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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

Dec 14, 0000Z to Dec 15, 2359Z, ARRL 10 Meter Contest, Rules: www.arrl.org/contests
 Dec 28, 0000Z to 2359Z, RAC Winter Contest, Rules: www.rac.ca/en/rac/programmes/contests

SPECIAL EVENT STATION

Dec 7 - Dec 8, 1000Z - 1630Z, N4WIS, Virginia Beach, VA. USS Wisconsin Radio Club. Pearl Harbor. Freq. 14.264 and 7.264. QSL, N4WIS, USS Wisconsin Radio Club, PO Box 6682, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. www.n4wis.org/n4wis/index.php

Dec 7 - Dec 8, 0000Z - 0000Z, W7ORC, Okanogan, WA. Okanogan County Amateur Radio Club. Grand Coulee Dam Special Event. Freq. 14.270, 7.260, and 3.860. Certificate. Okanogan County Amateur Radio Club, 219 W Winesap St., Tonasket, Wa 98855. E-certificate via e-mail. www.w7orc.com

Dec 14 1700Z - 2356Z, NI6IW, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV-41) Museum. Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. Freq. 14.320 and 7.250. QSL USS Midway Museum Radio Room, 910 N Harbor Dr., San Diego, CA 92101

Remember that the December meeting will be a Christmas Party. So call me at 577-5152 and let me know what you plan to bring. If you don't know what to bring call me and I will make a recommendation. Come early so we can start at 1830 to eat, than we will have the meeting.

<p>Andy Club Meetings Wednesday December 4th 1830 X-mas Party Wednesday December 4th 2013 1900 EDT Andy Meeting at Potvin Room 99 Campus Avenue, Lewiston, ME</p> <p>Wednesday December 18th 2013 at 1800 Androscoggin ARES/RACES Meeting Androscoggin Unified EMA Office Basement of Central Fire Station 2 College Street Lewiston</p>	<p>Wednesday December 25th 2013 0730 EDT No Breakfast due to Christmas</p> <p>Lewiston, ME</p> <p>ARES/RACES NET On Thursday, Androscoggin ARES/RACES Net at 1930 on club repeater freq. of 442.000 Mhz .</p>
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Al Stronach passed away on November 25, 2013 long time member of the Androscoggin ARC

ARES/RACES Comments by Ivan N1OXA Androscoggin EC



November started with the SET on Wednesday Nov. 6 from Noon to 1600, only had four operators due to the weekday. We work with MEMA on the Androscoggin EMA event, the Gulf Island Dam crack. No hospitals were manned, due to lack of operators. The Park Ave school and Lewiston HS work has been rescheduled for spring 2014. For the next several ARES/RACES meeting we will be training on the HF and VHF radios in the EMA. Good news, the EMA purchase three Yaesu FT-897 HF, VHF, and UHF radios, which will be used for Red Cross Shelters. Also, we are going to start training on the Fldigi software for digital communication using ICS forms. Hopefully we can practice it on the ARES/RACES net on Thursday night at 1930 on the 442 repeater.

Remember to be ready, you need training to be ready.

Ivan, N1OXA

LIST OF UP COMING EVENTS IN MAINE FOR 2014

ARRL's Centennial QSO Party, all year QSO party with points for members of the ARRL board and other volunteers, ARRL Life members, Card checker, etc. See the article in December QST on page 67 with all the details.

ARRL Maine State Convention and Hamfest on March 28 and 29, 2014

Thanks and Happy Thanksgiving

Ivan, N1OXA

**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

A meeting of the Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club was held Wednesday November 6, 2013 at the Potvin Room at the St. Marys Medical Arts Building in Lewiston Maine. In attendance: kb1cdu, aa1ut, n1dot, kg1q, k1wtx, wa1skp, kb1doi, kb1rsd, kb1zlb and xyl, kb1yyc, n1oxe, wb1hfy, w1scm and son Charles, n1kat, n1nyw, n1oxa, w1lwt, kb1qhr, and w1ltx.

