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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

May 3, 1300Z to May 4, 0700Z, 7th Area QSO Party, Rules: 7qp.org
 May 3, 2000Z to May 4, 0500Z and May 4, 1300Z to 2400Z, New England QSO Party, Rules: neqp.org
 May 10, 1200Z to May 11, 2400Z, Armed Forces Comm'ns Test, Rules: www.netcom.army.mil/mars

SPECIAL EVENT STATION

May 3, 1600Z to 2100Z, WE7GV, Sahuarita, AZ, Green Valley Amateur Radio Club. **Titan Missile Museum Special Event.** Freq. 14.246, 14.244, and 14.242. Certificate & QSL. Send to Green Valley ARC, 601 N La Canada Dr (SAV), Green Valley, AZ 85614. Info: gvarc.us

May 8, to 10, 1500Z - 2300Z daily, W7G, Corinne, UT. Ogden Amateur Radio Club. **1869 Transcontinental Railroad Golden Spike Commemoration.** Freq. 21.285, 14.255, and 7.235. QSL, Ogden ARC, PO Box 3353, Ogden, UT, 84409. Info: www.w7g.org

May 24, 1500Z - 2200Z, W0FSB, Waterloo, IA, Five Sullivan Brothers Amateur Radio Club, **Honoring Veterans for Memorial Day.** Freq. 21.240, 14.240, and 7.240. Certificate & QSL. Five Sullivan Brothers ARC, 3186 Brandon Diagonal Blvd., Brandon, IA 52210. Info: www.qrz.com/db/w0fsb

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR CLUB MEMBERS

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

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Andy Club Meeting

Wednesday May 7th 2014 1900 EDT
Meeting held in Potvin Room
99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.

ARES/RACES

Wednesday May 21st 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 May 28th 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.

ARES/RACES Comments by Ivan N1OXA

Androscoggin EC



First of all I want to thank all the volunteers from the club that worked at the Convention and Hamfest last month. Also, the operators that help with the MS Walk at the beginning of this month. The Simplex Test that was held on April 8, was a great success, we had 31 people (17 from Androscoggin) checked in, with W1NOV, Tom from Plymouth, the farthest. I'm planning a UHF Simplex test in June or July, more to come. Our monthly ARES/RACES meeting is on May 21 at 1800 hrs, we will do a review of the main radios in the EMA. Then do planning for the Red Cross shelter Antenna installation at Park Ave school, and Lewiston RHS. So come to the meeting and be part of the planning. I want to do the UHF simplex test at the Red Cross shelters.

And remember to check in to the ARES/RACES net on Thursday at 1930, on 146.61 repeater.

LIST OF UP COMING EVENTS IN MAINE FOR 2014

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) to 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 info will be announced in the future, so mark your calendar for these events.

Ivan, N1OXA

March Secretary's Report

By Dick Knight Secretary N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday April 2, 2014 at the Potvin Room at St. Marys' Regional Medical Center in Lewiston. In attendance: n1dot, wt1a, kb1qhr, k1wtx, wa1skp, kb1doi, n1wfo, n1jd, wa1eoj, w1oks, w1scm and son Charles, n1kat, n1oxa, n1nyw, w1ltx, w1lwt, ke6pij, ku1u and Stanley.

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Woodhead n1kat at 7:00 p.m. Bob w1ltx made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as printing in the Acorn with a second coming from Fred wa1skp. Vote: approved.

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Ivan read the lengthy Treasurers report with the long list of income and expenses. The bottom line is that we made \$ 1103 from the hamfest. The attendance: 263 paid admissions, 26 vendor tickets, 11 for speakers and 20 for the volunteers for a total of 320 people. The club donated its share of the 50/50 money to Clarence aa1pn to help him recover from the loss of his house and possessions in a fire in January. Club member Paul Leonard ke6pid won the 50/50 and also donated his 50 percent to Clarence. The winner of the \$ 500 gift certificate to HRO was John Shandorf w1ii from Kennebunk Maine.

Ivan reports that next year we will have to send more money to the ARRL for the scholarship fund.

Nominations for club office: Bill Woodhead n1kat President, unopposed. There was a nomination for Cory Golob ku1u for Vice President and a nomination for David Lowe we1u to continue as Vice President. There was a nomination for Dick Knight n1nyw to continue as Secretary. Ballot "stickers" were passed out and members voted for Vice President. The vote was 14 for Cory ku1u and 4 for David we1u. The secretary cast one vote for the unopposed candidates and then the voting closed for another year.

