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Goff Hill, Auburn Maine

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Coming up ...

Bangor Hamfest 2009 June 6th

Hermon High School, Hermon, ME <http://www.n1me.com>
 Talk in Repeater 146.94 MHz PL 100Hz

VHF QSO Party 2009 June 13th to 15th

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2009/june-vhf.html>

The Pottle Hill Road Race is on June 20, 2009 in Mechanic Falls.

<http://www.pottlehill.org/roadrace.htm>

Kid's Day 2009 June 20th

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/kd-rules.html>

Field Day 2009 June 27th & 28th

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2009/fd.html>

The AT Golden Packet Annual Event July 26, 2009

End to End(1200 miles) Appalachian Trail mountain peak packet/APRS operating event

<http://www.aprs.org/at-golden-packet.html>



Andy Club Meetings

ARES/AARC Eyeball

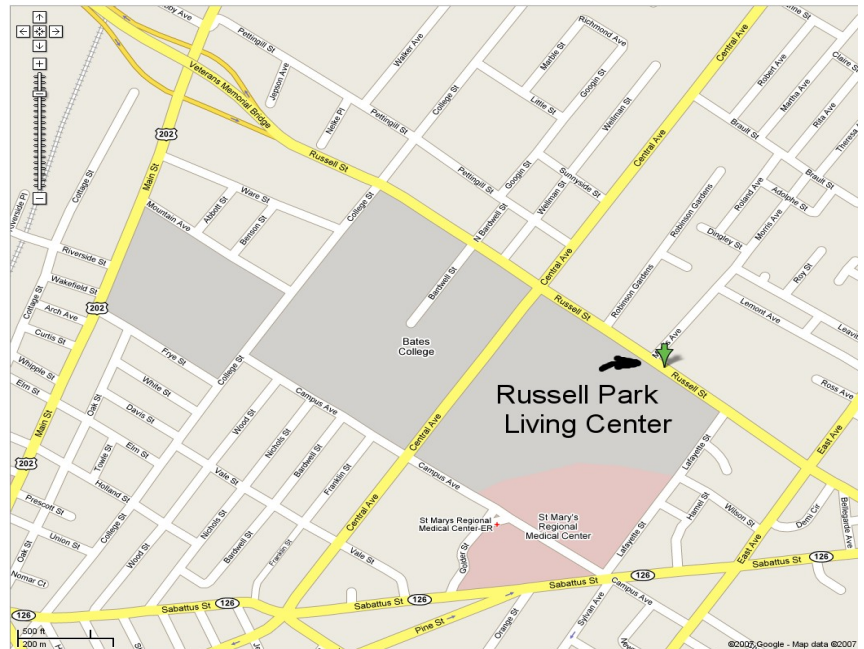
Wednesday June 3rd 2009 1830L
 Russell Park Living Center
 158 Russell Street, Lewiston, ME

Androscoggin ARES Net

Every Wednesday 1900L
 except the first of the month
 on the Auburn Repeater
 146.610MHz no pl. tone

Monthly Andy Club Breakfast

Wednesday June 24th 2009 7:30am
 Ramada Inn, Pleasant Street
 Lewiston, ME



ARES Notes – Ivan N1OXA

First of all, I want to thank Cory, N1URA for his service as Androscoggin ARES EC, and we wish him and his family the best. If anyone is interested in the EC position, contact Bill, N1KAT.

Second, The Pottle Hill Road Race is on June 20, 2009 in Mechanic Falls. Brad Saunders, N1GZB from the Oxford ARES is looking for more help for this event. I for one will be there to help, I'm looking for a few more Androscoggin ARES members to also volunteer for this event. It's a morning event and most people will be done by Noon time. Contact me at n1oxa@arrl.net if your interested.

Also, Cory, N1URA, Bill, N1KAT, and myself attended a Dempsey Challenge Meeting last week. As a results we know that there is a need for 25 to 30 amateur radio operators to handle all the needs for this event. The date is Sunday Oct 4, 2009, so I'm hoping that the Androscoggin ARES group will volunteer for this event. Any questions contact Bill, N1KAT, or Cory, N1URA, or Me, N1OXA.

Remember, our meeting on June 3, at 6:30pm before the club meeting.



Secretary's Report - Dick N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held its' monthly meeting Wednesday May 6, 2009 at Russell Park in Lewiston. In attendance: n1llu, n1jd, n1oxa, kb1rsd, n1nyw, n1wfo, kb1hfy, kb1doi, n1kat, w1scm and son Charles, n1lura, w1lyzd, w1oks, w1eoj, w1how, n1svb, k1wtx, n1dot.

The ARES meeting was called to order at 6:43 PM by Cory n1lura. A fox hunt was discussed at Thorncraig but it was decided to put that off until after the black flies and other bugs have been fed properly and would not have to use us for lunch, maybe in the fall. Cory suggests doing a drill at least once per quarter and at least one drill during the week to see how many hams would be available at that time.

Cory would like to use "prosigns" during the drills or events. He explained the use of the prosigns over, roger-wilco, out and wait.

