



# ACORN

## August 2012

<p><b><u>ANDY Club Officers</u></b>                  President: Bill Woodhead N1KAT                  Vice President: Earle Gilmore N1SVB                  Treasure: Ivan Lazure N1OXA                  Secretary: Dick Knight N1NYW                  Trustee: Norm L' Heureux W1SCM</p>	<p><b>Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club                  (AARC)</b>  <b>P.O. Box 1, Auburn ME 04212-0001</b>  <a href="http://www.w1npp.org/">http://www.w1npp.org/</a>  <b>Repeater 146.610MHz – No pl tone</b>  <b>Goff Hill, Auburn Maine</b></p>
<p>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.</p>	

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Coming up...

#### Contesting

Aug. 4, 0001Z to Aug. 5, 2259Z, 10-10 Summer Phone QSO Party, Rules: [www.ten-ten.org](http://www.ten-ten.org)

Aug. 18, 1800Z to Aug. 19, 0600Z, North American QSO Party, Rules: [www.ncjweb.com](http://www.ncjweb.com)

Aug. 25, 0400Z to Aug. 27, 0400Z, Hawaii QSO Party, Rules: [www.hawaiiqsoparty.org](http://www.hawaiiqsoparty.org)

#### SPECIAL EVENT STATION

Aug. 3 - AUG. 5, 2300Z-2300Z, XL31812. Amherstburg, ON. Amherstburg Amateur Radio Club. War of 1812 200th Anniversary. 14.150, 7.200, 3.760. QSL David Beckett, 52 County RD. 10( middle Sideroad N), Amherstburg, ON N9V2R9, Canada.

Aug. 12 - Aug. 14, 1400Z-1400Z, N7C. Window Rock, AZ. Navajo Amateur Radio Club. The Navajo Code Talker. 14.265, 7.240. QSL Herbert Goodluck, PO Box 3611, Window Rock, AZ 86515.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Andy Club Meetings</u></b></p> <p>Wednesday August 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 1900 EDT          Andy Meeting at LaPage Conference Room          99 Campus Avenue, Lewiston, ME</p> <p>Wednesday August 15<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 August 29<sup>th</sup> 2012 0730 EDT          Monthly Andy Breakfast          Ramada Inn, Pleasant Street          Lewiston, ME</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

Lets review the month of June, the WINPP Field Day was cancelled due to lack of interest, No one wanted to volunteer to set up a team for the stations, So after talking with Bill, N1KAT, Dave, WE1U it was decided to cancel the FD.

The ARES/RACES Nets are starting to have more people checking in, but our monthly ARES Meeting at EMA office was canceled due a personal issue at home with Tim. We had the quarterly Hospital Test on June 20th. and had both of our hospitals manned. The following Wednesday I attended a Shelter survey of Poland RHS. MEMA is reviewing all shelter in the state of Maine this summer. We will be visiting both Lewiston HS and Park Ave school as well.

As a result of the Poland RHS review, I received a request from Androscoggin Unified EMA to get a list of Antennas, Coax, Mast, Connectors, and other items to install on the roof at these shelter sites. The county now has 6ea Tribanders (6, 2 and 440), and support equipment to install in the six shelters in Androscoggin. We hope to start installing them in August.

So far in July, the ARES/RACES net we have started to work with FLdigi software. The goal is to gain experience to be able to use it from remote sites ( shelters, EMA, etc.). We hope to have a drill and test out the FLdigi.

In August the big event is the Beach to Beacon 10k race at Ft. Williams. I'm still looking for volunteers, contact me by phone 207-784-0350 or email.

Have a great summer and enjoy.

Ivan, N1OXA  
 Androscoggin EC



### LIST OF UP COMING EVENTS IN MAINE THIS YEAR

2012 TD Beach to Beacon 10K Road Race, Saturday, August 4, Cape Elizabeth, Me

2012 Ride for Hospice Saturday, August 25, at the Brunswick Town Green/Gazebo (185 Park Row, Brunswick, ME) at 7:00 AM

2012 Loon Echo Bike and Hike Trek Coming Saturday, September 15, Bridgton ME

2012 Dempsey Challenge Sunday, October 14th Lewiston ME

More info will be announced in the future, so mark your calendar for these events.

Anything else that You need for the newsletter? Ivan

### Secretary's Report

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday June 6, 2012 at the Lepage Conference Center room C in Lewiston, ME. In attendance: w1skp, kb1doi, n1jd, w1scm and son Charles, n1oxa, n1nyw, n1svb, w1ltx, k1wtx, kb1rsd, n1dot, wb1hfy, w1lwt and his father, kg1q, and k0vxb. Happy 92 ND birthday to Lees' father whos' birthday is 6/7/2012. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Earle Gilmore n1svb at 7 p.m.

Andy kb1doi made a motion to approve the Secretary's report as printed in the ACORN, and was seconded by Bob w1ltx. Vote: approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers report and Bob w1ltx made a motion to approve the report as read. Andy kb1doi seconded the motion. Vote: Approved.

