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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

Nov. 10, 0001Z to Nov. 11, 2359Z, 10-10 Fall Digital QSO Party, Rules: www.ten-ten.org
 Nov. 10, 0700Z to Nov. 11, 1300Z, Japan International DX Contest, Rules: www.jdx.org
 Nov. 17, 2100Z to Nov. 19, 0300Z, ARRL November Sweepstakes,
 Rules: www.arrl.org/sweepstakes

SPECIAL EVENT STATION

Nov. 10, 1500Z to 2200Z, W0FSB , Waterloo, IA. Five Sullivan Brothers Amateur Radio Club. Veterans Day Triple Event- USMC Birthday, Veterans Day, and Loss of Five Sullivan Brothers. 21.240, 14.240, and 7.240. Certificate and QSL: W0FSB, 4015 Independence Ave., Waterloo, IA, 50703. For certificate, sent QSL card and \$1, no envelope required. QSL Card, send QSL card with #10SASE.
Nov. 10, 1700Z to 2359Z, NI6IW, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV-41) Museum US Veterans Day, and US Marine Corp Birthday established 1775, 14.320, and 7.250.
 QSL: USS Midway Museum Radio Room, 910 N Harbor Dr., San Diego, CA 92101

<p>Andy Club Meetings Wednesday November 7th 2012 1900 EDT Andy Meeting at LaPage Conference Room 99 Campus Avenue, Lewiston, ME</p>	<p>Wednesday November 28th 2012 0730 EDT Monthly Andy Breakfast Ramada Inn, Pleasant Street Lewiston, ME</p>
<p>NO MEETING THIS MONTH 2012 at 1800 Androscoggin ARES/RACES Meeting Androscoggin Unified EMA Office Basement of Central Fire Station 2 College Street Lewiston</p>	<p>ARES/RACES NET Every Thursday at 1930 on 146.61 Repeater</p>

ARES/RACES Comments by Ivan N1OXA Androscoggin EC

October was a very busy month to say the least. On Saturday, Oct 6, we had the SET for Maine. I had the Androscoggin ARES/RACES net activated on our repeater on 146.61, with Dave, WE1U, as net control. I checked in to the MECN, and passed messages. Between The VHF and HF Nets we passed 13 messages, and had 9 ARES members check into the VHF Net. This was better than last year.

Than on Saturday 13, we had the Hospital Radio Test with the Oxford County

School Bus rollover Exercise. We had 7 hospital from Maine and one from N.H., plus Androscoggin and Franklin EMA's checked into the net. We had traffic passed to several hospital, and had operators from the hospitals also got on the radio's. All stations had good comments.

Then on Sunday Oct. 14, we had the Dempsey Challenge and there were 28 volunteers that work the SAG and Rest Stops. The day started with rain and cold, the rain stop but the cold didn't. But all ended well and early, the last trekkers finished at 5pm.

We also move the portable tower to the Goff Hill Repeater site, and placed the 440 Antenna on the tower. Now, we are working on the 440 Radio to fine tune the squelch.

I want to wish everyone have a Happy Thanksgiving and see you next month.

Ivan, N1OXA



LIST OF UP COMING EVENTS IN MAINE THIS YEAR

NONE AT THIS TIME.

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 October 3, 2012 at the LaPage Conference Center in Lewiston, Maine. In attendance: n1oxe, n1oxa, w1scm and son Charles, w1ltx, kb1qhr, w1lwt, kb1doi, wa1skp, n1nyw, k1wtx, n1dot and w1sab.

The meeting was called to order by the Treasurer Ivan n1oxa at 7:03 PM because the President and Vice President were absent. Andy kb1doi made a motion to approve the Secretary's report as printed in the Acorn. The Motion was seconded by Bob w1ltx. Vote: approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers' report and noted that the major expenses were insurance and the Post Office box rent. Bob w1ltx made a motion to approve the report, that motion was seconded by Dave n1oxe.

In old business, the Auburn Middle School confirmed they are interested in the ham radio contact with the space station and have 300 students who would like to have some club members go to the school and teach them about ham radio before the space station contact. We will work on that. Ivan detailed some of the things NASA requires for the event, a seventy five watt transmitter with a pre-amp, and automatic tracking antennas to name a few. Arrangements are being made to have the IBEW supply and operate a lift to place the antennas on the roof and the use of the Androscoggin County Comm Truck are just some of the plans in the works. Ivan reports that a student ham will be making the contact and Bates has told NASA that the time between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. will fit their class schedule. There is still no word on exactly what date and time the contact will be.

