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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

Dec 8, 0000Z to Dec 9, 2400Z, ARRL 10 Meter Contest, Rules: www.arrl.org/contests
 Dec 16, 1800Z to Dec 16 2359Z, ARRL Rookie Roundup, Rules: www.arrl.org/contests
 Dec 29, 0000Z to 2359Z, RAC Winter Contest, www.rac.ca/en/rac/programmes/ contest

SPECIAL EVENT STATION

Dec 7 & 8, 0200Z to 0400Z, W5LEX, Ingleside, Tx. South Texas Amateur Radio Club. USS Lexington (CV-16) Pearl Harbor Day. 28.485, 14.325, 14.265, and 7.275. QSL, South Texas Amateur Radio Club, USS Lexington (CV-16), PO Box 2182, Corpus Christi, TX, 78403
Dec 8, 1700Z to 2359Z, NI6IW, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV-41 Museum, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. 14.320, 7.250, and PSK-31 14.070. QSL, USS Midway Museum Radio Room, 910 N. Harbor Dr., San Diego, CA, 92101
Dec 8, 1500Z to 2130Z and **Dec 9**, 1700Z to 2130Z, N4WIS, Virginia Beach, VA USS Wisconsin Radio Club, Pearl Harbor Special Event. 14.264 and 7.264, Certificate, USS Wisconsin Radio Club, PO Box 6682, Virginia Beach, VA, 23456
Dec 22, 0000Z to 2359Z, WC5C, Azie, TX. Tri-County Amateur Radio Club, Day After Doomsday Operation. 28.340, 28.040, 14.340, and 14.040. Certificate, Tri-County ARC WC5C, Day After Doomsday, 820 Wood Lane, Azie, TX, 76020.

<p>Andy Club Meetings Wednesday December 5th 2012 1900 EDT Andy Meeting at LaPage Conference Room 99 Campus Avenue, Lewiston, ME</p> <p>Wednesday, December 19th 2012 at 1800 Androscoggin ARES/RACES Meeting Androscoggin Unified EMA Office Basement of Central Fire Station 2 College Street Lewiston</p>	<p>Wednesday December 26th 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

November was a slow month, except for the weekly ARES/RACES nets, we had no events for the group. We are still waiting for a meeting with the Poland Maint. Director to meet with him on the Antenna install at the school. Last month, Dave, WE1U, started an Fldigi net on the 146.88 Repeater, on Tuesday night at 1900. So here is another opportunity to get training for emergency operation with Digital mode.

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Ivan, N1OXA



LIST OF UP COMING EVENTS IN MAINE THIS YEAR

NONE AT THIS TIME.

Secretary's Report

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday November 7, 2012 at the Lapage Conference center in Lewiston, Maine. In attendance: kb1doi, n1oxa, n1scm and son Charles, n1nyw, k1wtx, kb1qhr, w1ltx, w1lwt, n1svb, kg1q, and n1dot.

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Vice President Earle Gilmore n1svb. Lee w1lwt made a motion to approve the Secretarys' report as printed in the ACORN. Andy kb1doi seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers report, the expenses included ACORN printing and postage and ground clamps for the crank up tower. Andy kb1doi made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Jerry k1wtx. Vote: approved.

Bill and Ivan plan to visit Auburn Middle School on November 27 and talk about ham radio and plan the International Space Station Contact. We are still working to get equipment ready for the QSO, probably next spring, however the date has not been set as of this writing.

Ivan reports the crank up tower is at its' new home on Goff Hill with the 440 antenna on the top of the tower. (pictures of the move by we1u David on w1npp.org) The 440 repeater needs work, and arrangements are being made so that a tech will stop by the repeaters to check on them the next time he gets a call to service other equipment on the hill, that way the club will not get charged for a service call. Jerry k1wtx reported that Leo n1bbk has a business band commercial repeater that could be changed over to operate on ham radio frequencies the club could have.

We talked about trying to increase attendance at the next hamfest / convention. Club President Bill Woodhead was going to HRO the day after this meeting so Ivan will ask him to check with them and see what their policy is about helping to supply door prizes. In particular, if our club can get equipment at cost for a major door prize that we can promote far in advance that might help increase attendance. Jerry k1wtx will help contact the vendors and Bob w1ltx will contact suppliers for handouts and catalogs.

Ivan reports that Poland High School has been approved to be used as a shelter by the Red Cross. Ivan will be in contact to get a 6m-2m-440 antenna mounted at the school and also reports the Red Cross has FT100 radios donated for the shelters.

Jerry k1wtx made a motion to have the next meeting be the usual Christmas party and we bring the food instead of going to Campus Cuisine. The motion was seconded by Paul kb1qhr. Vote: approved. If you would like to bring food contact Ivan by email at ilazure@roadrunner.com or call at 784-0350 and let him know what you would like to bring so we all don't bring the same things.

We have started a list.

kb1doi	Diet and regular Soda
kb1qhr	Home Made Bread
kg1q	Chili
w1lwt	Kielbasa
n1svb	Cranberry Meatballs
n1nyw	Chocolate Chip Cookies and other kinds
w1scm	Brownies

n1oxa and the club will supply Chips, plates, plastic ware, cups and a "Box of Joe" from Dunkin' Donuts.

Members, remember to contact Ivan by email at ilazure@roadrunner.com or phone 784-0350 and let him know what you are bringing.

There is / was a hospital ham radio test scheduled for December 19, 2012. Ivan will check to see if it will go on as scheduled or not and let us know at the December meeting.

Ken n1dot made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by kb1doi. Vote: passed, adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

DX NEWS NOTES

November, 2012

During the past month we made 34 DX contacts representing 23 different countries.

Countries contacted were:

PJ2/VA7AW, Curacao; 5N52EAM, Nigeria; DP0GVN, Antarctica; 5H2DK, Tanzania; VK7ZX, Australia; 7Z7AB, Saudi Arabia; Z81D, South Sudan; TT8TT, Chad; CN8VO, Morocco; YS1GMV, El Salvador; XP1A, Greenland; LU8XP, Argentina; VP8DNY, Falkland Islands; FM/S53R, Martinique; C50C, Gambia; XE1B, Mexico; HK3JJB, Columbia; OT5A, Belgium; FB3CW, Iceland; EE1W, Spain; 5V7TH, Togo; OY1OF, Faroe Is.; D44AC, Cape Verde;

We had four Pacific contacts this month, all from Australia. We contacted VK2GNK, VK7ZX, VK1CC and VK3MO.

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

Dec. 01 to Jan. 31	C6AGT	Bahamas
Dec. 03 to Dec. 31	EA8/	Canary Islands
Dec. 05 to Dec. 12	V63XG	Micronesia
Dec. 06 to Dec. 10	PY0FRP	Fernando de Norooha
Dec. 07 to Dec. 11	C6AVA	Bahamas
Dec. 10 to Dec. 13	JD1BLY	Ogasawara
Dec. 10 to Jan. 05	E51E	South Cook Island
Dec. 22 to Jan. 07	H40FN	Temotu
Dec. 24 to Jan. 06	T8CW	Palau

The above DXpeditions are correct to the 10th 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/>

Earle Gilmore N1SVB