The MS Walk is April 12. Email Ivan if you are available. We will use .61 so bring an HT with a spare battery pack.

The subject of Field Day came up. There was a review of former sites that we used in past years. The plan is to pick the site at the next meeting.

Bob k1wtx made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Andy kb1doi. Vote: approved. Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

AARC FIELD DAY 2014 COMMITTEE **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Field Day Coordinator – Tim Bubier

Overall responsible for success of AARC Field Day operations, including but not limited to: securing FD site; outlining FD goals and guidance; recruiting and coordinating volunteers; assisting Public Information Officer in event publicity; soliciting donations of food and supplies; contacting and inviting CERT and Boy Scout participation; providing information to club and volunteers regarding Field Day operations; scheduling and conducting Field Day Committee meetings; conducting training; scheduling and supervising site and equipment testing; obtaining and returning equipment; delegating tasks and responsibilities

Public Information Officer (PIO) –

Responsible for publicity of event; acts as liaison between club and host site; sets up and maintains public information table; invites elected public officials and served agencies; greets public and dignitaries; sets up and maintains guestbook; sets up and maintains slideshows; takes photos; places announcement on ARRL website; acts as liaison with CERT and Boy Scouts; maintains list of volunteers and participants; ensures W1NPP website is updated with current Field Day information; ensures proper informational signage is in place; submits all documentation to Field Day Coordinator

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UHF/VHF Team Chief –

Secures, sets up and tests VHF/UHF station (rig, antenna systems and associate peripherals) to operate on 6 m., 2 m. and 440; works with IT Chief to set up and maintain logging computer and software; downloads information and tracks satellite passes; schedules and supervises satellite contact(s); supervises operation of VHF/UHF station and schedules operators; supervises take down of VHF/UHF station and equipment; submits all documentation to Field Day Coordinator

HF Digital/CW Team Chief –

Secures, sets up and tests HF Digital/CW station (rig, antenna systems, computers and associate peripherals) to operate both digital modes and CW on all HF bands; works with IT Chief to set up and maintain logging computer and software; schedules and supervises satellite contact(s); supervises operation of HF Digital/CW station; recruits and schedules operators; obtains a copy of the schedule and ensures the ARRL Field Day Bulletin is copied off either CW or digital for bonus points; supervises take down of HF Digital/CW station and equipment; submits all documentation to Field Day Coordinator

HF SSB Team Chief –

Secures, sets up and tests two stations, one for primarily 10-40m, the other specifically for 80m and 160m. (rigs, antenna systems and associate peripherals); works with IT Chief to set up and maintain logging computers and software; supervises operation of HF stations; recruits and schedules operators; ensures message to Section Manager is sent over Seagull Net at 5 PM on Saturday; ensures that at least 10 messages are handled for bonus points; ensures at least 5 contacts are made using natural power source; supervises take down of HF stations and equipment; submits all documentation to Field Day Coordinator

GOTA Station Chief –

Secures, sets up and tests GOTA station (rig, antenna system and associate peripherals) to operate on HF SSB; works with IT Chief to set up and maintain logging computer and software; acts as GOTA “coach” by supervising operation of GOTA station, recruiting operators and acting as control operator for unlicensed guests; obtains Youth Participation bonus by recruiting at least 5 operators under 18 years of age to make at least one contact; maintains GOTA station logs and guest operator sign-in list; supervises take down of GOTA station and equipment; submits all documentation to Field Day Coordinator

IT Chief –

Secures and sets up computer equipment for logging, public information, satellite tracking, etc.; secures equipment and sets up computer network, including internet access, for all Field Day needs; obtains, installs and tests all necessary computer software programs, applications and hardware peripherals; supervises take down of computer and networking equipment

Refreshments Team Chief –

Coordinates donations and purchases of food, drink and supplies; secures BBQ grill or other cooking equipment, cooking and eating utensils, coolers, ice, condiments, cups, plates, napkins, etc.; oversees food preparation, service and clean up

Safety Officer/Facilities Chief –

Responsible for obtaining, transporting and supervising set up of tents and other structures; acts as safety officer and advises other participants of potential hazards; responsible for obtaining and maintaining generators - setting up, testing and keeping them running and fueled to provide power to all stations and facilities throughout event; procures, sets up and maintains scene lighting; works with CERT to procure, set up and take down of all tents, tables and chairs; responsible for proper flagging and marking of potential trip, electrical shock and other hazards on scene; ensures that proper waste disposal receptacles are present and used; responsible for proper safety signage; oversees take down off all equipment and facilities to ensure area is returned to original state