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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

May 5, 2000Z to May 6, 0500Z and May 6, 1300Z to 2400Z. New England QSO Party
 Rules at www.neqp.org

May 5 1300Z to May 6, 0659Z. The 7th area QSO Party. Rules at www.7qp.org

SPECIAL EVENT STATION

May 12, 1600z TO 2359z, NI6IW, San Diego, Ca. Armed Forces Day, and National Maritime Day. SSB 14.320, 7.250, QSL USS Midway Museum Radio Room, 910 N. Harbor Dr., San Diego, CA 92101.

May 26, 2000Z to May 27, 2200Z, W6G, Golden Gate Bridge 75th Anniversary. SSB 28.373, 24.975, 21.275, 18.175, 14.275, 7.175, and 3.750 also CW ON all bands. Certificate & QSL to Tony Dowler, PO Box 1749, Pacifica, CA 94044

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Andy Club Meetings</u></p> <p>Wednesday May 2nd 2012 1900 EDT Andy Meeting at LaPage Conference Room 99 Campus Avenue, Lewiston, ME</p> <p>Wednesday May 16th 2012 at 1800 Androscoggin ARES/RACES Meeting Androscoggin Unified EMA Office Basement of Central Fire Station 2 College Street Lewiston</p>	<p>Wednesday May 30th 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

This month, there was an increase in members on the ARES/RACES Net, but we need more to check in. At the April meeting we only had 5 members attend. We talked about the upcoming MS Walk on April 28 at 9am. We talked about the lack of training with Fldigi and the increase use by other ARES group. I recommend that we have a training session at the May meeting. Any members that have a laptop with Fldigi loaded, to bring it to the meeting so we will have hands on training. The latest version of Fldigi is ...41. Here is the web site to download this update :

www.w1hkj.com/download.html

We plan to have Fldigi used for the hospitals as well as EOC's. Most ARES groups are training on this software. Also, this software can be used by amateur operator's for most of the digital modes that are used. This could give you another mode to work with.



LIST OF UP COMING EVENTS IN MAINE THIS YEAR

2012 ALA Trek across Maine, June 1, 2, and 3.

2012 Tour de Cure bicycle trek in Wells and Kennebunk on Sunday, June 3

Contact KB1VX at kb1vx@arrl.net. Deadline for volunteers is April 30

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.

Secretary's Report

A meeting of the Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club was held April 4, 2012 at the Lapage Conference Room in Lewiston Maine. In attendance: n1oxa, n1jd, n1nyw, w1scm and son Charles, wb1hfy, kb1doi, n1svb, wa1eoj, n1wfo, wa1skp, kb1cdu, w1ltx, n1dot, k1wtx, w1lwt, n1vlz, and kb1urn.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Vice President Earle Gilmore n1svb, a motion to approve the Secretary's report was made by Bob w1ltx and seconded by Andy kb1doi. Vote: Approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers report, Andy kb1doi made a motion to approve the report and Rick n1wfo seconded the motion. Vote: Approved. Ivan explained that attendance was lower than last year, 256 compared to 301 last year, so revenue was down also.

There was quite a bit of discussion about the scholarship and the fact that someone from New Jersey got the money last time. Advertising or the lack of local advertising of the scholarship was discussed so efforts to make sure students from Maine know about it will be stepped up. For starters, Ivan will be stopping at CMCC to make sure those students are aware of the opportunity.

After the discussion about the fundraising and the treasury Rick n1wfo made a motion to transfer \$1000 from the checking account to the savings CD so the money raised at the convention will earn at least a little interest. Andy kb1doi seconded the motion. Vote: Approved.

Because it is April, election month, Earle asked for nominations from the floor for club officers. A motion was made by kb1urn (please correct me if I got that call sign or the person wrong) to nominate the current slate of officers with the exception of President. Instead Lee w1lwt was nominated for President with a second for the motion provided by Jerry k1wtx. Paper was distributed for ballots and the ballots were counted. Seven votes for Lee w1lwt, 9 for Bill n1kat and one for Donald Duck qu1ack. The Secretary cast one vote for the other officers.

The lack of check ins on the net on the last Wednesday of the month at 1900 prompted a motion from n1dot and a second from k1wtx to cancel the net: Vote: Approved.

Possible sites for future Field Day events were discussed, CMCC, Lewiston High School were mentioned as possibilities. Jerry k1wtx made a motion to stay at Park Avenue Elementary this year and check into other sites for future years. In other news about Field Day, the clubs crank up tower needs work, last year it got stuck going down and after an hour of work it finally came down.

Ivan reminds us that operators are needed Saturday April 28 TH to meet at Lewiston High School by 8:30 to get our assignments for the MS Walk. Please contact Ivan to sign up.

Andy kb1doi made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Bob w1ltx. Vote approved at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

DX NEWS NOTES

April, 2012

During the past month we made 58 DX contacts representing 40 different countries.

Countries contacted were:

6Y1V, Jamaica; 7X4RJ/qrp, Algeria; S51CK, Slovenia; 9A7R, Croatia; FM4NB, Martinique; EF8R, Canary Is.; TM1T, France; CA2GG, Chile; UZ0U, Ukraine; OR2F, Belgium; OH8L, Finland; E74EBL, Bosnia-Herzegovina; EA5DFV, Spain; HK1T, Columbia; C6AEA, Bahamas; TT8ES, Chad; PJ7PT, St. Martins; IK2LQT, Italy; DL5ZBA, Germany; PY1EW, Brazil; CU2GC, Azores; OE4RLC, Austria; LZ2LP, Argentina; YO6PJS, Romania; MI0TIF, NO. Ireland; G4RFR, England; 9K2UU, Kuate; YT2T, Serbia; C4W, Cyprus; GW4BLE, Wales; XE2GAG, Mexico; C56LH, The Gambia; V5/DK6XZ, Namibia; KG4SS, Guantanamo Bay; SP2Fax, Poland; LX75RL, Luxembourg; T77GO, San Marino; Y12BJ, Latvia; OH2HH, Finland; OH0X, Aland Is.; YB2LSR, Indonesia; TA3TTT, Turkey.

We had one Pacific contact this month. We contacted YB2LSR in Indonesia.

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

May 05 to May 06	KH2/	Guam
May 05 to Jun. 10	ZQ3M	Gibraltar
May 07 to May 13	VP9/	Bermuda
May 08 to May 14	P40FM	Aruba
May 09 to May 13	P40XZ	Aruba
May 11 to May 31	V31XB	Belize
May 12 to May 19	MU/	Guernsey
May 15 to May 23	S79RR	Seychelles
May 17 to May 23	XX9/	Macao

CQ WW WPX Contest, CW (May 26 – 27, 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