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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

July 1, 0000Z to **July 7**, 2400Z, Ten-Ten Sprit of 76 QSO Party, Rules: www.ten-ten.org

July 13, 1200Z to **July 14**, 1200Z, IARU HF World Championship, Rules:www.arrl.org/contests

July 27, 1200Z to **July 28**, 1200Z, RSGB IOTA Centenary Constest, Rules: www.rsgbcc.org

SPECIAL EVENT STATION

July 1-5, 1200Z-1200Z, K2B, Cedar Bluff, VA. 13 Colonies, 14.213 and 7.213. Certificate & QSL
 Danny Starling, 2262 Bandy Rd, Cedar Bluff, Va, 24609. More info on other Colonies at
WWW.13colonies.info

July 13, 1600Z-2300Z, NI6IW, San Diego, Ca. USS Midway(CV-41) Museum, Independence Day
 Freq 14.320 and 7.250. QSL: USS Midway Museum Radio Room, 910 N Harbor Dr, San Diego,
 CA, 92101

<p>Andy Club Meetings Wednesday July 3rd 2013 1900 EDT Andy Meeting at Potvin Room 99 Campus Avenue, Lewiston, ME</p> <p>Wednesday, July 17th 1800 EDT Androscoggin ARES/RACES Meeting Androscoggin Unified EMA Office Basement of Central Fire Station 2 College Street Lewiston</p>	<p>Wednesday July 31st 2013 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

June was a busy time, we met with the maintenance man on installing the antenna and coax at the Poland RHS. We are looking at the end of June for the install. After that we worked on antennas for the EMA and got ready for the FD. The weekend of June 14 to 16 several of us worked the ALA Trek across Maine, a three day bike trek. I will not talk about the accident, lets just say amateur radio conducted itself well.

The club Field Day was held at the Androscoggin unified EMA office, we used the FT 897 and the FT100D with the 80M and 40M antennas. the com van was set for the GOTA station, and we had several people stop by and checked it. We had a group of five or six operators and had a great time. The overnight crew was Myself, John, N1JD, Pete, N1ZRL and Fred, WA1SKP. John had over 200 CW contacts alone, good job!

Sunday, six of the ARES members worked on the "Bandsontherun Half Marathon", it was raining to start, but the ending had better weather. It was a good event, and they enjoyed our part in the event. We had the All in One trackers on the lead bike and the sweep bike, and had some success with the GPS. More work needs to be done with the equipment. Looking forward to working this event again next year.

The SAR Excercise is scheduled for June 29 at 1pm at Beaver Park, in Lisbon. The Com Van will be there and we plan to use the APRS units for more work with the Com Van. This will be some good training, so come to Lisbon and check it out.

See you all at the club meeting.

Ivan, N1OXA



LIST OF UP COMING EVENTS IN MAINE THIS YEAR

2013 Beach to Beacon 10k Race, Saturday Aug. 3

2013 The Loon Echo Hike and Bike Trek, Saturday, September 21

2013 Dempsey Challenge 10 to 100 miles bike trek, Sunday October 13

73 Ivan

**Secretary's Report
June 2013**

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting June 5, 2013 at the Potvin Room at the St. Marys Medical Arts building in Lewiston, Maine. In attendance were 21 members and guests: wa1skp, kb1doi, n1zrl, n1jd, wa1eoj, w1scm and son Charles, n1oxa, we1u, n1nyw, kb1cdu, n1dot, wb1hfy, n1svb, n1oxe, ku1u, kb1rsd, w1ltx, w1lwt, n1vlz, and k1wtx.

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. sharp by Vice President David Lowe we1u. Bob w1ltx mentioned that the Secretary's report was missing a mention about Ken n1dots' presentation about D-Star after the last meeting. Bob then made a motion to accept the report with the correction, the addition of Kens' report on D-Star, seconded by Dave n1oxe. Vote: approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers report and mentions that only 11 club members are getting the ACORN by snail mail, and one of the major expenses was the D-Star part. Andy kb1doi made a motion to accept the report and the motion was seconded by Dave n1oxe. Vote: Approved.

Ivan passed around the thank you notes the club received for our participation in the MS Walk and from Bates College for the help with the ISS contact.

We went around the room and did introductions and welcomed our new member n1vlz.