Betty n1mns had a customer at the coffee shop where she works at the Norway hospital who asked if she knows any ham radio operators. She said, yes ME!. The customers family member was a ham who passed away and they had ham equipment they wanted to get into the hands of other hams who will use it. Betty and her husband Jim took the Icom 71 r Earle n1svb took the low pass filter, Jerry k1wtx is now the proud owner of "the ultimate Transmatch". Bob w1ltx took home an extra instruction book and power cord for a Kenwood radio and John n1jd made a new home for a Ten Tec keyer. Dick n1nyw has a like new combination watt meter and VSWR meter. Betty did not catch the name or callsign of the ham who used to own the equipment but if she sees the family again she can please get a name or call sign and pass along a BIG thank you from the Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club members who will be putting these gadgets to good use. And thanks to Betty for passing along the equipment to other hams who could use it like the family wanted.

Old Business: Field Day planning continues, Ivan will bring a rig, John n1jd will do CW and try to get more points than ever. Ivan wants at least one CW station and two phone stations. The crank up tower still needs repair. Ivan is planning to take it to Jerrys' to be worked on. Important! More operators are needed! Let Ivan know if you can take a shift. If we can not get more operators the event will be canceled.

Ivan reminded us the Beach to Beacon web site is now signing up hams for the event. If you have questions check the website or contact Ivan.

Howard Feldman w1how passed away a few months ago and wanted his repeater on 442.000 (no pl) signed over to the Androscoggin Club. Cory kulu has secured it for the club and it is being checked over. It may have had a high swr and may need the feed line changed or other repairs. More status reports will be passed along when we get them.

Talks have started about installing a link to and from the Norway two meter repeater and the Andy Clubs .61 repeater. Phone calls have been made and messages have been left, but no decisions made yet, so stay tuned.

The w1npp.org web site is down along with the Yankee Club web site. We understand there is a hard drive problem that need to be fixed or replaced. Again, stay tuned.

Operators are needed to work the special events station w1a in Andover, Maine July 7 starting at nine a.m. to celebrate the first commercial television transmission between the United States and Europe using the Telstar satellite. Operators are needed, contact Ivan to schedule a shift. We can not have too many operators there at the same time.

Our July meeting date falls on the July fourth holiday, after some discussion Ivan made a motion to cancel the July meeting and Andy kb1doi seconded the motion. Vote: passed. See you August first.

Seth Shostak, senior astronomer at the SETI Institute and ham operator, may come to Maine this fall to speak at Bates College. Bill n1kat would like the club to help sponsor his visit, if it happens. Jerry k1wtx made a motion to spend up to \$400 for the visit, Andy kb1doi seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Jim wb1hfy mentioned that there is sometimes qr. on the 28.460 frequency for the 1930h net on Fridays so they may have to change frequency. His advice, if you don't find us "tune around".

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob w1ltx and seconded by kb1doi Andy. Vote: approved at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

## DX NEWS NOTES

July, 2012

During the past month we made 54 DX contacts representing 32 different countries.

Countries contacted were:

TC1E/p, Turkey; EN2012GDX, Ukraine; MQ6WAG, England' HA8RM, Hungary; YT5CT, Serbia; DD4T, Germany; LZ151PSB, Bulgaria; A5A, Bhutan; EK6TA, Armenia; ZD7DL, St. Helena Is.; S58FA, Slovenia; EA6SB, Balearic Is.; EY7AD, Tajikistan; RA3PCI, European Russia; 5M3CMG, Tanzania; 7X4RJ, Algeria; OE6ECG, Austria; TM24H.France; A65EE, UAE; JW7XM , Svalbard; PD2BA, Netherlands; 3A/DG5NFF, Monaco; VP2EKG, Anguilla; SN2012GD, Poland; ED3CW, Spain; CT1FIU, Portugal; 9A209A, Croatia; J66CD, St. Lucia; VY0/AH6EZ, Canada; OM3SEM, Slovakia; 4O7VV, Montenegro; 3G90AA, Chile.

We had no Pacific contacts this month.

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

Aug. 01 to Aug 07	ZA1TC	Albania
Aug. 01 to Aug.08	TI5/	Costa Rica
Aug. 01 to Aug.31	D64K	Comoros
Aug. 04 to Aug.11	SV5/	Dodecanese
Aug. 05 to Aug.17	9H3EA	Malta
Aug. 08 to Aug. 20	D64K	Comoros
Aug. 09 to Aug. 25	VQ9XP	Cargos
Aug. 10 to Aug. 12	JW/	Svalbard
Aug. 10 to Aug. 20	FP/	St. Pierre & Miguelon
Aug. 14 to Sep. 03	5H3ME	Tanzaniere
Aug. 15 to Aug. 21	P40NF	Aruba
Aug. 15 to Aug. 22	6W/	Senegal
Aug. 16 to Aug. 20	V31/	Belize
Aug. 22 to Aug. 29	C5	Gambia
Aug. 27 to Sep. 03	SV9/	Crete

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

**"Androscoggin ARC Scholarship",**

**Linnea Simcik, KB1HTA, of Bloomfield, CT.**