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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...

Contesting

Feb 4, 0001Z to Feb 5, 2359Z Ten-Ten Winter Ph. QSO Party Rules at www.ten-ten.org

Feb 12, 1900Z to Feb 12, 2300Z Me FM Simplex Challenge Rules at www.qsl.net/ws1sm/contest

Feb 12, 0000Z to Feb 12, 0400Z North American Sprint (Ph) Rules at www.ncjweb.com

Feb 18, 2300Z to Feb 19, 2300Z AM QSO PARTY (Ph) Rules at www.antiquewireless.org

SPECIAL EVENT STATION
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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Andy Club Meetings</u></p> <p>Wednesday February 1st 2012 1900 EDT Andy Meeting at LaPage Conference Room 99 Campus Avenue, Lewiston, ME</p> <p>Wednesday February 15th 2012 at 1800 Androscoggin ARES/RACES Meeting Androscoggin Unified EMA Office Basement of Central Fire Station 2 College Street Lewiston</p>	<p>Wednesday February 29th 2012 0730 EDT Monthly Andy Breakfast Ramada Inn, Pleasant Street Lewiston, ME</p> <p>Wednesday February 29th 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 1900 on 146.61 Repeater</p>
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Feb 20, 0000Z to Feb 26, 2359Z. WAP-Worldwide Antarctic Program. Antarctic Activity Week, 9th Edition. 28.450, 21.350, 14.250, and 7.150 Mhz.Certificate & QSL. WAP Reference Numbers (see URL).

Certificates may be obtained from the WAP, and QSL's from the WAP-Reference Numbered stations worked. www.kb0mzf@arrl.net or www.waponline.it

ARES/RACES Comments by Ivan N1OXA Androscoggin EC

January was a slow month for ARES/RACES activity. We had our Monthly ARES/RACES meeting with Tim, AA1UT, at the Androscoggin EMA office. The new radio equipment was shown to us, They included:

1 ea KENWOOD TM-D710A, 2M and 440 Dual Band radio with APRS for the base station at EMA

2 ea YAESU VX-8GR 2M and 440 Dual Band, HT with APRS and GPS

2 ea BYONICS MT-AIO, Micro-Trak All- in -One APRS transmitter

The Kenwood and Yaesu need to be programed with the frequencies needed for our use. Plus, we need training on the use of these new radios, that will start at the Feb. Don't forget, our ARES/RACES Net every Thursday at 1900 on our 146.61 Repeater. Need more people to check in. **Question, should we change the net to 1930?** Think about it and send comments by email to me. Until next month

Ivan, N1OXA



ANDROSCOGGIN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

2012 ARRL MAINE STATE CONVENTION, HAMFEST, AND COMPUTER FAIR

MARCH 23 AND 24, 2010

HAMFEST REGISTRATION FORM

NAME/CALLSIGN: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

BEFORE 3/23/12 REGISTRATION TABLE \$7.00

REGISTRATION (Sat. only one table) \$8.00

ADDITIONAL TABLES \$7 each _____

ADMISSION PER PERSON \$7 each _____

TOTAL DUE _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: AARC

Mail to:

Ivan Lazure, Hamfest Chairman
440 Webber Ave.
Lewiston, Me 04240

REMINDER

Call RAMADA at 207-784-2331 for the Hamfest Special

THE 2012 ARRL MAINE STATE CONVENTION & ANDROSCOGGIN ARC HAMFEST

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club presents the 2012 American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Maine State Convention and Hamfest at the Ramada Convention Center at 490 Pleasant St, Lewiston, Me., on Friday March 23, from 1900(7pm) to 2100(9pm) and Saturday March 24, from 0800(8am) till 1200(12Noon).

FRIDAY NIGHT MARCH 23, 2012 (1900 AND 2000)

We are scheduling many interesting talks and forums starting at 1900(7pm) and more talks at 2000(8pm). The ARRL will have an official here to talk about the latest news on amateur radio, and have a Q & A section. Other talks will be related to amateur radio Packet, Digital Modes, etc. All talks and forums are **FREE**.

SATURDAY March 24, 2014 (0800 TILL NOON)

The convention talks and forums will continue this morning at 0900(9am), 1000(10am), and 1100(11am), and these are also **FREE**. The Hamfest will start at 0800 and end at 12 NOON, with the Door Prize. Admission is \$7 for 18 yrs. and older, free for under 18 yrs old.

SATURDAY March 24, 2012 12:30pm

VE amateur exams will start at **12:30pm**.

Ramada Conference Center is again having their Hamfest Special of \$64.90 (plus tax) per day, single or Double. This includes indoor heated pool, sauna and Jacuzzi. Call (207) 784-2331 for reservations and mention "Androscoggin Hamfest or ARRL Convention".

Tables at the Hamfest are \$7 for each table. For clubs or non-profit groups, your registration gives you one free table with one free admission to promote your club or group. If you want to sell items, then additional tables are \$7 each and \$7 for each person working the tables.

