



# ACORN

## December 2011

### ANDY Club Officers

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**Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club  
(AARC)**

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<http://www.w1npp.org/>  
**Repeater 146.610MHz – No pl tone**  
**Goff Hill, Auburn Maine**

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

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Coming up...

### Contest and Event

ARRL 10 Meter Contest, Dec 10, 0000Z (Dec 9, 7PM) to Dec 11, 2400Z (Dec 11, (7PM).

Tech can operate 28.300 to 28.500Mhz Rules at <http://www.arrl.org/contests>

RAC Winter Contest, Dec 17, 0000Z (Dec 16, 7PM) to Dec 17, 2359Z (Dec 17, 6:59PM)

RAC (Radio Amateurs of Canada), good way to get all of Canada. Try it!  
 All hf, 6M, and 144

Rules at <http://www.rac.ca/en/rac/programmes/contests>

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Andy Club Meetings</u></b></p> <p>Wednesday December 7th 2011 1900 EDT<br/>after Christmas party at Campus Cuisine.<br/>Andy Meeting at LaPage Conference Room<br/>99 Campus Avenue, Lewiston, ME</p> <p>Wednesday (<b>None for December</b>)<br/>Androscoggin ARES/RACES Meeting<br/>Androscoggin Unified EMA Office<br/>Basement of Central Fire Station<br/>2 College Street Lewiston</p> | <p>Wednesday December 28<sup>th</sup> 2011 0730 EDT<br/>Monthly Andy Breakfast<br/>Ramada Inn, Pleasant Street<br/>Lewiston, ME</p> <p>Wednesday December 28<sup>th</sup> 2011 1900 EDT<br/>Andy Club On-air Meeting and Net<br/>on the Auburn Repeater<br/>146.610MHz no pl tone</p> |
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### Continued from Page 1 (**Contest and Event**)

December Special Event is Dec 7, 70th anniversary of Pearl Harbor Attack in Hawaii. The following ships are doing a special event:

USS North Carolina, in NC, Call NI4BK, 0000Z to 2100Z, 20m and 40m, General part of bands.

USS Lexington, in TX, Call W5LEX, 0200Z to 1200Z, Freq. 28.485, 14.265, 14.325, and 7.275 Mhz.

On Dec 10 the following ship is on:

USS Midway, in CA, Call NI6IW, 1600Z to 2359Z, Freq. 14.320 and 7.250 Mhz.

Any questions on the above list email me at [n1oxa@arrl.net](mailto:n1oxa@arrl.net) or call me at 784-0350.

## **ARES/RACES Comments by Ivan N1OXA Androscoggin EC**

November was a slow month. As for the weekly ARES/RACES net the attendance is still low. We need more participation so more members can get familiar with net operations and how to send and receive messages. On page 3 and 4 is a copy of ICS-213 and instructions to fill out the Message Form. So, mark your calendar for Thursday night ARES Net at 1900 and 146.61, and try to check in at least a couple of times during the month.

Ivan

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY MEAL**

It was voted at the September Meeting to have our Christmas Dinner at The Campus Cuisine at St. Mary's Hospital. They serve dinner from 4 to 6pm. So we are planing to be there by 5:30pm at the latest, after the meal we will have our meeting. Directions are below:

From Sabattus St. turn onto Campus than turn right into the parking lot across from the Hospital, enter the building on the right of the lot. Than take the elevator to 1st floor turn left down the hall to Campus Cuisine.

From Russell St, turn on Central Ave, than left on Campus Ave. and left into parking lot across from Hospital. Enter the building on the right of the lot. Than take the elevator to 1st floor turn left down the hall to Campus Cuisine.

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| 1. Incident Name   | 2. Date and Time of Message | <b>General Message<br/>ICS 213</b> |
| 3. To: ICS Position  |                             |                                    |
| 4. From: ICS Position  |                             |                                    |
| 5. Subject   |                             |                                    |
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| <b>General Message</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>June 2009</b></span> <span style="float: right;"><b>ICS 213</b></span> |                             |                                    |

**General Message (ICS FORM 213-OS)****Purpose.** The General Message is used by:

- Incident personnel to record incoming messages which cannot be orally transmitted to the intended recipients;
- Command Post and other incident personnel to transmit messages to the Incident Communications Center for transmission via radio or telephone to the addressee;
- Incident personnel to send any message or notification to incident personnel which requires a hard-copy delivery;
- Incident personnel to place resource orders.

**Preparation.** This form is prepared by any incident personnel needing to transmit a hard-copy message. The recipient should send a timely reply to the originator, as necessary.

**Distribution.** Upon completion, the General Message may be hand-carried to the addressee or to the incident Communications Center for transmission. Originator retains a copy of the form. All completed original forms MUST be given to the Documentation Unit.

| Item # | Item Title                               | Instructions  |
|--------|--|---|
| 1.     | Incident Name                            | Enter the name assigned to the incident.  |
| 2.     | Date and Time of Message                 | Enter the date and time of message origination.   |
| 3.     | To                                       | Enter name and ICS position of message recipient.   |
| 4.     | From                                     | Enter name and ICS position of message sender.  |
| 5.     | Subject                                  | Indicate the message subject.   |
| 6.     | Message                                  | Enter message.  |
| 7.     | Reply                                    | This section to be used by the unit/person who receives the message to reply to your message.                                   |
| 8.     | Signature/Position<br>Date/Time of reply | Enter name and position of person replying to this message.<br>Enter date (month, day, year) and time of reply (24-hour clock). |

## Secretary's Report

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting November 2, 2011 at the Lapage Conference Center in Lewiston Maine. In attendance: w1scm and son Charles, kb1doi, waleoj, n1jd, w1hfy, n1oxa, n1nyw, n1avj, n1svb, kb1qhr, kb1doi, w1skp, kb1cdu, w1ltx, k1wtx.

