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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

Feb 1, 0000Z to Feb 2, 2400Z, Vermont QSO Party, Rules www.ranv.org
 Feb 1, 0001Z to Feb 2, 2359Z, Ten-Ten Winter Phone QSO Party, Rules www.ten-ten.org
 Feb 1, 1700Z to Feb 2, 2359Z, Delaware QSO Party, Rules www.fsarc.org
 Feb 8, 1600Z to Feb 9, 0400Z, New Hampshire QSO Party, Rules www.w1wqm.org

SPECIAL EVENT FOR TECHNICIAN

Feb 16, 1700Z - 2100Z, Maine 2m FM Simplex Challenge, www.qsl.net/ws1sm/contest.html

Three power levels; QRP(less 5W), Medium (5 W to 100W), and High (above 100W)

Exchange; There are 3 exchange items - your call sign, the name of the city, village, town, or township you are operating from, and your power level.

Entry Categories - There are two entry categories: Fixed and Mobile.
 For more rules go to Web site.

Andy Club Meeting

Thursday February 5th 2014 1900 EDT
 Meeting held in Potvin Room
 99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.

ARES/RACES

Wednesday February 19th 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 February 26th 2014 0730 EDT
 Held at the Ramada Inn Pleasant Street
 Lewiston, Maine

On Air ARES/RACES NET

**On Thursday, Androscoggin ARES/RACES
 Net at 1930 on Club Repeater 442.000 Mhz.**

2m Repeater is still offline until further notice.

ARES/RACES Comments by Ivan N1OXA Androscoggin EC

January had a lot of rain and ice, in fact ARES/RACES was put on standby because the Red Cross was opening a shelter in Lewiston. It was open for only 24 hours, so no need for us. At the ARES/RACES Meeting we had training on the FT-897 radio at the EMA. This month we will do training on The Kenwood 710 VHF/UHF radio. We are planing to add Fldigi training to the nets on Thursday Than we are planning to do digital on the Hospital Radio Test in March. Go to our web site and download the Fldigi software, than join us on the Nets and get training on the software. Other countries are doing this training, so we need to get up to speed. Hoping to hear you on the nets on Thursday night on 442 repeater at 1930 and join in.



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

**More info will be announced in the future, so mark your calendar for these events.
 Anything else that You need for the newsletter? Ivan**

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

A meeting of the Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club was held December 4, 2013 at the Potvin Room at St. Marys Medical Arts Building in Lewiston. In attendance: n1oxa, aa1ut, w1scm and son Charles, n1zrl, kb1zlb and his xyl, kb1yyc, wa1skp, ka1ghf, kg1q, k1wtx, kb1doi, kb1qhr, n1dot, w1ltx and grandson Cody and Daughter Karen, n1nyw, n1oxe, w1lwt and ku1u.

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Ivan Lazure n1oxa at 7:03 p.m. Ivan read a statement about long time Andy Club member Al Stronach wa1scq who is now a silent key. A moment of silence was observed.

Andy kb1doi made a motion to accept the Secretarys' report as printed in the ACORN. Dave n1oxe seconded the motion. Vote: Approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers report, Andy kb1doi make a motion to approve the report that was seconded by Dave n1oxe. Vote: Motion approved.

Ivan explained the absence of our club president and Vice President, we hope to see them at the next meeting.

Jerry k1wtx talked about the Skywarn Recognition Day coming up where each weather service office makes contacts just like other contests.

Ivan reports that CERT training will be held on January 11 and 12 beginning at 7:30 a.m. and if you miss some of this training it will be repeated in February. Contact the EMA office to sign up.

Wednesday December 11 is the day another Hospital Radio Test will be held at 10 a.m. starting on 146.880 according to Ivan.

An ARES meeting will be held on December 18 at 6 p.m. followed by a VE exam at 7 p.m. at the EMA office.

The .61 repeater is still broken. The discussion about what to do included, either make a temporary fix, and / or save up and maybe buy a brand new repeater after the convention when we are more sure what the club can afford. Also it was mentioned that the feed line and the antenna should be checked and replaced if needed. Members were urged to check on equipment available and the prices and report back to the club.

The hamfest was discussed, Bob w1ltx will start contacting manufacturers and ask for things to give away at the convention and Jerry k1wtx plans to start confirming the vendors earlier than normal to get a head start. Also Jerry wants to start discussing the door prizes at the next meeting and try to get a 500 dollar prize we can start promoting. .VE Exams will be held at 12:30. according to Ivan.

Pete n1zrl reports that the digital Dstar project is still "burning in". There was more discussion about the project.

Jerry k1wtx asked for and received a big round of applause for the great food that was brought in for our Christmas party.

Andy kb1doi made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Dave n1oxe. Vote: adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

A reminder: Our next meeting will be held on THURSDAY January 2nd because the building will be closed on Wednesday for the New Years Day holiday.. Also bring money because collection of club dues will begin then.

DX News Report**By Earle Gilmore N1SVB**

January, 2013

The month of December we made 34 DX contacts which represents 26 countries.
Countries worked were:

YO4RM/mm, Near Rio de Janeiro; ZD8UW, Ascension Is.; VP8BTU, Falkland Is.; ZS1VV, So. Africa; JW9JKA, Svalbard; VK3QD, Austria; UA0FO, Sakhalin Is.; FR5DR, Reunion Is.; V51WW, Namibia; VA3AAA, Canada; VU7AG, Lakshadweep Is.; ST2M, Sudan; TG9AHM, Guatemala; VK6BP, Australia; 6W/AA1AC, Senegal; C91B, Mozambique; XR150CBS, Chili; P29LL, Papua New Guinea; RI20ANT/mm, Antarctica; OF9X, Finland; HI4/CT1GTF/p, Dominican Rep.; FM5FJ, Martinique; ZD7VC, St. Helena Is.; YV5MD, Venezuela; JH3NGD, Japan

We made several Pacific contacts in December. We contacted VK3QD, VK6BP and VK3BM in Australia, UA0FQ on Sakhalin Is., JH3NGD and JA7AKH in Japan and P29LL, Papua New Guinea.

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

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| Feb. 01 to Feb. 13 | S9TF | Sao Tome & Principe |
| Feb. 02 to Feb. 13 | 5I0DX | Tanzania |
| Feb. 05 to Feb. 17 | TO7CS | Reunion Is. |
| Feb. 08 to Jan. 22 | TO4YL | Martinique |
| Feb. 09 to Feb. 25 | FG/ | Guadeloupe |
| Feb. 10 to Feb. 18 | 3B9/ | Rodriguez I. |
| Feb. 11 to Feb. 16 | 7P8ID | Lesotho |
| Feb. 11 to Feb. 25 | YJ/ | Vanuatu |
| Feb. 12 to Jan. 24 | 8Q7KB | Maldives |
| Feb. 15 to Mar. 05 | XV2BM | Vietnam |
| Feb. 18 to Feb. 23 | FK/ | New Caledonia |
| Feb. 19 to Feb. 27 | VP9/ | Bermuda |
| Feb. 22 to Mar. 16 | PJ7AA | Sent Maarten |
| Feb. 24 to Mar. 07 | A35AX | Tonga |
| Feb. 25 to Mar. 16 | 5X1XA | Uganda |
| Feb. 25 to Mar. 21 | XU7ACQ | Cambodia |

ARRL DX Contest, CW Feb. 15 - 16 2014

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>