



# ACORN

## March 2013

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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

**March 16**, 1200Z, March 17, 1200Z, Russian DX Contest, Rules: [www.rdx.org](http://www.rdx.org)  
**March 30**, 0000Z, March 31, 2400Z, CQ WPX SSB Contest, Rules: [WWW.cqwp.com](http://WWW.cqwp.com)

#### SPECIAL EVENT STATION

**March 9**, 1700Z-2359Z, NI6IW, San Diego CA. USS Midway (CV-41) Museum. Navy Seebees Birthday, Girl Scouts of America Founded 1912. SSB 14.320 7.250MHZ. QSL. USS Midway Museum Radio Room, 910 N Harbor Dr. San Diego CA, 92101

**March 24- 29**, 0900Z-2000Z, GB5CT, Wimborne, Dorset, England. Radio Society of Great Britian. Chalbury Shutter Telegraph, over 200 Years. 14.300 21.300 7.190. QSL RSGB buro or direct to John Wakefield. Oakhurst Lower Common Rd. West Wellow, Romsey, Hampshire SO51 6BT, England or [www.qrz.com/db/gb5ct](http://www.qrz.com/db/gb5ct)

#### Reminder for March Meeting:

Two main items, Volunteers sign up for the Hamfest, and the talk for that night is from Pete, KA1GHF, who will show a video on whats in a TV studio.

<p><b>Andy Club Meetings</b>  <b>Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup> 2013</b> 1900 EDT          Andy Meeting at Potvin Room          99 Campus Avenue, Lewiston, ME</p> <p><b>Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 2013</b> at 1800 EDT          Androscoggin ARES/RACES Meeting          Androscoggin Unified EMA Office          Basement of Central Fire Station          2 College Street Lewiston</p>	<p><b>Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> 2013</b> 0730 EDT          Monthly Andy Breakfast          Ramada Inn, Pleasant Street          Lewiston, ME</p> <p>ARES/RACES NET  <b>Every Thursday at 1930 on 146.61 Repeater</b></p>
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## ARES/RACES Comments by Ivan N1OXA Androscoggin EC

The month of February was a busy month with a lot of work at the EMA office. We assembled all six of the Tri-banders and did a SWR check on the three bands, 6M, 2M, and 440. Also worked on the tower to check and see the VHF Antenna, to see how much work needs to be done to remove it. It will not be too hard to take down. The next event will be to remove the old Coaxes and pull new one in. That will start in March. We have 5 or 6 members that are interested in taking a CERT Course, and be more trained for emergency operations. If anyone else would like to sign up contact Tim, AA1UT, at the EMA office to get an application for the CERT Training.



### LIST OF UP COMING EVENTS IN MAINE THIS YEAR

2013 PAWA Hamfest at the American Legion South, Portland, ME April 20, 2013 from 8 AM to Noon. Exams at 10 AM, Prize drawing at noon. PAWA

2013 MS-Walk Androscoggin County Saturday April 27th 2013 Lewiston ME five mile or one mile option. Hams check in at 8:30 AM. Ham contact Ivan. Check in for walkers will be at 9 AM, with a 10 AM start.

2013 Near-Fest XIII Friday May 3th 0900 to Saturday May 4th 2013, Deerfield, NH

Make The ICS213 form as page 3 than Center of Activity Frequency as page 4, than page 5 will be Secretary report and DX Report will be page 6.

Ivan, N1OXA

**Secretary's Report**

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday February 6, 2013 in the Potvin Room at St. Marys in Lewiston Maine. In attendance: kb1doi, wa1eoj, n1jd, w1scm and son Charles, n1oxa, n1nyw, we1u, n1svb, ka1ghf, k1wtx, kb1qhr, kb1cdu, n1dot, w1lwt, wa1skp, w1ltx and Charles Yaharling who is not a ham yet but is studying for his test he plans to take at the convention.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Earle Gilmore n1svb at 7 p.m. sharp. David we1u made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as printed in the ACORN. The motion was seconded by Jerry k1wtx. Vote: Approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers report and the report on the CDs. Andy kb1doi made a motion to accept the report as read. David we1u seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Old Business: Jerry k1wtx reports that he sent all the vendors that came to the hamfest last year forms to sign up again this year and is still waiting to hear from them. Bob w1ltx has received boxes from MFJ and ICOM of hand outs for the hamfest. Bob would like to have someone else take over his job. If you are interested please contact Ivan.