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Woodhead at 7:05 p.m. David we1u made a motion to approve the October Secretarys report as printed in the ACORN. Motion was seconded by Ken kb1cdu. Vote: Approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers report followed by a motion to approve the report by Andy kb1doi and a second from kb1cdu. Vote: Approved.

Andy kb1doi reports that the Dempsey Challenge special events station N1D had 122 CW contacts and 51 phone contacts for a total of 173. Ivan tells us there were 3800 persons in the Dempsey Challenge walk and running part of the event and over 1300 bike riders on Sunday. The event raised over 1.1 million dollars. Note the date change for next years event will be September 27 and 28.

Ivan reports the radio installation at the Poland school and shelter is done. The Park Avenue School still needs the antenna installed and the connections made. Bill Woodhead reports that permission has been granted to do the installation at Lewiston High School. Tim aa1ut reports they have found extra money at EMA to buy model 847 radios for go kits to take to the shelters. He also tells us that a church in Leeds has been approved as an official Red Cross Shelter.

Ivan reminds us that it is time we register our hamfest with the ARRL to be the official ARRL Convention.

Our December club meeting will start with the annual Christmas party. Don't forget to bring food for the pot luck supper that will begin at 6:30 with the meeting to follow.

Note: It was decided to have the January meeting on Thursday January second because the building will be closed for the New Years holiday on our usual meeting day. This change must first be approved by St. Marys to make sure the room is not already being used..

I mentioned to the members that the ARRL awarded our scholarship a few months ago to a student from Shelton CT. We made sure to tell club member Dakota kb1yyc that he should apply for the scholarship because he has his ham license and is a senior this year. It has been years since a ham from Maine got the money.

Ivan, Jerry k1wtx and others made comments about the Vigilant Guard drill and the SET and discussed the problems with the combining of the two events.

Ivan n1oxa made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by kb1cdu. Vote: Approved at 7:51 p.m. so the members could watch a show and tell by David we1u about the Anderson Power poles. Next month David also plans more on the power poles to be in the ACORN and at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Knight Secretary

DX News Notes October, 2013

The month of October we made 28 DX contacts which represents 21 countries.

Countries worked were: CY0P, Sable Is.; T48LT, Cuba; TO2TT, Mayotte Is.; TO4FM, Martinique;; XE1B, Mexico; 5N53EAM, Nigeria; ZD7VC, St. Helena Is; EI13CLAN, Ireland; OH0R, Aland Is.; SU9AF, Egypt; C82DX, Mozambique; VK6BP, Australia; VK3QD, Australia; CT9/DL9OLI, Madeira Is.; D44XT, Cape Verde Is.; CT1EHI, Portugal; OE6MBG, Austria; YB9Y, Indonesia; VU2PHD, India; JW9JKA, Svalbard; RI1ANU, So. Shetland Is.;N4WBE/am, Over Gulf of Mexico

We made three Pacific contacts in October. We contacted VK6BP in Australia, VK3QD in Australia and YB9Y in Indonesia.

There are several DXpeditions taking place in December. Some haven't been assigned a call sign so they will use the listed prefix followed with another call sign.

Dec. 01 to Dec. 06	P29VXN	Papua New Guinea
Dec. 01 to Dec. 08	ZF2OK	Cayman Is.
Dec. 01 to Dec. 09	J6/	St. Lucia
Dec. 04 to Nov. 11	T32RC	East Kiribati
Dec. 04 to Dec. 12	V63XG	Micronesia
Dec. 06 to Dec. 08	C6AKQ	Bahamas
Dec. 07 to Dec. 17	E6RQ	Niue
Dec. 08 to Dec. 14	6W/	Senegal
Dec. 09 to Dec. 16	8P8T	Barbados
Dec. 14 to Dec. 18	V5/	Namibia
Dec. 21 to Jan. 10	H40FN	Temotu
Dec. 22 to Dec. 24	7P8DJ	Lesotho
Dec. 22 to Dec. 24	7P8WO	Lesotho

The above DXpeditions are accurate to the 15th of the month. For later additions visit NG3K web page.

I invite all members to visit my web page <http://www.qsl.net/n1svb>