 27<sup>th</sup> 2014 0730 EDT**  
Held at the Ramada Inn Pleasant Street  
Lewiston, Maine

**On Air ARES/RACES NET**  
**Every Thursday night at 1930,**  
**Weekly ARES/RACES Net 146.610 Mhz**  
**with a PL 88.5 after Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 2014.**

## ARES/RACES Comments by Ivan N1OXA

### Androscoggin EC



WOW! What a Field Day, we had over 40 volunteers work Friday, Saturday and Sunday. And we had enough people for our 5A status. I want to give the Oxford CERT COMM Group a big thank you for their help as well. They brought their CERT COMM Trailer to the GOTA Station. Tim, will be giving a complete report at the club meeting.

During July we installed the new Yaesu Fusion Repeater that we received for Beta testing. Other than a squelch issue which is the reason for the PL tone, it has been working find. If anyone notices any issues, please send an email Dick, N1YNW at "dickknight@gmail.com".

I attended a ARES meeting at MEMA in Augusta on July 23. There was over 30 ARES members and several County EMA Directors (some were Hams as well). All 16 counties now have a ARES EC, which will help to get some of the counties up and working with the County EMA Directors. The Annual SET for Maine is schedule for OCT 18. And Phil, N1EP, SEC says it will not be a complicated scenario.

Finally, I will be replaced as Androscoggin EC, as soon as ARRL approve the new EC. But, I'm not leaving as I have been the District two DEC for several months. I have four counties that I will be working with to improve ARES for the State. Hopefully, next months newsletter will have the new EC on board.

Remember every Thursday night at 1930L on our club repeater is the Androscoggin ARES/RACES Net. So check in and see what is going on.

### LIST OF UP COMING EVENTS IN MAINE FOR 2014

**2014 Tour de Farms** date August 17 <http://sites.google.com/site/morrisfarmtrust>

**2014 Maine - Bike MS: Great Maine Getaway** August 9 and 10th 2014 Biddeford, ME

Volunteers should register at [http://bikemam.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Bike/MAMBikeEvents?fr\\_id=19743&pg=entry](http://bikemam.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Bike/MAMBikeEvents?fr_id=19743&pg=entry)

Ham Contact: Gary Gilman N1ZNJ n1znj@yahoo.com

**2014 Maine Hospice Event** Saturday, August 23, 2014 Brunswick ME

Event Web page:<http://mainehospicecouncil.org/events/maine-hospice-event/>

Ham Contact: Harry N1TTT harry.mcnelley@yahoo.com

**2014 Loon Echo Bike and Hike Trek** Saturday, September 20, 2014 loonechotrek

Ham Contact: Gary N1ZNJ n1znj@yahoo.com

**NEVI/Maine Adaptive ride** on Saturday, Sept. 20 at Pineland in Pownal.

Contact John Goran K1JJS, "john@goran-maine.us"

**2014 Dempsey Challenge** September 27 and 28 2014 Lewiston ME <http://dempseychallenge.org/>

Hams will be providing radio support only on Sunday the 28th Only for the Bike Treks

Ham Contact: Ivan NIOXA Volunteer Page: <http://www.dempseychallenge.org/volunteer>

Please register as soon as possible so I can get the Assignments ready. SAG operators must have mobiles due to the long routes for these rides.

### **July Secretary's Report      By Dick Knight Secretary N1NYW**

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday July 2, 2014 at the Potvin Room at the St. Marys Medical Arts Building in Lewiston Maine. In attendance: n1oxa, wa1skp, n1zrl, n1nyw, n1jd, kb1doi, wt1a, n1oxe, n1dot, k1wtx, w1lwt, ke6pij, ve1aws, ku1u and two children (who were very well behaved), kb1zid, k0vxb.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President Cory ku1u at 7:05 p.m. Ivan n1oxa made a motion to accept the Secretaries' report as written in the ACORN. Vote: approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers report and Andy kb1doi make a motion to approve the report that was seconded by Bob w1ltx. Vote: approved.

The meeting started with some new business and switched from new to old business and back several times. There will be a bike trek on Moxie Day July 12, hams are needed for communications. Talk to Rick n1wfo to volunteer.

Ivan reports that the Beach to Beacon is coming up in August and hams are needed to sign up to work communications. Sign up on the Beach to Beacon web site.

Back to old business. Field Day Chairman Tim wt1a got a standing ovation for his work on Field Day. Tim gave an elaborate report about the event that got the club a grand total of 4286 points. Tim would like comments from those involved to be sent to him to include in the After Action Report. Tim thanked the sponsors who gave donations of food and money for Field Day.

Ivan mentioned that Dakota Dumont kb1yyc was this years winner of the Andy Club scholarship.

Cory reports that the frequency 443.3 has been coordinated for the DStar repeater. Fred wa1skp told about his visit with Paul about changing the repeater from commercial bands to amateur band. A repeater board is needed to help get this project done, the board costs \$149 plus shipping. Dave n1oxe made a motion to have the club purchase the board, Andy kb1doi seconded the motion. Vote: approved. There was also discussion about getting a replacement 440 antenna but action on this was postponed until after the repeater is on the air.

Tim wt1a told us that at the Field Day he talked with Butch kb1knc. Butch asked if the Androscoggin club would be interested in "taking over" the .315 repeater in Poland. Before any decision can be made on this more information will need to be gathered, the cost of the repeater and price of the rent to start with.

Tim wt1u told us that the cost of Field Day went over budget and asked if the club will cover the \$ 41.90 over run. Dave n1oxe made a motion to cover the over run and was seconded by Ken kb1cdu. Vote: approved.

Dave n1oxe made a motion to adjourn that was second by Ken kb1cdu. Vote: approved at 8:33 p.m.