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 Repeater 146.610MHz – PL 88.5
 Goff Hill, Auburn Maine

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 6 0000Z to 2400Z, All Asian DX Contest, Rules: www.jarl.org/English

Sept 13, 0000Z to Sept 15, 2400Z, Worked all Europe DX Contest, Rules: www.waedc.de

Sept 13, 1800Z to Sept 18, 0259Z, ARRL Sept VHF Contest, Rules: www.arrl.org/contests

Sept 27, 1200Z, to Sept 28, 1200Z, Maine QSO Party, Rules: www.maine.qsoparty.com

SPECIAL EVENT STATION

Sept 6, 1500Z to 1900Z, W1KVI, Cape Elizabeth, Me. Portland Amateur Wireless Association.

PAWA Centennial. Freqs: 28.400, 21.350, 14.250, and 146.7300 PL 100.0, QSL PAWA PO Box 1605
 Portland Me 04104 WWW.qsl.net/pawa

Sept 6 to 15, 0000Z to 2359Z, W6J, Elk City, OK. Route 66 Amateur Radio Association. **Route 66 On The Air.**
 Freqs. 14.266, 7.266, and 3.866. QSL Marvin Golden, PO Box 2222, Elk City, OK 73648.
 W6J is one of 18 or more W6 stations operating during date and time. www.w6j.org

Sept 13, 1600Z to 2300Z, NI6IW, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV-41) Museum Ship. USS Midway
 Commissioning Special Event. Freqs. 14.320 and 7.250. QSL USS Midway (CV-41) Museum Radio Room, 910
 n Harbor Dr., San Deigo, CA 92101

Sept 13 to 15, 0000Z to 0200Z, W#B, Reisterstown, MD. Baltimore Amateur Radio Club. **Bicentennial of the
 Writing of The Star-Spangled Banner During The Battle of Baltimore.**
 Freqs. 21.290, 14.190, 7.225, and 3.815. QSL Baltimore Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 120, Reisterstown, MD,
 21136. www.w3ft.com

Andy Club Meeting

Wednesday Sept 3rd 2014 1900 EDT
Meeting held in Potvin Room
99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.

ARES/RACES

Wednesday Sept 17th 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 Sept 24th 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
with a PL 88.5

ARES/RACES Comments by Paul KE6PIJ Androscoggin EC



I'd like to thank everyone's patience as I get accustomed to my surroundings as EC for Androscoggin County. My goal is to increase participation from our existing members, and expand our membership in numbers and geography, so we have representation throughout the county. Toward this end we are going to rotate the Net Control position, so everyone will have an opportunity to direct the net at some point.

Fldigi was presented by Dave, WE1U at our last eyeball meeting and it was quite successful. We will be preparing more opportunities to help those interested in getting connected through fldigi. There are many other things in the works, but its a bit premature for me to expand on them now. besides, I need something to write about next month (hihi).

Lastly, the long awaited ID cards are expected to be processed very shortly, so expect to hear more about that soon. This will make all of our lives easier. Looking forward to working with all of our ARES/CERT/RACES members as time goes on.

LIST OF UP COMING EVENTS IN MAINE FOR 2014

2014 Windsor Hamfest is Sept 6, 2014

2014 Loon Echo Bike and Hike Trek Saturday, September 20, 2014

Ham Contact: Gary N1ZNJ n1znj@yahoo.com

NEVI/Maine Adaptive ride on Saturday, Sept. 20 at Pineland in Pownal.

Contact John Goran K1JJS, "john@goran-maine.us"

2014 Dempsey Challenge September 27 and 28 2014 Lewiston ME <http://dempseychallenge.org/>

Hams will be providing radio support only on **Sunday the 28th Only for the Bike Treks**

Ham Contact: Ivan NIOXA Volunteer Page: <http://www.dempseychallenge.org/volunteer>

Please register as soon as possible so I can get the Assignments ready. SAG operators must have mobiles due to the long routes for these rides.

2014 MAINE SET is Oct 18, more info will be coming. Put this date on your calendar

August Secretary's Report By Dick Knight Secretary N1NYW

A meeting of the Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club was held August 6, 2014 at the Potvin Room at the St. Marys' Medical Arts Building in Lewiston Maine. In attendance: kb1cdu, n1dot, w1ltx, w1lwt, wt1a, wa1skp, kb1doi, n1jd, wa1eoj, kc1aih, n1oxa, n1nyw, kb1yyc, n1vlz.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Cory ku1u at 7:00 p.m. Bob w1ltx made a motion to accept the Secretary's report that was seconded by Andy kb1doi. Vote: Approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers report. Andy kb1doi made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Bob w1ltx. Vote: approved.

Old business: Dick n1nyw mentioned that at last months meeting Tim wt1a was asked at Field Day if he Andy Club would be interested in operating the .315 repeater in Poland. Tim says he has not heard from them about it since Field Day. We will wait until we find out how much the rent is and how much money they want for it before making a decision.

Ivan is getting ready for the 88.5 PL tone to be turned on Friday August 8 on the 146.61 repeater. The Yaesu support person recommended the repeater be reset. It may help to avoid future problems with the receiver sensitivity.

The Dstar repeater board talked about last meeting was purchased and has been installed. After the crew gets done putting the PL tone on the .61 Friday they will measure for a new coax and get new connectors and other stuff for the Dstar repeater.

Having a picnic was discussed again. The list of possible locations have been narrowed down to Pettingill Park in Auburn and Beaver Park in Lisbon but no picnic has been scheduled yet.

Andy kb1doi has got the Special Events station call sign already for the Dempsey Challenge and is getting it included in the special event section of QST. He has three operators already signed up and would like to have more. Contact Andy and let him know you want to operate.

Celebration of the 100th birthday of the ARRL continues August 26 at 8 p.m. with hams from Maine making contacts. To sign up to operate click on the link on w1npp.org.

Cory reports that there is a new ARRL Section Manager now and lots of changes to the appointed positions.

Fred inquired about the time table to get antenna and feed line into the schools that do not have it installed yet. If would be good to get the project done in the summer before the students return.

I reported that the web page view counter service Reliable Counter on the club site to count the number of computers that visited the site was getting less reliable and changed to a different service. Also I got a call from Dave Hawke kq1l who is our web site host. He has installed solar panels at his house and is cutting the electric demands and is shutting down the server that hosts a website we have a link to on w1npp.org and had me change the link so it will go to a different server. Dave also asked a question I did not know the answer to. When is the next Yankee Club meeting?

Ivan reports that he and Bill pulled the coax out of the old Red Cross building and will have to go up on the roof and take the antenna off and move the antennas and coax to the new building. Tim wt1u reports there is still work to be done to get antennas and feed line into all the Red Cross shelters in the county.

Cory asked the status of VE exams scheduled in the future. It was decided October might be a good time but a date was not set. Ivan mentioned that he knows of a blind person who would like to take the test and made a motion to buy the Gordon West tape or CD to help the person study. Seconded by Ken kb1cdu. Vote approved.

Lee w1lwt made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Andy kb1doi. Vote approved at 7:51 p.m.