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## April 2012

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(AARC)**

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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...

### **Contesting**

March 31 0001Z to April 8, 2359Z. Lighthouse Spring Lites QSO Party Rules at [www.arlhs.com](http://www.arlhs.com)  
 State QSO Parties ( MO, MY, NM, GA, MI, SD, NE, and FL )

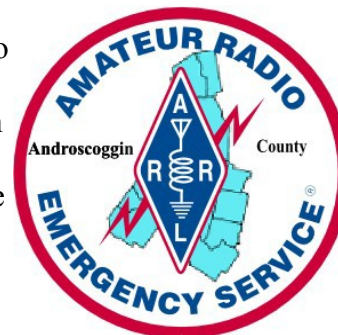
### **SPECIAL EVENT STATION**

There are 9 different events for 100th Anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic. Check QST  
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Andy Club Meetings</u></b></p> <p>Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup> 2012 1900 EDT          Andy Meeting at LaPage Conference Room          99 Campus Avenue, Lewiston, ME</p> <p>Wednesday April 18<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 1800          Androscoggin ARES/RACES Meeting          Androscoggin Unified EMA Office          Basement of Central Fire Station          2 College Street Lewiston</p>	<p>Wednesday April 25<sup>th</sup> 2012 0730 EDT          Monthly Andy Breakfast          Ramada Inn, Pleasant Street          Lewiston, ME</p> <p>Wednesday April 25<sup>th</sup> 2012 1900 EDT          Andy Club On-air Meeting and Net          on the Auburn Repeater          146.610MHz no pl tone</p> <p>ARES/RACES NET          Every Thursday at 1930 on 146.61 Repeater</p>
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## ARES/RACES Comments by Ivan N1OXA Androscoggin EC

The monthly ARES/RACES meeting was cancelled by Tim, AA1UT, due to his wife's birthday. So the April meeting will cover the new radios and start to load frequencies in them. We had a Quarterly Hospital Radio Test on March 21. Tim, AA1UT, was the Net Control. We had Androscoggin, Franklin, Kennebec, and Oxford Counties check in, After initial check in the Counties switched to local repeaters to verified which local repeaters could be used during emergencies. The weekly ARES/RACES nets are starting to have new people check in and I hope to start training with Fldigi soon. I have accepted The ARES DEC position for District 2 ( Androscoggin, Franklin, Kennebec, and Lincoln Counties). For the present time I will still be Androscoggin EC. Remember that the ARES/RACES NET on Thursday is at 1930 now.



This past weekend the club had our annual ARRL MAINE STATE CONVENTION and HAMFEST at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston. All the talks and Seminars were well attended and heard lots of good comments from both the presenters and attendees. The attendance was down again from past years. Everyone leaving had smiles and carrying out something. The next club activity is Field Day in June.

Ivan, N1OXA

**Secretary's Report**

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday March 7, 2012 at the LePage Conference Center in Lewiston, Maine. In attendance: n1oxa, n1jd, kb1doi, kb1hfy, w1scm and son Charles, n1nyw, wa1skp, kb1qhr, n1dot, wa1eoj, n1svb, n1avj, k1wtx, w1lwt and his father, w1ltx and special guest Mark kb1urn from Buckfield.

The club President was absent so Vice President Earle Gilmore n1svb called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Andy kb1doi made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as printed in the newsletter. Bob w1ltx seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers report and Jerry k1wtx made a motion to accept the report as read. Andy kb1doi seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Ivan read a list of vendors that have signed up to be at the convention and says he has received four emails from hams that have reserved six tables so far. Groups such as the QCWA, and the ARRL will also have tables at the convention.

Door prizes were discussed, the past few years one hundred dollars in cash was given as the top prize, however several members thought it would be a good idea to have a radio as a door prize. Bob w1ltx made a motion for the club to buy the radio for a prize and Andy kb1doi seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Ivan reports the Friday night seminars are filled with speakers and most of the Saturday ones so far. He will forward the complete list for posting on the web site.

