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Happy New Year

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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

Jan 18, 1800Z to Jan 19, 0359Z, North American QSO Party, Rules www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.php
 Jan 18, 1900Z to Jan 20,0400Z, ARRL Jan VHF Contest, Rules www.arrl.org/contests

SPECIAL EVENT STATION

Jan 3 - 5, 1200Z-2359Z, K4T, Tallahassee, FL. Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society. 475th Anniversary of Hernando De Soto's Winter Encampment. Freq. 14.266 and 7.266. Certificate & QSL, Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society, PO Box 37127, Tallahassee, FL 32315. www.qrz.com/db/k4tlh or k4tlh.net

Jan 25, 1600Z-2200Z, WE7GV, Tubac, AZ. Green Valley Amateur Radio Club. 20th Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts Collector Car Show. Freq 14.246, 14.244, and 242. Certificate & QSL. Green Valley Amateur Radio Club, 601 N La Canada Dr (SAV), Green Valley, AZ 85614. gvarc.us

Andy Club Meeting

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

ARES/RACES

Wednesday January 15th 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 January 29th 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

December started with the Hospital Radio test, and Androscoggin, Franklin, Kennebec, and Oxford EMA's were scheduled to participate on Dec 11, 2013 with several Hospitals.

After Tim, AA1UT, started the net we only had two EMA's (Androscoggin and Franklin) checked in, plus five Hospitals. The goal is to get all four County EMA's on the Hospital net so we can check which EMA's can communicate with each other, using the simplex frequencies. It's a work in progress, but we will get there. Starting in January the training on the Radio's we have in the EMA will start, so come and get how to work with these radios.



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**

December, 2013

The month of November we made 24 DX contacts which represents 14 countries.

Countries worked were: XR0YY, Easter Is.; 5J0R, San Andres & Providence; PCN2PM, Morocco; VP8DNY, Falkland Is.; V51WW, Namibia; XR0ZR, Juan Fernandez; VK3MO, Australia; FG1JD, Guadeloupe; K4D, Puerto Rico; 3DA0ET, Swaziland; 5V7TH, Togo; ZD7DC, St. Helena Is. EC8AUZ, Canary Is.; J88HL, St. Vincent Is.

We made one Pacific contacts in November. We contacted VK3MO in Australia

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

Jan. 01 to Jan. 05	C6A	Bahamas
Jan. 02 to Jan. 07	1A0KM	SMO of Malta
Jan. 02 to Jan. 18	V5/	Namibia
Jan. 03 to Jan. 21	6W7SK	Senegal
Jan. 09 to Jan. 14	XU7AEU	Cambodia
Jan. 11 to Jan. 12	FM/	Martinique
Jan. 11 to Jan. 19	ZF2PG	Cayman Is.
Jan. 13 to Jan. 19	TO3JA	Martinique
Jan. 15 to Jan. 16	J79/	Dominica
Jan. 17 to Jan. 18	FM/	Guadeloupe
Jan. 18 to Jan. 22	VP2M	Montserrat
Jan. 21 to Feb. 21	V47AJ	St. Kitts & Nevis
Jan. 21 to Jan. 27	E51CDW	So. Cook Is.
Jan. 23 to Jan. 29	J79/	Dominica
Jan. 24 to Feb. 12	FJ5ZM	Amsterdam Is.
Jan. 26 to Feb. 28	XT2AW	Burkina Faso
Jan. 29 to Feb. 09	FG/	Guadeloupe

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>