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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 4, 1300Z, **May 5**, 0700Z, 7th Area QSO Party, Rules: 7qp.org

May 4, 2000Z, **May 5**, 0500Z

May 5, 1300Z, **May 5**, 2400Z, New England QSO Party, Rules: neqp.org

May 11, 1200Z, **May 12**, 1200Z, CQ-M International DX Contest, Rules: cq-m.andys.ru

SPECIAL EVENT STATION

May 8 to 11, 1300Z-2200Z, W5KS. Lawton, OK. Lawton-Ft Sill Amateur Radio Club. Comanche Code Talkers of WWI & WWII. 50.125 21.295 14.295 7.295. Certificate & QSL. Lawton-Ft Sill Amateur Radio Club. PO Box892, Lawton, OK 73502. For more info check website. www.w5ks.org

May 11, 1600Z-2300Z, NI6IW. San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV-41) Museum Armed Forces Day, National Maritime Day. SSB 14.320 7.250 PSK 14.070. QSL USS Midway Museum Radio Room, 910 N Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101

May 18, 1400Z-2000Z, W9DUP, Wheaton, IL. Dupage Amateur Radio Club. Armed Forces Day. SSB 28.400 14.290 & 7.250. Certificate, Brian Eder, PO Box 71, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514
www.w9dup.org

<p>Andy Club Meetings Wednesday May 1st 2013 1900 EDT Andy Meeting at Potvin Room 99 Campus Avenue, Lewiston, ME</p> <p>Wednesday, May 25th 2013 at 1800 EDT Androscoggin ARES/RACES Meeting Androscoggin Unified EMA Office Basement of Central Fire Station 2 College Street Lewiston</p>	<p>Wednesday May 29th 2013 0730 EDT Monthly Andy Breakfast Ramada Inn, Pleasant Street Lewiston, ME</p> <p>ARES/RACES NET Every Thursday at 1930 on 146.61 Repeater</p>
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ARES/RACES Comments by Ivan N1OXA Androscoggin EC

The month of March had a great ending with the 2013 ARRL Maine State Convention and Hamfest on March 29 and 30. The talks were great and we had several new vendors, HRO from Salem, NH., HamSource from Sheton, CT, HR Distributors from Portland ME. Also had 15 Hams use 23 tables, which is an increase from 2012. We also had an increase from 250 to 325 attendees. We had a lot of positive comments on the new vendors, so looking forward to 2014.

The work at the Androscoggin EMA has continue and as a results, 2 Comet GP-15 (tri-band 6, 2, and 440) have been installed. Plus 3 new Coax run have been pulled. I want to thank WE1U, Dave K1WTX, Jerry and N1DOT, Ken for there work. We still have two more Coax runs to install, and add a 40M antenna to put up. We are trying to make contact with Red Cross shelters, so the Comet GP-15 antennas can be installed. After which, we need to test all the locations.

The CERT Team is planning a Search and Rescue Exercise, hopefully in June. Several ARES/RACES Members attended the 5th annual Partners in Emergency Preparedness, it was a two day conference with good information and talks.



LIST OF UP COMING EVENTS IN MAINE THIS YEAR

2013 Near-Fest XIII Friday May 3, 0900 to Saturday May 4, Deerfield, NH

2013 The American Lung Assoc. Trek Across Maine. Fri, Sat, Sun. June 14,15,16

2013 Beach to Beacon 10k Race. August 3

Ivan, N1OXA

**Secretary's Report
March**

A meeting of the Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club was held March 6, 2013 at the Potvin Room in the St. Marys Medical Associates Building in Lewiston Maine. In attendance: we1u, ka1ghf, Charles Yahrting (passed his test and waiting for his call sign) wa1eoj, w1scm and son Charles, n1nyw, n1oxa, n1oxe, kb1doi, kb1cdu, wa1skp, w1ltx, w1lwt, ku1u, kb1qhr, n1dot, n1svb, wb1hfy, kb1obd, k1wtx, kg1q, and Pete n1zrl was there for the last part of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Vice President Earle Gilmore n1svb. David we1u made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as printed in the ACORN. The motion was seconded by Andy kb1doi. Vote: approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers report followed by David we1u making a motion to accept the report with a second by Dave n1oxe. Vote: approved.

There will be a total of 6 vendors at the hamfest according to Jerry k1wtx, we lost some of those from previous years but gained a few. Several hams have reserved tables also.

Cory ku1u gave us an update on the talks that have all been booked.

Bob w1ltx updated us on the brochures and things vendors and manufacturers send to be given away at the convention.

Members signed up for jobs before, during and after the hamfest.

Ivan updated us on the International Space Station contact that is set for some time during the last half of April that involves Lewiston Middle School, Auburn Middle School, and Bates College and the Andy Club.

Ivan tells us we should start planning for field day at the April Meeting, also elections for club officers will be held in April also.

Cory ku1u says the 440 repeater was shut off and would like everyone to think about adding a D-Star repeater on the hill. Be ready for that discussion next month.