Ivan reminds us that elections of club officers will be held at next months meeting. Also the MS Walk is coming up on April 28 TH. and of course Field Day in June. More operators are needed to make the event a success. Please volunteer to take a shift. There was some discussion about combining our Field Day with the site in Lisbon, however it was decided to have w1npps' at Park Avenue School as usual. The antennas used at field day were discussed at some length.

Lee w1lwt mention the American Legion is celebrating there 93 RD year with a special event station on March 16, 17 and 18.

Don't forget to be at the April meeting to vote in the next years officers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dick Knight Secretary

March 2012

During the past month we made 40 DX contacts representing 30 different countries. We hired a tree climber to climb up the tower and turn the boom of the A3S beam antenna back into its proper position. A couple of the elements are still not perfectly level so sometime this year before the snow falls again we will have to hire a 40 ft. bucket to come in for a few minutes and straighten the elements. An interesting side note.

While the tree climber was up the tower, a state police car pulled up at the entrance to the lot where the tower is. The officer got out of his car and watched. After the tree climber tightened the nuts holding the boom, he proceeded down the tower and we walked to where his truck was parked. The police officer (kidding I think) Asked the tower climber if he needed a ride to the hospital to have his mental stability checked.

After a good laugh, all departed.

Countries contacted were:

VK2GWK, Australia; EI2FD, Ireland; HU2DX, Honduras; VE7CV, British Columbia Canada; J38ZT, Grenada; ZY73AA, Brazil; 6V7S, Senegal; 4Z4DX, Israel; TO3J, St. Barthelomy; LU/EA1EJ/p, Argentina; CE1TT, Chile; YV1BYM, Venezuela; KG4DL, Guantanamo; FP5CJ, St. Pierre & Miquelon; 2M0YIO, Scotland; HI8JQE, Dominican Republic; VP2EKG, Anguilla; 9Y4LAS, Trinidad & Tobago; GB0WOR, England; XE1B, Mexico; NL7HH, Alaska, IZ8CGS, Italy; V31RR, Belarus; OT4A, Belgium; TM1T, France; FG8AR, Guadeloupe; TF8GX, Iceland; AO1RCK, Spain; CW3R, Uruguay; 9A202AA, Croatia; VP2MXO, Montserrat;

We had one Pacific contact this month. We again contacted VK2GWK in Australia.

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

Apr. 02 to Apr. 09	PJ2/	Curacao
Apr. 02 to Apr. 09	A35XG	Tonga
Apr. 03 to Apr. 30	CN2RN	Morocco
Apr. 04 to Apr. 11	3DA0FC	Swaziland
Apr. 04 to Apr. 11	KP2/	Virgin Is.
Apr. 05 to Apr. 08	8R1PY	Guyana
Apr. 07 to Apr. 09	KH8/	American Samoa
Apr. 08 to Apr. 27	E51GMH	South Cook Is.
Apr. 09 to Apr. 11	7W7A	Samoa
Apr. 10 to Apr. 24	9M0L	Spratly Is.
Apr. 11 to Apr. 14	E51EWP	South Cook Is.
Apr. 13 to Apr. 20	3D2R	Rotuma
Apr. 16 to Apr. 30	TO3X	St. Barthelemy
Apr. 18 to Apr. 23	KP2/	Virgin Is.
Apr. 19 to Apr. 24	XV1LC	Vietnam
Apr. 21 to May. 05	YJ0VK	Vanuatu
Apr. 22 to Apr. 29	ZA100I	Albania
Apr. 22 to May. 04	JD1BMH	Ogaswara
Apr. 29 to May. 03	KH0/	Mariana Is.
Apr. 29 to May. 05	JD1/	Ogaswara
Apr. 29 to May. 05	JD1BLC	Ogaswara
Apr. 29 to May. 05	JD1BLY	Ogaswara
Apr. 30 to May. 04	V63AZ	Micronesia
Apr. 30 to May. 04	T88RF	Palau

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