The ARES meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM.

After a brief snack time the Androscoggin Club meeting was called to order by President Bill Woodhead at 7:02 PM. Earle n1svb moved to accept the Secretary's report as printed in the ACORN. Andy kb1doi seconded the motion. Vote: approved. Ivan n1oxa gave the Treasurers report. Andy kb1doi moved to accept the report and the motion was seconded by Jim wb1hfy. Vote: approved. Ivan reported on the scholarship fund and reports that it earns 1.5% interest. No one applied for the scholarship so the money will earn more interest until next year.

Ivan reported that nine hams did communications for the MS Walk last month and there was less than four hundred walkers and no major injuries just some tired feet. Dick n1nyw reported that the United Ambulance golf cart units batteries ran down before the walk was over because they forgot to charge it the night before.

Ivan reports that the permission has been granted to use the Park Avenue Elementary school in Auburn for field day again this year. There was discussion about which call sign to use at field day this year. It was suggested that other call signs would be better for certain modes. After some discussion it was decided to continue using the club call w1npp.

Cory says the antenna work is progressing and also suggests that we get a practice session in before field day to use the logging software before the event.

Bill brought up the subject of food at field day, burgers and hot dogs?

Ivan says that many events are coming up, Beach to Beacon, Pottle Hill, Trek Across Maine. Plenty of chances to operate at public service events. Ivan says that Brian k1aam is operating a repeater on 147.315 MHz in Poland that has pretty good coverage. Brian has a \$120 per year electric bill for the repeater and is looking for donations to help with the cost.

The purchase of a APRS tracking unit to be used on events was discussed. It is a combination GPS, radio and battery pack for AA batteries and it is in a waterproof case. Rick n1wfo reported that it is cheaper to buy this unit than all the items separate. Howie w1how moved to spend the \$250 for the tracker, Jim wb1hfy seconded the motion. Vote: Approved.

Jim wb1hfy moved to adjourn and Jerry k1wtx seconded the motion. Vote: approved at 7:50 PM.



DX News - Earle N1SVB

The past month we made 46 DX contacts representing 28 different countries. The antenna is still pointed south and will most likely stay that way until we can investigate the rotor and cable further to determine what the problem is. Countries worked in April were:

TI5, Costa Rica; SX8, Samos Is.; EA8, Canary Is.; YV5, Venezuela; HI3, Dominican Rep.; KP2, U. S. Virgin Is.; JT1, Mongolia; KG4, Guantanamo; S57, Slovenia; LU1, Argentina; HC2, Ecuador; F4, France; SM4, Scotland; OD5, Lebanon; OZ1, Denmark; E74, Bosnia-Herzovenia; CE1, Chile; 9Z4, Trinidad; PJ4, Bonnan Is.; PY3, Brazil; DK4, Germany; ZF2, Cayman Is.; 6w2, Senegal; 5B4, Cyprus; CT1, Portugal; OS8, Belgium; 9A5, Croatia; RZ9, Asiatic Russia;

There was one real nice contact this month. We heard JT1CO, Mongolia on, not loud but we thought we would give him a shout not really expecting to break the pile-up. We gave a couple of calls and much to our surprise he came back to us. We have worked Mongolia in the past so it wasn't a new one for us but it was nice to makes contact again considering the band conditions.

There are several DXpeditions to various parts of the world coming up in June. Some haven't been assigned a call as yet or the operators will use the country prefix and their home call.

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| Jun. 01 to Jun. 04 | Vatican | HV5PUL |
| Jun. 01 to Jun.14 | Bahamas | C6AMS |
| Jun. 01 to Jun.15 | Maldives | 8Q7CQ |
| Jun. 05 to Jun.15 | Svalbard | JW/. |
| Jun. 08 to Jun.14 | Dodecanese | SX5LA |
| Jun. 08 to Jun. 25 | Maldives | 8Q7TB |
| Jun. 10 to Jun.15 | Fernando de Noronha | ZY0F |
| Jun. 11 to Jun. 17 | Bermuda | VP9/ |
| Jun. 12 to Jun. 19 | Montserrat | VP2MRT |
| Jun, 13 to Jun. 27 | Sao Tome & Principle | S92XL |
| Jun. 16 to Jun. 21 | Nauru | C21TI |
| Jun. 16 to Jul. 06 | Guyana | 8R/ |
| Jun. 19 to Jul.05 | San Andres &Providencia | 5J0M |
| Jun. 20 to Jul. 02 | Liechtenstein | HB0/ |
| Jun. 23 to Jul. 03 | Antigua | V29JKV |
| Jun. 26. to Jul. 05 | Mali | TZ6EI |
| Jun. 29 to Jul. 03 | Fiji | 3D2YA |

The above DXpeditions are correct to the 10th of the month prior to printing The A.C.O.R.N. For additions after that date, go to my web page and click on the link "Reported DXpeditions by NG3K".

I invite any club members that have a computer to visit my web page. The address is:

<http://www.qsl.net/n1svb/>

