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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 ...

In this issue there is a General Message Form with information on the next page.
 However Ivan is sure to talk about it at the next meeting.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Andy Club Meetings</u></p> <p>Wednesday November 2nd 2011 1900 EDT Andy Meeting at LaPage Conference Room 99 Campus Avenue, Lewiston, ME</p> <p>Wednesday (None for November) Androscoggin ARES/RACES Meeting Androscoggin Unified EMA Office Basement of Central Fire Station 2 College Street Lewiston</p>	<p>Wednesday October 26th 2011 0730 EDT Monthly Andy Breakfast Ramada Inn, Pleasant Street Lewiston, ME</p> <p>Wednesday October 26th 2011 1900 EDT Andy Club On-air Meeting and Net on the Auburn Repeater 146.610MHz no pl tone</p>
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ARES/RACES Comments by Ivan N1OXA Androscoggin EC

October was a busy month, we had our 2011 SET, and then had the Dempsey Challenge. The SET, we had 6 members check in and we sent 17 messages, plus three members did Net Control, which was good training. I wish we could have had more people participate. The Dempsey Challenge was a success for Ham Radio, I had 30 Hams volunteer so all 11 SAG's covered and all 9 Rest Stop's as well. So thank you to all the volunteers. 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.

Ivan

1. Incident Name	2. Date and Time of Message	General Message ICS 213
3. To: ICS Position		
4. From: ICS Position		
5. Subject		
6. Message		

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 Date/Time of reply	Enter name and position of person replying to this message. Enter date (month, day, year) and time of reply (24-hour clock).

Secretary's Report

A meeting of the Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club was held Wednesday October 5, 2011 at the Lapage Conference Center in Lewiston Maine. In attendance: n1jd, walskp, kb1rsd, waleoj, n1oxa, n1nyw, kb1doi, n1avj, n1svb, n1wfo, w1ltx, k1wtx, and n1dot.

President Bill Woodhead was absent so Vice President Earle Gilmore n1svb, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Rick n1wfo made a motion to approve the Secretarys' report as printed in the Acorn, Andy kb1doi seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Ivan gave the Treasures' Report with several major expenses in the last couple of months: \$300 for club insurance with a different company with more coverage, \$65 for equipment to cool the repeater etc. Andy kb1doi made a motion to accept the report as printed in the Acorn, Bob w1ltx seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Old Business: Ivan showed off the new simplex repeater that operates on two double A batteries and is looking for someone to get it set up. Ivan reminded us of the SET on Saturday with a coronal mass ejection scenario. Also Ivan reports that Tim aalut got some grant money for the EMA and is ordering some new radios.

Ivan told us about the Dempsey challenge and will be providing hams with the lists of start times soon for those working SAG and the rest stops. He reports that 345 bikers have signed up for the 100 mile course, 190 for the 70 mile, 495 for the 50, 200 for the 25 mile and 40 or 50 for the 10 mile.

Bob w1ltx has been working on getting vendors signed up for the hamfest and will keep making call backs until he gets to talk to the right person at HR Distributors and others.

Ivan reminded everyone to check into the ARES / RACES net Thursday night at 7PM on .61 or if that does not work 146.46 simplex.

Earle asked for a motion to adjourn and received one from Bob w1ltx and a second from Jerry k1wtx. Vote: adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Knight Secretary.

DX NEWS NOTES

October, 2011

During the past month we made 36 DX contacts representing 22 different countries. Countries contacted were:

EB3SW, Spain; MM0LID, England; 5Q1A/p, Denmark; UR3HC, Ukraine; LX/PA9JO, Luxembourg; 9H3JN, Malta; F1RCX, France; OM1ADX, Slovak Republic; OE3WMA, Austria; LA5ZQ, Norway; LY37LY, Lithuania; R5AJ, Russia; 9U7T, Brunei; DK3EE, Germany; VK4TUX, Australia; EU8ZZ, Belarus; ER1MM, Moldova; 9A3AGS, Croatia; PA175NYV, Netherlands; EI9GSB, Ireland; FP/M0TOC, St. Pierre & Miquelon; VP8LP, Falkland Is.;

We had one Pacific contact this month. We contacted VK4TUX in Australia.

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

Nov. 01 to Nov. 04	TY3T	Tahiti
Nov. 02 to Nov. 05	AH0/	Mariana Is.
Nov. 02 to Nov. 12	8Q7CC	Maldives
Nov. 06 to Nov. 25	FG/	Guadeloupe
Nov. 07 to Nov. 21	8P	Barbados
Nov. 08 to Nov. 22	E51/	No. Cook Is.
Nov. 10 to Dec. 06	T2T	Tuvalu
Nov. 13 to Nov. 21	9N0MD	Nepal
Nov. 15 to Dec. 17	5R8IC	Madagascar
Nov. 17 to Nov. 28	K8A	American Samoa
Nov. 19 to Dec. 03	J68HZ	St. Lucia
Nov. 20 to Dec. 03	5Z4HW	Kenya
Nov. 22 to Dec. 04	9L0W	Sierra Leon
Nov. 23 to Dec. 14	5X/	Uganda
Nov. 24 to Nov. 28	PJ7I	Sint. Maarten

CQ Worldwide DX Contest CW November 26 – 27, 2011

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/>

Earle Gilmore N1SVB