



# ACORN

## JUNE 2012

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Please submit articles, corrections and suggestions by the 16<sup>th</sup> of the Month to Ivan Lazure and he will send them to n1llu.

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Coming up...

### Contesting

June 9, 1800Z to June 11, 0300Z, ARRL June VHF QSO Party, Rules:

[www.arrl.org/contest-rules](http://www.arrl.org/contest-rules)

June 16 1800Z 2400Z. Kid's Day, Rules: [www.arrl.org/kids-day](http://www.arrl.org/kids-day)

June 23, 1800Z to June 24. 2100Z, Rules: [www.arrl.org/field-day](http://www.arrl.org/field-day)

### SPECIAL EVENT STATION

June 2 – June 6, 1200Z – 2200Z, daily, W2W, Baltimore, MD. Amateur Radio Club of the National Electronics Museum. D-Day Commemoration. 21.270, 14.270, 7240. Certificate & QSL. W2W Special Event Station, PO Box 1693, MS 4015, Baltimore, MD 21203

June 4, 1200Z – 2200Z, W2W. Baltimore, MD. Amateur Radio Club of the National Electronics Museum. Battle of Midway Commemoration. 21.270, 14.270, 7.240. Certificate & QSL. W2W Special Event Station, PO Box 1693, MS 4015, Baltimore, MD 21203

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Andy Club Meetings</u></b></p> <p>Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup> 2012 1900 EDT          Andy Meeting at LaPage Conference Room          99 Campus Avenue, Lewiston, ME</p> <p>Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 1800          Androscoggin ARES/RACES Meeting          Androscoggin Unified EMA Office          Basement of Central Fire Station          2 College Street Lewiston</p>	<p>Wednesday June 27<sup>th</sup> 2012 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 ARES/RACES meeting this month was a success with the Fldigi training.

We had 6 members there and we learn about the soundcard setup for each computer. Now, we will setup some Fldigi training on the weekly nets. The next step will be Fldigi on the Hospital Radio test, which may happen this month.

The check in's on the weekly ARES/RACES net is slowly increasing, which is a good sign.



### LIST OF UP COMING EVENTS IN MAINE THIS YEAR

2012 ALA Trek across Maine, June 15, 16, and 17.

2012 TD Beach to Beacon 10K Road Race, Saturday, August 4, Cape Elizabeth, Me

2012 Ride for Hospice Saturday, August 25, at the Brunswick Town Green/Gazebo  
 (185 Park Row, Brunswick, ME) at 7:00 AM

2012 Loon Echo Bike and Hike Trek Coming Saturday, September 15, Bridgton ME

2012 Dempsey Challenge Sunday, October 14th Lewiston ME

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

**Secretary's Report**

A meeting of the Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club was held May 2, 2012 at the Lapage Conference Center in Lewiston, Maine. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Earle Gilmore n1svb because the President was absent.

A motion to approve the Secretary's report as printed in the ACORN by David w1lu and seconded by Andy kb1doi. Vote: approved.

Ivan gave the Treasurer's report and Bob w1ltx made a motion to accept the report and David w1lu seconded the motion. Vote: accepted.

Ivan says that he made a mistake on the dates of some events on his report on the second page of the ACORN. He will have a correction printed in the next issue. For the time being check the events page on the <http://www.w1npp.org> web site.

Our newsletter editor Harold n1llu wants to know if it would be OK to include articles from other hams around the county in the ACORN. Members seem to agree they would like to see other articles printed in the ACORN as long as reprinting them is all right with the authors and copyright holders.

Members talked about someone with the call sign 7O6T on 18145 and hearing this person all up and down the bands.

Ivan reported the paper work seeking permission to use the Park Avenue School for Field Day has been submitted to the school department for approval. Ivan wants operators to take a shift for Field Day and does not want to see just one or two people doing it all. Please let him know at the next meeting or if you cannot be at the next meeting email him or call him and let him know you want to participate or he may have to cancel the event.

Ivan said there were eight operators at the MS walk with Rick n1wfo on traffic detail and two Lewiston officers on one intersection, one had to be told to move. The batteries on the United Ambulance cart went dead, and people who refused a ride at Petingill rest stop also refused a ride later at the water stop. Up coming events are the Lung Association's Trek Across Maine, Beach to Beacon, and the Dempsey Challenge with 12 to 14 SAG vehicles. Hams will be used Sunday only on the Dempsey Challenge as far as we know now.

There was weather spotter training going on in South Portland as we were meeting and spotter training is scheduled in Conway NH on May 30.

We talked about planning to have a special event station on or about July 10 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first communication between the US and Europe via Telstar satellite from Andover ME. More details to come at the next meeting.

Bates College is trying to book a world renowned astrophysicist and ham who works on the SETI program. They hope to have him speak next fall and Bill Woodhead thinks our club should help sponsor his visit. There will be more discussion at June meeting that will lead to a vote to spend money to help sponsor the event.

David w1lu made a motion to adjourn and Bob w1ltx seconded the motion. Everyone must have approved the motion because they headed to the door at 7:52.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Knight Secretary

DX NEWS NOTES  
May, 2012

During the past month we made 58 DX contacts representing 45 different countries.

Countries contacted were:

4X1DF, Israel; YT1ET, Serbia; VO1DGP, Newfoundland; A41NN, Oman; ZD7VC, St. Helena Is.; EA3JE, Spain; 5P12EU, Denmark; OT4A, Belgium; RA1ZZ, Russia; A65EE, United Arab Emeritus; 9H53Z, Malta; F5SVQ, France; 9A202NA, Croatia; VU3WII, India; ZS3Y, South Africa; UR5AS, Ukraine; 3DA0FC, Swaziland; TM5MGY, France DG7LAL, Germany; OZ&TM, Denmark; HZ1TT, Saudi Arabia; TA3TTT, Turkey; M3JDF, England; FM4NB, Martinique;. FG/F1DUZ, Guadeloupe; JX9JKA, Jan Mayan; 6H6IARU, Mexico; YW5PI, Venezuela; OE3WMA, Austria; OX3KQ, Greenland.

We had no Pacific contacts this month.

Has anybody tried to get an IRC lately from one of our post offices? I worked both the Yemen and Somalia DXpeditions which will be on next month DX News Notes. Anyway, I tried to get an IRC at Greene, Lewiston and Auburn Post Offices and they don't stock them.

There are several DXpeditions to various parts of the world coming up in June. Some haven't been assigned a call as yet or the operators will use the country prefix and their home call.

Jun. 01 to Jun. 24	FO/	French Polynesia
Jun. 03 to Jun. 11	TX5VT	Marquesas
Jun. 06 to Jun. 12	VP2MRT	Montserrat
Jun. 06 to Jun. 14	A52/	Bhutan
Jun. 11 to Jun. 22	5H9OP	Tanzania
Jun. 17 to Jun. 29	9H3ZZ	Malta
Jun. 17 to Jun. 30	FT/	Iceland
Jun. 22 to Jun. 27	GU/	Guernsey
Jun. 27 to Jul. 03	KH8/	American Samoa

The above DXpeditions are correct to the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to printing The A.C.O.R.N. For additions after that date, go to my web page and click On the link "Reported DXpeditions by NG3K".

I invite any club members that have a computer to visit my web page. The address is:  
<http://www.qsl.net/n1svb/>

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