For additional information or questions call or email:

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Secretary's Report

A meeting of the Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club was held Wednesday January 4, 2012 at the Lapage conference center in Lewiston, Maine. In attendance: n1jd, waleoj, kb1cdu, kb1doi, w1scm and son Charles, n1kat, n1oxa, n1nyw, n1wfo, wb1hfy, n1svb, n1oxe, kb1qhr, k1wtx, w1ltx and wa1skp. My apologies to Fred wa1skp for forgetting to type the letter a in his callsign in previous reports. I will try to be more accurate in the future. Harold n1llu use to sit beside me and point out my spelling errors, we miss you Harold! Harold used to poke me and wake me up, the sore spot is almost back to normal now.

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Woodhead at 7:03 PM. Bob w1ltx made a motion to approve the Secretary's report as printed in the newsletter, and Andy kb1doi seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Ivan gave the Treasures' report, and reported the money from the Central Maine Regional Resource Center that was mentioned last month was received to cover the cost of the test session for their students. Rick n1wfo made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Andy kb1doi. Vote: approved.

Ivan reports there was a ham radio test at several hospitals December 28th to get the above mentioned new hams on the air and give them some practice using the radios. Steve Waymouth will try to have these tests every three months and hopes to include more hospitals and clinics. The tests will probably be on Wednesday mornings at 10 AM.

Ivan invites all hams to the ARES meeting on January 18 TH at 6 PM at the EMA office. He says they got \$ 2000 to spend on radio equipment so Ivan invites us to look at the new radio toys.

Bill asked John n1jd how he did in the 10 meter contest. Last time John reports that he made 30,000 points but this time the band was better and he had 129,360 points with his contacts from all around the world.

Bill reports that he and grumpy George kb1aqe will be attending an ARRL cabinet meeting the first weekend of January. He wanted to know if anyone had a subject to bring to their attention. Several members and I want to bring back the discount memberships for senior citizens and have the prices quoted in the QST actually match what they charge. Bill, good luck spending the weekend with grumpy George.

Bill also mentioned that the Chelsea hamfest will not be in Chelsea next month and will be in Augusta at the Calumet Club instead on February 4 th.

Jerry will be sending out the forms to vendors soon for the convention and is still asking for ideas for talks. He has heard requests for a general question and answer session. Ivan got an email from Western Mountain Radio requesting information, Ivan quickly sent a reply.

Earle n1svb had a couple of his neighbors children visit his ham shack and talked to Newfoundland. The children's mother tells Earle that the kids still talk about the experience.

Andy kb1doi made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by kb1qhr and k1wtx. Vote: approved at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Knight n1nyw
Secretary

DX NEWS NOTES
January, 2012

During the past month we made 33 DX contacts representing 19 different countries. The low is still because of the out of adjustment of the A3S beam antenna. Come spring we will look into having someone come and service it.

Countries contacted were:

FM/F5UFX, Martinique; ZX50CRASC, Brazil; LU3MCJ, Argentina; ET3SID, Ethiopia; G5KC, England; VK2GWK, Australia; YV1BYM, Venezuela; LA5MIA; VE4RAC, Canada; V31NB, Belize; YS1KBL, El Salvador; EA8/RW3DO, Canary Is.; ZS!SR, So. Africa; 3Da0TM, Swaziland; HT100MP, Nicaragua; JA3CZY, Japan; OX9SCL, Greenland; V5/DJ2HD, Namibia; 8R1AK, Guyana;

We had two Pacific contacts this month. We contacted VK2GWK in Australia and also JA3CZY in Japan...

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

Feb. 01 to Feb. 23	T30HA	West Kiribati
Feb. 02 to Feb. 12	6Y5/	Jamaica
Feb. 03 to Feb. 17	ZK2C	Niue
Feb. 06 to Feb. 10	FX6t/p	French Polynesia
Feb. 10 to Feb. 14	KH2/	Guam
Feb. 10 to Feb. 15	E51BKV	So. Cook Is.
Feb. 11 to Feb. 24	H40FN	Temotu
Feb. 13 to Feb. 23	C6/	Bahamas.
Feb. 17 to Feb. 21	T88KF	Palau
Feb. 18 to Feb. 25	FK/	New Caledonia
Feb. 21 to Feb. 29	3DA0PW	Swaziland
Feb. 24 to Mar. 07	6V7T	Senegal
Feb. 26 to Mar. 15	V31SU	Belize
Feb. 27 to Mar. 02	C56/	Gambia
Feb. 27 to Mar. 11	V31YK	Belize
Feb. 28 to Mar. 28	V47JA	St. Kitts & Nevis

CQ WW WPX Contest RTTY (Feb. 11 - 14, 2012)

ARRL International DX Contest CW (Feb. 18 - 19, 2012)

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