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**Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club
(AARC)**

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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

There are 10 State QSO Parties this month, see April QST page 82 or go to www.arrl.org/contests to get the info on these as well as other contest.

SPECIAL EVENT STATION

See April QST page 94, scheduled this month are the following events:

American Legion 95th Anniversary, Decrypt of the German Enigma machine, Earth Day event powered by the Sun, Earth Day from Earth, TX., Railroad Hero Casey Jones, and Two Modern Popes Now Saint, to name a few. Check it out.

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR CLUB MEMBERS

Your membership (\$10 Single, \$15 Family) was due March 30. 2014. Please send me your dues now to my address:

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Andy Club Meeting

Wednesday April 2nd 2014 1900 EDT
Meeting held in Potvin Room
99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.

ARES/RACES

Wednesday April 16th 2014 at 1800
Androscoggin ARES/RACES meeting
Androscoggin Unified EMA Office
Basement of Central Fire Station
2 College Street Lewiston, Me.

Andy Club Breakfast

Wednesday April 30th 2014 0730 EDT
Held at the Ramada Inn Pleasant Street
Lewiston, Maine

On Air ARES/RACES NET

**Every Thursday night at 1930,
Weekly ARES/RACES Net 146.610 Mhz.**

The 146.61 repeater will now be used.

ARES/RACES Comments by Ivan N1OXA

Androscoggin EC



As you read this this the 2014 ARRL Maine State Convention and Hamfest is history and hope you were able to attend. We are planning a Simplex VHF radio test for Androscoggin County on Tuesday April 8 at 1930 on our Primary Freq. of 146.46. So Turn on your HT's or mobiles and check in. If you hear someone trying to check in, than call net control and relay them into the net. When not if we have a major disaster most phones, repeaters both government and amateur will go off line even with back up power. So using simplex will be the only communication for local agencies. We will also do a UHF test in future months.

If you have only one battery pack for your HT, buy a AA battery pack and have extra batteries for back up, a note the AA battery pack will last longer than your rechargeable pack.

And remember to check in to The ARES/RACES net on Thursday evening on 146.61 at 1930 hrs.

LIST OF UP COMING EVENTS IN MAINE FOR 2014

Saturday April 12, 0830 the Lewiston MS Walk only HT's needed. Contact Ivan, N1OXA

The ALA, Cycle the Seacoast, on Sunday May 4th, starting and ending in Portsmouth, NH (same weekend as Near-Fest) to volunteer, http://action.lung.org/site/TR?fr_id=8040&pg=entry

The ALA, Trek Across Maine, on June 13-15, starting at Sunday River and ending in Belfast. (Father's Day weekend) o volunteer. http://action.lung.org/site/TR?fr_id=8070&pg=entry

TD Beach to Beacon 10k Road Race on Saturday August 2, 2014, Cape Elizabeth, Me. to volunteer, <http://www.beach2beacon.org/>

More to come!
Thanks for your help.

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

March Secretary's Report**By Dick Knight Secretary N1NYW**

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting March 5, 2014 at the Potvin Room at St. Marys Medical Associates Building in Lewiston Maine. In attendance: k1wtx, we1u, n1oxa, n1wfo, n1kat, w1scm and son Charles, n1oxe, kb1doi, wa1skp, n1dot, n1nyw, kb1qhr, w1ltx, w1lwt, kc1azf, wt1a, and ku1u.

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Woodhead n1kat at 7:00 p.m. Bill asked for a motion to approve the Secretaries' Report, Bob w1ltx made the motion and David we1u seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

The Treasurers Report was given by Ivan n1oxa. A motion to approve the report was made by Bob w1ltx and seconded by Andy kb1doi. Vote: approved.

Jerry k1wtx gave a report on the vendors planning to attend, so far Curiosity Sales, Kits and Pieces and Cobra Antennas. On the maybe list: HR Distributors and Ham Source.

Bill told us that if you want reservations for the hamfest be sure to contact the Ramada. If the phone rings more than three times it will be answered by a national call center that does not know about the hamfest discount, be sure you are talking to the Lewiston Ramada.

Cory discussed the talks booked for the convention so far. He is not sure if the QCWA or the Yankee Club or other clubs will want space for meetings.

Lee w1lwt told how he is planning an event for March 15 at the Legion in Lisbon.

The .61 repeater is being packed up and sent to Dave Hawke kq1l for repairs. David we1u told the club that Paul w1imd has offered the use of a 1995 vintage repeater to use, but it comes with strings attached. According to David Paul wants the club to spend \$ 100 for a surge protector and as much as \$ 600 for an antenna. Cory ku1u made a motion to approve up to \$ 300 for supplies to hook to the repeater. The motion was seconded by Ivan n1oxa. Vote: approved.

Ivan sent a sign up sheet around the room and had members sign up for different jobs at the convention and hamfest.

Bill n1kat tells us that the ARRL never notified him as Section Manager about signing up operators from Maine to operate w1law special events station. Doug Grant k1dg from New Hampshire will be signing up operators. In order to qualify you must be signed up to use "Log Book of the World".

David we1u made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by David n1oxe. Vote: approved at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Knight Secretary

DX News Report**By Earle Gilmore N1SVB**

As a result of the winter ice storms and high winds our beam antenna is non functional. The last DX contact that I made in January was on the 10th. We started getting very high SWR and apparently reduced power. Putting the transceiver with the amplifier on a dummy load, things come back to normal. Until I can find someone that I can hire come spring to climb the tower and make repairs it appears that we will be off the air. If any of our members know a person that does this kind of work please let me know by e-mail: eam1svb@roadrunner.com

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