Ivan reported that our club President Bill Woodhead n1kat was approved for surgery on the front and back of his neck after waiting two years for the approval. He will not be able ride or drive for six to eight weeks after surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Ivan discussed the plans for Field Day at the EOC and sent a sign up sheet around the room looking for members to take a shift.

Also Sunday morning June 23rd Ivan needs more hams to volunteer for the Bands on the Run Half Marathon that starts at 8 a.m. and runs to about noon. Please sign up with Ivan.

David we1u reminded us that there will be weather spotter training at the Auburn Library Saturday June 8 and the Trek Across Maine is fathers day weekend.

Ivan explained about his involvement in WRTC 2014 and invites other hams to get involved. See Ivan for details.

Ivan also reported the VE exams are set for June 12 at the train club, Don Wakeman will be in charge.

Cory ku1u told us about the "No Nonsense" Study Guide for all the ham license exams available at www.kb6nv.com. Tech and General are free and the Extra study guide is \$7.99.

Jerry k1wtx welcomes hams to join a group from the Radio Adventures of Maine Saturday June 15 starting with breakfast at Dicks Restaurant in Mexico at 7:30 and then operating from the height of land turn out on Route 17.

Lee w1ltw told a funny story about his adventures chasing UFOs.

Cory ku1u talked about having special event stations. He says maybe we should have a special events station that issues QSL Cards remembering the 50th anniversary of Alis' punch and other ideas for stations.

Fred wa1skp suggested having a talk about fox hunting and then have a fox hunt.

David we1u told of the CERT team doing search and rescue training and then having an exercise.

We took a vote and decided to have our meeting as usual in July and not cancel because of the holiday. After the July meeting Pete n1zrl will plan to do a talk about APRS. If he is not able to do the APRS talk at that time someone else will do a talk about a simplex store and forward repeater.

Dave n1oxe made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Jerry k1wtx. Vote: adjourned at 7:57 p.m. to listen to Cory ku1u do an informative presentation on contesting.

After the meeting David we1u mentioned the June 19th hospital radio test.

Respectfully Submitted Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

DX News Notes June, 2013

The month of May we made 35 DX contacts which represents 25 countries.

Countries worked were: A71AE, Qatar; TO4IP, Martinique; 7X2GK, Algeria; 4L8A, Georgia; SU1HZ, Egypt; PD0MBU, Netherlands; EY7AD, Tajikistan; VK6KJ, Australia; IS0RXF, Sardinia; 6V7T, Senegal; Z81X, So. Sudan; RP68J, Serbia Russia; VU3WIJ, India; Z320T, Macedonia; 5X5KL, Dodecanese; GS3PYE/p, England; UT7UU, Ukraine; 9A4N, Croatia; LA5HFA, Norway, HZ1BW, Saudi Arabia; JY4CI, Jordan; TC94ATA, Turkey; 9N7M, Nigeria; PJ4NX, Bonaire Is.; OH0Z, Aland Is.;

We made one Pacific contact in April. We contacted VK6KJ

There are several DXpeditions taking place in July. Some haven't been assigned or the DXpedition will use the listed prefix followed with another call sign.

Jul. 01 to Jul. 06	OJ0V	Market Reef
Jul. 01 to Jul. 07	H44IOTA	Solomon Is.
Jul. 01 to Jul. 16	6V7S	Senegal
Jul. 01 to Jul. 19	YN2RP	Nicaragua
Jul. 02 to Jul. 07	9G5AA	Ghana
Jul. 05 to Jul. 09	PJ7/	Sint Maarten
Jul. 06 to Jul. 16	FP/	St. Pierre & Miquelon
Jul. 06 to Jul. 25	HH5/	Haiti
Jul. 07 to Jul. 13	FO/	Marquesas
Jul. 09 to Jul. 12	H40IOTA	Solomon Is.
Jul. 09 to Aug.10	V47JA	St. Kitts & Nevis
Jul. 10 to Jul. 14	FS/	St. Martin
Jul. 14 to Jul. 16	H40IOTA	Temotu
Jul. 14 to Jul. 22	FO/	Austral Is.
Jul. 16 to Jul. 30	5R8NE	Madagascar
Jul. 19 to Jul. 23	C91GR	Mozambique
Jul. 20 to Aug. 01	OX3LA	Greenland

RSGB IOTA Contest July 27 - 28, 2013

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>