President Bill Woodhead was home installing a new furnace so Vice President Earle n1svb called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Andy kb1doi made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as printed in the ACORN. Paul n1avj seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers' report and explained that the clubs insurance premiums went up \$200 but he switched the policy to a different company the ARRL recommends and if I understood it right, got twice the coverage for the old rate. It sounds like he did good work on that one and saved us from needing a dues increase. Bob w1ltx made a motion to approve the report and was seconded by Andy kb1doi. Vote: approved.

Ivan tells us he out sourced the job of ACORN editor this month. We need to send a big THANK YOU to Harold n1llu for a great job putting the ACORN together. Apparently everyone should send Harold their articles and news for publication. The newsletter is put together in Arizona and sent back to us by Harold.

Ivan gave a report on the SET, most of the information is in the November Edition of the ACORN. Ivan reminds everyone to check in to the ARES net on Thursday night on the repeater and if you don't hear him there he maybe pretending the repeater is broken. In that case try 146.46 simplex.

Ivan told about the increasing number of ham operators in the USA. We are up to 700,000 now and growing. Ivan explained that the contest bug bit him so he has been competing in contests sponsored by CQ magazine and others.

New business: Ivan will double check and see if 5:30 would be a good time for us to show up at Campus Cuisine to have the Christmas party dinner. Please check the next edition of the ACORN to see if there is a change of time or change in plans.

The Andy Club was number five in the country in one of the classifications for Field Day. Good work John n1jd for staying to make those last five contacts!

Planning for the convention in March continued with talk about table rentals and prices. Ivan is looking for a person to schedule talks, please let him know which day this month you would like to start the job.

I made a motion to adjourn and Jerry k1wtx seconded the motion. Members started to chat with each other so Earle had to remind us we have to vote to approve the motion to adjourn or stay and meet until we do. At that point hands went up all around the room. Vote: adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dick Knight Secretary

DX NOTES NEWS  
November, 2011

During the past month we made 48 DX contacts representing 36 different Countries.  
Countries were:

EI0CL, Ireland; SV8/DL8MCA, Greece; EA6TT, Balearic Is.; EA8ZZ, Belarus; IK2RGT, Italy; 9A3AGS, Croatia; DG6SA, Germany; A61SA, United Arab Emirates; T32C, East Kiribati; VE3YJ, Ontario Canada; EU8ZZ, Belarus; D44AC, Cape Verde Is.; LR1H, Argentina; 4C1JPG, Mexico; SU8JOTA, Egypt; SJ2W, Sweden; FM1HN, Martinique; SV9OFS, Crete; ZS1UOK, South Africa; OM2VL, Slovak Republic; MM0CXZ, England; 5B4AJC, Cyprus; 9Y4D, Trinidad & Tobago; YO4RYU/mm, West of Jamaica; 7X7M, Marquesas; MU/PA9M, Guernsey Is.; A71DLH, Qatar; 4X/N6HD, Israel; C50C, The Gambia; CN3A, Morocco; PY2EL, Brazil; CR3L, Madeira Is.; TF3CW, Iceland; OL9Z, Czech. Republic;

We had two Pacific contacts this month. We contacted T32C in East Kiribati and also 7X7m in the Marquesas Is. Group.

There are several DXpeditions to various parts of the world coming up in December. 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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| Dec. 02 to Dec. 07 | GJ6UW  | Jersey    |
| Dec. 02 to Dec. 08 | XV2LC  | Vietnam   |
| Dec. 02 to Jan. 16 | V5/    | Namibia   |
| Dec. 04 to Dec. 11 | 6W/    | Senegal   |
| Dec. 04 to Dec. 12 | J6/    | St. Lucia |
| Dec. 07 to Dec. 16 | T8CC   | Palau     |
| Dec. 08 to Dec. 13 | ET3AA  | Ethiopia  |
| Dec. 09 to Dec. 11 | V25R   | Antigua   |
| Dec. 14 to Dec. 31 | E44PM  | Palestine |
| Dec. 16 to Dec. 27 | V31NB  | Belize    |
| Dec. 19 to Jan. 04 | 5V7MA  | Togo      |
| Dec. 26 to Jan. 05 | V5/    | Namibia   |
| Dec. 26 to Jan. 16 | V5/    | Namibia   |
| Dec. 28 to Jan. 04 | 9U3TMM | Burundi   |
| Dec. 29 to Jan. 06 | CY0    | Sable Is. |
| Dec. 30 to Jan. 08 | T88OW  | Palu      |
| Dec. 31 to Jan. 13 | V5/    | Namibia   |

The above DXpeditions are correct to the 10<sup>th</sup> 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/>

Earle Gilmore N1SVB