Ivan also told us that the SET is October 6 and that no one will have to go far if anywhere to participate. A major fire will be the subject of the event.

Also Ivan reports the hospital drill was postponed last month and will be held October 13 at 7:45 a.m. before the Oxford County Mass Casualty drill. On October 14 the Dempsey Challenge will be held with Club members in SAG vehicles and others at rest stops. Ivan explained more about the event.

Also there was work done last week getting the crank up tower in place on Goff Hill and Ivan explained that the antenna connection was corroded and was cleaned up as best they could and got a good swr match. (Pictures on the w1npp.org web site) The Motorola tech will stop by the next time he is called to the hill for work on commercial equipment and will check out the clubs 2 meter and 440 repeaters to see if they need any repairs or adjustment. Three volunteers were enlisted to help get the crank up tower placed in its permanent location.

There will be no talk this fall about SETI because the speaker will be down under in Australia watching an eclipse. Maybe next year?

Shawn w1sab would like to have us talk at next months meeting about ways to increase attendance at the next hamfest / ARRL Convention. It was suggested that a more valuable prize might bring in more people. Please bring your ideas to the November meeting. Also if you would like to help coordinate the event please attend.

Bob w1ltx made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by David n1oxe. Vote Approved. Meeting ended at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Knight Secretary

DX NEWS NOTES
October, 2012

During the past month we made 34 DX contacts representing 25 different countries.

Countries contacted were:

A61ZX, United Arab Emeritus; LZ1DLZ, Bulgaria; PB5X, Netherlands; YL3FT, Latvia; M0BZH, England; DL250FCOAL, Germany; VA3AAA, Canada; JW8DW, Svalbard; 9A9DX, Croatia; ON4AEO, Belgium; ET3SID, Ethiopia; TC6GLH, Turkey; 7x4RJ, Algeria; ZD8KFC, Ascension Is.; J40TSL, Greece; CN2SM, Morocco; VK2GNK, Australia; F4GZJ, France; S57DX, Slovenia; LA9DX, Luxembourg; T77NM, San Marino; HE5LC, Switzerland; ZS1UOK, South Africa; YT1HA, Serbia; CU3URA, Azores;

We had one Pacific contacts this month. We contacted VK2GNK from Australia.

There are several DXpeditions to various parts of the world coming up in November. 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. 09	ZL7A	Chatham Is.
Nov. 02 to Nov. 04	P29VPB	Papua New Guinea
Nov. 03 to Nov. 10	YJ0AFU	Vanuatu
Nov. 04 to Nov. 09	C6AXY	Bahamas
Nov. 05 to Nov. 19	VP9KF	Bermuda
Nov. 05 to Nov. 19	VP2M	Montserrat
Nov. 05 to Nov. 22	5Z4/	Kenya
Nov. 06 to Nov. 13	P29VCX	Papua New Guinea
Nov. 09 to Nov. 17	PJ4/	Bonaire
Nov. 09 to Nov. 17	C3A/	Monaco
Nov. 10 to Nov. 22	PT0S	St. Peter & Paul Rocks
Nov. 10 to Dec. 09	5R1IC	Madagascar
Nov. 11 to Nov. 23	V84SMD	Brunei
Nov. 12 to Nov. 19	E51KBR	So. Cook Is.
Nov. 12 to Nov. 30	E51/	So. Cook Is.
Nov. 16 to Nov. 19	XP2I	Greenland
Nov. 17 to Nov. 27	VK9/	Lord Howe Is.
Nov. 18 to Nov. 24	PJ7/	Sint Maartin Is
Nov. 18 to Dec. 08	E51TLA	So. Cook Is.
Nov. 20 to Dec. 11	C6/	Bahamas
Nov. 21 to Dec. 03	VP2V	British Virgin Is.
Nov. 23 to Dec. 03	7P8D	Lesotho
Nov. 24 to Dec. 10	5T0SP	Mauritania
Nov. 26 to Dec. 11	8Q7AU	Maldives
Nov. 28 to Dec. 09	LZ9HR	Auckland & Campbell Is.

CQ WW DX Contest CW (Nov. 24 - 25, 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/>

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