David we1u made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by the other David n1oxe. Vote: approved at 8:03 PM. The meeting was followed by an excellent presentation by Pete ka1ghf on what it looks like behind the scenes at a television station.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

Secretary's Report April

A meeting of the Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club was held April 3, 2013 at the Potvin Room at the St. Marys Medical Arts Building in Lewiston Maine. In attendance: kb1zmx, w1scm and son Charles, n1oxa, n1nyv, n1nyw, wa1skp, n1jd, we1u, kb1doi, n1oxe, wa1eoj, n1kat, kb1qhr, kg1q, wb1hfy, n1svb, n1zrl, n1wfo, w1ltx and a youngster as a guest, n1dot, k1wtx, k0vxb, and kb1yyc and his father.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bill Woodhead. There was no newsletter this month and no printed copy at the meeting so the acceptance of the minutes of the March meeting did not happen. On a motion from David we1u and a second from David n1oxe the vote was postponed until the May 6 meeting.

Ivan read the Treasurers report to the members. David we1u made a motion to accept the report as written. The motion was seconded by Andy kb1doi. Vote: approved.

Because it is the April meeting elections were held. Bill Woodhead n1kat was nominated for the office of President by David n1oxe and seconded by Bob w1ltx.

A nomination came from Bob w1ltx and seconded by Cory ku1u to make David Lowe we1u the Vice President and Activity Committee Chairman.

David we1u nominated Ivan n1oxa to be Treasurer, seconded by Bob w1ltx.

David we1u nominated Dick n1nyw for Secretary, David n1oxe seconded the motion.

The Secretary cast one vote for the nominees, electing them for a term of one year.

Cory ku1u was named to the Activities Committee.

Ivan gave the report on the hamfest and reported 288 paid admissions, not including vendors and volunteers. An increase in attendance. We saw a net profit of \$1882.33.

Ivan made a motion to deposit \$837 in a two year CD when it renews later this month. Seconded by Cory ku1u. Vote: approved.

Bill thanked everyone for all the help working to make the hamfest happen. Ivan also thanked all the helpers and reports that all the vendors plan to return next year.

Ivan reports the exam results: 11 techs, 3 Generals and 3 extras with 8 failures.

Rick n1wfo reports the train club was pleased with the activity at their table and want to return again.

The activities committee is starting to plan Field Day and tossed some ideas around at the meeting and will work on them between now and the next meeting.

At the March meeting Cory ku1u wanted us to think about putting up a D Star repeater. The different parts and pieces needed were discussed and Rick n1wfo made a motion for the club to spend up to \$ 200 for a GMSK Node Adapter and connectors. Cory ku1u seconded the motion. Bill n1kat will look for feed line.

Ken n1dot will do talk on D Star at the May 6 meeting.

Ivan n1oxa was voted "Ham of the Year" by the Quarter Century Wireless Association.

Because the club President was leaving early Vice President Earle Gilmore asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by David we1u and seconded by Andy kb1doi. Vote Approved at 8:10 p.m. We thank Earle for all his hard work for the club over the years and wish him well in his retirement from the Vice Presidents job.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

DX News Notes
April, 2013

The month of March we made 34 DX contacts which represents 21 countries. Countries worked were: XE2JA, Mexico; CE1DY, Chile; OH0X, Aland Island; EB3CW, Spain; RZ1ZZ, Russia; TM6M, France; TX5K, Chesterfield Island; V47JA< St. Kitts & Nevis; KH2L, Guam; JX9JKA, Jan Mayan; DJ8EI, Germany; VK3BUZ, Australia; HA4XH, Hungary; EX8MAT, Kyrgyzstan; YB0DJ, Indonesia; 9M4SLL, Spratley Island; S57DX, Slovenia; LX1HD, Luxembourg; UR5GDX, Ukraine; VP8LIZ, Falkland Islands; 9K2VO, Kuwait; 4L8A, Georgia; 6V7S, Senegal; GX3VGG, England; MM0TSG, Scotland; 9G1HW, Ghana; VP2ETE, Anguilla; CU6GT, Azores; 7X5KBS, Algeria; CT2HTM, Portugal; D3AA, Angola; ER4DX, Moldova; ZL4IR, New Zealand; J5UAP, Guinea Bissau; D44AC, Cape Verde; 4U1ITU, ITU Headquarters. We made several Pacific contacts in March. We contacted: TX5K Chesterfield Is., KH2L Guam, VK3BUZ Australia, YB0DJ Indonesia, 9M4SLL Spratley Is. and ZL4IR New Zealand.

There are several DXpeditions taking place in May. Some haven't been assigned or the DXpedition will use the listed prefix followed with another call sign.

May 01 to May 07	A35UD	Tonga
May 01 to May 31	5T1FOC	Mauritania
May 02 to May 05	KH0/	Marian Is.
May 03 to May 14	E51AAO	So. Cook I.
May 03 to May 19	SU8N	Egypt
May 03 to May 12	VK9NT	Norfolk Is.
May 04 to May 18	V31RD	Belize
May 05 to May 22	A35JP	Tonga
May 07 to May 11	C91GR	Mozambique
May 07 to May 31	E511AGY	So. Cook Is.
May 08 to May 12	KH0/	Mariana Is.
May 09 to May 16	VP2E	Anguilla
May 11 to May 12	TO1FP	Reunion Is.
May 13 to May 26	8Q/	Maldives
May 13 to May 30	6V7S	Senegal
May 24 to May 30	MJ/	Jersey Is.

CQ WW WPX Contest, CW (May 25 - 26, 2013)

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>

1. Incident Name	2. Date and Time of Message	General Message ICS 213
3. To: ICS Position		
4. From: ICS Position		
5. Subject		
6. Message		
8. Signature / Position (person replying) Date / Time of reply		
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