Ivan gave us an update on the speakers and other details of the hamfest and the ISS contact that is still planned for April. The second week of February Andy Club members will visit the school about the contact.

John n1jd reminds us of the FM Simplex contest February 10 from 2 to 6 p.m.

Vice President Earle Gilmore says he turned 80 and is taking his doctors advice and won't be driving at night in bad weather so he will not be seeking another term as Vice President of our club in order to help elect someone in April who would not have to skip a meeting if the weather isn't perfect. This advance notice will give someone a chance to run a proper campaign and shake enough hands, kiss all the babies and pay out enough bribes and buy enough votes to get elected.

David we1u brought up the idea of giving Central Maine Community College a set of the ham radio books from the league like the other schools and libraries have been given. David made it a motion that was seconded by Jerry k1wtx. The motion was quickly approved by the members with no objections.

David we1u made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Andy kb1doi. Vote: approved at 7:40 p.m. The club then enjoyed a presentation by Jerry k1wtx about making a station monitor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

**DX News Notes**  
**January, 2013**

The month of January we made 24 dx contacts which represents 19 countries.

Countries worked were: J88CG, St. Vincent; VI6AHR30, Australia; ZS1RM, So. Africa; JX9JKA, Jan Mayen; Z91D, South Sudan; V51BP, Namibia; FM5WE, Martineque; HI/AA2AP, Dominican Republic; CU7MD, Azores; WH7Z, Hawaii; OE2013X, Austria; VP8LP, Falkland Is.; KP4/KH2RU, Puerto Rico; L22D, Argentina; CT9/SP7DPJ, Maderia Is.; YV5YMA, Venezuela; VA6POP, Calgary Canada; 6W/F6IRS, Senegal.

We made several Pacific contacts in January. We contacted AX5CE, VI6AHR30, and VK3BUZ from Australia also WH7Z from Hawaii.

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

Mar. 02 to Mar. 17	PJ7AA	Sint. Maarten
Mar. 03 to Mar 07	P4/	Aruba
Mar. 04 to Mar. 12	9X0NH	Rwanda
Mar. 05 to Mar. 20	J34G	Grenada
Mar. 07 to Mar. 10	VO2AAA	Canada
Mar. 07 to Mar. 13	VP5/	Turks & Caicos
Mar. 07 to Apr. 03	CT9	Maderia Is.
Mar. 08 to Mar. 17	J79GV	Dominica
Mar. 08 to Mar. 22	PJ2/	Curacao
Mar. 08 to Mar. 25	H44G	Solomon Is.
Mar. 10 to Mar. 18	9M4SLL	Spratley
Mar. 10 to Mar 29	FS/	St. Martin Is.
Mar. 12 to Mar. 23	H40T	Tomotu
Mar. 12 to Mar. 23	T2GM	Tuvalu
Mar. 14 to Mar. 20	ZL7LC	Chatham Is.
Mar. 15 to Mar. 23	PJ7/	Sint Maarten
Mar. 19 to Apr. 02	T2/	Tuval
Mar. 20 to Mar. 29	XR0YG	Easter Is.
Mar. 22 to Mar. 29	E/6	Niue
Mar. 25 to Apr. 12	TO7BC	Mayotte Is.
Mar. 26 to Apr. 03	CT8/	Azores
Mar. 26 to Apr. 16	A3AEQ	Tonga
Mar. 30 to Apr. 13	VK9C	Cocos Keeling

CQ WW Contest, SSB (Mar. 30 – 31 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>

### **CENTER of ACTIVITY (Coa) Frequencies**

Centers of activity were established by IARU-promulgated gentlemen's agreements, and are not well understood by the amateur community at large. The IARU has advocated that contesting and other such activity be curtailed on or adjacent to them. Remember that ARRL is an IARU member, and IARU has taken the leadership in promoting this, but it needs our help to get the word out.

All amateurs should be aware of these frequencies, and be cognizant of the fact that often stations requiring emergency assistance are not high powered stations with great antenna systems. Often they are mobiles, portables operating from the bush with a simple wire antenna or on a sailboat. There are frequencies in each of the HF amateur allocations worldwide.

I hope readers will learn about the CoA frequencies and help educate their fellow amateurs.

The Emergency Center of Activity (CoA) Frequencies are:

On 15 meters, 21.360 MHz

On 17 meters, 18.160 MHz

On 20 meters, 14.300 MHz

On 40 meters, 7060 kHz

On 80 meters, 3760 kHz

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