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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

Sept 7, 0000z to **Sept 8**,2400z, All-Asian DX Contest, Rules: www.jarl.or.jp/english
Sept 14, 0000z to **Sept 15**, 2400z, Worked All EuropeDX Contest, Rules: www.waedc.de
Sept 14, 1800z to **Sept 16**, 0259z, ARRL Sept VHF Contest, Rules: www.arrl.org/contests
Sept 29, 0000z to **Sept 29**, 2359z, Maine QSO Party, Rules: www.maineqsoparty.com

SPECIAL EVENT STATION

Sept 7 - 15, 0000z-2359z, W6JBT, San Bernardino,CA. Citrus Belt ARC. **Route 66 On The Air Special**

Event. Freq. 28.466, 14.266, 7.266, & 3.866. Certificate & QSL, Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 3788, San Bernardino, CA 92413. 16 clubs across the nation are participating in this event using the call signs W6B - W6T. Full info at www.w6jbt.org

Sept 26 - 28, 1322z-1322z, **K5C**, Lawton, OK. Lawton-Ft Sill ARC. **Comanche Code Talkers of WWI &**

WWII. Freq. 50.125, 21.295, 14.295, & 7.295. Certificate & QSL, Lawton-Ft Sill Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 892, Lawton, OK 73502. Info www.w5ks.org

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| <p>Andy Club Meetings Wednesday September 4th 2013 1900 EDT Andy Meeting at LaPage Conference Room 99 Campus Avenue, Lewiston, ME</p> | <p>Wednesday September 25th 2013 0730 EDT Monthly Andy Breakfast Ramada Inn, Pleasant Street Lewiston, ME</p> |
| <p>Wednesday September 18th 2013 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, Androscoggin ARES/RACES Net at 1930 on new club repeater freq. of 442.000 Mhz until the 146.61 can be repaired.</p> |

ARES/RACES Comments by Ivan N1OXA Androscoggin EC

August started with the Beach to Beacon 10k race, it was good weather for the race, we had only 36 runners into the Medical tent. Tim, AA1UT, has not received any communications from either Auburn or Lewiston School Maintenance Dept. to check out the locations for the VHF/UHF antennas.

John, K1JJS, Maine SEC informed us that the SET will be in early November to be part of a state wide exercise, more to come.

Tim, AA1UT, informed me about a National Guard exercise in September with amateur radio

participation wanted. The evening of the 10th, National Guard and the counties/state are going to have an extensive set up of communication equipment at the National Guard Center in Bangor. I will have our comm van there and plan to set up both for public safety and ham operation. Hams are invited to come and view all the equipment and set ups, and ask questions of the Guard about their VHF/UHF/HF/Sat operations. This is being called a Show and Tell.

On Wed the 11th, they want to do a radio check with the hospitals but a time has not yet been established for that. Then at 6 p.m. they want to do a radio exercise over amateur radio trying connections through the linked system and other local repeaters, as well as using HF. This can be done from home or at the EOC or both. The idea is to see how the National Guard could use amateur radio to relay messages during an extensive disaster where all other lines of communication are impaired. I believe from discussion at the meeting that we will be using Radiograms as a messaging format. More Info at the club meeting, see you there. Ivan, N1OXA

Ivan, N1OXA

LIST OF UP COMING EVENTS IN MAINE THIS YEAR

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

2013 Dempsey Challenge 10 to 100 miles Bike Trek, Sunday October 13

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 August 7, 2013 at 7 p.m. at the Potvin Room at St. Marys Medical Arts Building in Lewiston Maine. In attendance: kb1zmx, wa1skp, kb1doi, n1oxe, n1jd, w1scm and son Charles, n1kat, n1oxa, n1nyw, kb1zlb and xyl, kb1yyc, n1dot, kb1cdu, k6pij, ku1u at the meeting for a few minutes, w1ltx, w1lwt and k1wtx.

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Woodhead n1kat at 7:00 p.m. Bob w1ltx made a motion to approve the Secretarys' report as written in the ACORN. Seconded by kb1doi. Vote: approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers report and kb1doi made a motion to approve the report with a second from k6pij. Vote: approved.

Ivan reported that the antenna was installed and tested at the Poland Regional High School. Good reception was reported by an number of hams. The next antenna to go up should be at the Park Avenue Elementary in Auburn. The Red Cross will have an FT-100 ready at the EMA in a ready kit to take to one of the school and plug in and use.

The 146.610 repeater is out of service. Just before this meeting Ivan and technician Tom Poto checked the repeater and pronounced the power amplifier dead. Tom will check to see what spare parts he has to fix it and recommended buying spare repeaters from the government agencies who have removed theirs to either switch to narrow band or digital.

The shack the 146.610 repeater is housed in is in bad repair and needs replacement or major repairs. It has been designated as a historic site so it may not be easy to fix or replace without lots of paper work. Stay tuned.

Ivan reports the next public service events with be Loon Echo and the Dempsey Challenge. The SET has been moved to November, more to come in the future.

Lee w1lwt talked about the special events station n1a at the USS Albacore on August 24 and 25. Also Lee says that the new Lisbon repeater on 223.900 will be ready for service soon and will be linked so there will be coverage on the 220 band from Bangor to the Portland area.

Ivan explained that he would like to put together a team from Maine to help set up and tear down the sixty five stations at next years WRTC in Mass. Contact Ivan for details and / or to sign up.

At one of the next meetings we hope to have Tom Poto talk about the Coast Guards GPS Automatic Location System. We don't know which meeting yet.

Dave n1oxe made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Bob w1ltx. Vote: approved at 7:37 p.m. There was no presentation after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

DX News Notes
AUGUST, 2013

The month of July we made 38 DX contacts which represents 24 countries.

Countries worked were: ER/KL1A, Moldova; FG5GP, Guadeloupe; 4Z5KA, Israel; VP2ET, Anguilla; WP4ONJ, Puerto Rico; OX3KQ, Greenland; Z80ID, South Sudan; JY4CI, Jordan; 4Z5OP, Israel; M6LID, England; PJ7FF, St. Martens; RC5Z, Russia IW4EII, Italy; YT5CT, DN1GC, 7X4RJ, Algeria; 9A288DX, Croatia; MJ1DSE, Jersey; S54ZZ, Slovenia; OO4CB, Belgium; A92HK, Bahrain;

We made no Pacific contacts in July.

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

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| Sep. 01 to Sep. 09 | 3B9EME | Rodriguez I. |
| Sep. 02 to Sep. 08 | TK9ZM | Corsica |
| Sep. 05 to Sep. 10 | XW/ | Laos |
| Sep. 06 to Sep. 07 | T8GM | Palau |
| Sep. 06 to Sep. 12 | TS/ | El Salvador |
| Sep. 07 to Sep. 14 | P29VNX | Papua New Guinea |
| Sep. 07 to Sep. 15 | V55V | Namibia |
| Sep. 08 to Sep. 15 | V6G | St. Pierre & Miquelon |
| Sep. 12 to Sep. 23 | YN2PX | Nicaragua |
| Sep. 13 to Sep. 16 | JW5X | Svalbard |
| Sep. 13 to Sep. 26 | PJ4M | Bonaire |
| Sep. 15 to Sep. 19 | T8GM | Palau |
| Sep. 20 to Sep. 23 | JW/ | Svalbard |
| Sep. 20 to Sep. 24 | A43MI | Oman |
| Sep. 21 to Sep. 27 | OJ0W | Market Reef |
| Sep. 22 to Sep. 29 | VK9LL | Lord Howe Is. |
| Sep. 25 to Oct. 03 | JW8DW | Svalbard |
| Sep. 27 to Oct. 11 | 3D2GC/p | Rotuma |

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>