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## February 2013

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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

**Feb.2**, 0001Z, Feb 3 2400Z, Ten-Ten Winter Phone QSO Party, Rules: [www.ten-ten.org](http://www.ten-ten.org)  
**Feb. 10**, 1900Z to 22300Z, Maine 2m FM Simplex Challenge, Rules: [www.qsl.net/ws1sm](http://www.qsl.net/ws1sm)

### SPECIAL EVENT STATION

**Feb. 9**, 1700Z-2359Z, NI6IW, San Diego,CA. USS Midway (CV-41) Museum. Woman Marines Birthday and and Boys Scouts of America Founded 1910. SSB 14.320, 7.250. QSL: USS Midway Museum Radio Room, 910 N Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101.

**Feb. 18-Feb. 24**, 0000Z -2359Z, WAP, Worldwide Antarctic Program. Antarctic Activity Week: 10th Edition. SSB 28.450, 21.350, 14.250, and 7.150. Certificates may be obtained from the WAP, and QSL's from the WAP-Reference Numbered stations worked. Questions in US: [kb0mzf@arrl.net](mailto:kb0mzf@arrl.net). Details go to [www.waponline.it](http://www.waponline.it)

### NOTE:

At the Feb. club meeting, Jerry, K1WTX, will show his simple to build scope/transceiver interface project which allows the ham to view his transceiver ssb and am signals. It's essentially a station monitor and can be built for less than \$25.

<p><b>Andy Club Meetings</b>  <b>Wednesday February 6<sup>th</sup> 2013</b> 1900 EDT          Andy Meeting at Potvin Room          99 Campus Avenue, Lewiston, ME</p> <p><b>Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 2013</b> at 1800 EDT          Androscoggin ARES/RACES Meeting          Androscoggin Unified EMA Office          Basement of Central Fire Station          2 College Street Lewiston</p>	<p><b>Wednesday February 27<sup>th</sup> 2013</b> 0730 EDT          Monthly Andy Breakfast          Ramada Inn, Pleasant Street          Lewiston, ME</p> <p>ARES/RACES NET  <b>Every Thursday at 1930 on 146.61 Repeater</b></p>
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## ARES/RACES Comments by Ivan N1OXA Androscoggin EC

The January meeting for the ARES/RACES was change to Jan. 30, same place same time.

We will discuss how to operate both the Yaesu FT-897 and the Kenwood D-710 radio's at the EMA office. We are planning to test all the antennas before we install them up on the roof of the shelter. Dave, WE1U, and I have cheat sheets make for the radios and will pass them out at the meeting. See you at the meeting and nets.



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

2013 Augusta Ham Fest at Le Club Calumet 334 West River Road Augusta, ME Saturday February 2nd 0800-1200 EDT <http://www.w1tlc.com/>

March 2, 2013 Can-Am Sled Dog Race Late Winter Fort Kent, Maine <http://www.can-am-crown.net>

2013 MS-Walk Androscoggin County Saturday April 27th 2013 Lewiston ME five mile or one mile option. Hams check in at 8:30 AM. Ham contact [Ivan](#). Check in for walkers 9 AM, 10 AM Start

2013 PAWA Hamfest at the American Legion South, Portland, ME April 20, 2013 from 8 AM to Noon. Exams at 10 AM, Prize drawing at noon. [PAWA](#)

**Secretary's Report**

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting January second 2013 at the Potvin Room at St. Marys" Regional Medical Center in Lewiston, Maine. Ivan explained that St. Marys' made cut backs and does not support the use of the larger LaPage conference rooms after hours until further notice so we are using a different room with nice wooden tables and very comfortable swivel chairs with arm rests. In attendance: kb1rsd, kb1doi, n1jd, wa1eoj, w1scm and son Charles, n1oxa, n1nyw, n1dot, w1ltx, kg1q, kb1qhr, ku1u, n1wfo, k1wtx, and wa1skp.

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Ivan n1oxa at 7:01 p.m. Ivan read the Secretarys' report as posted on the w1npp.org web site because the printed copy was wrong and the .pdf version had not been distributed. Andy kb1doi made a motion to accept the report as posted on the web site and just read out loud. Paul kb1qhr seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers' report explaining the expenses of the last two months. Bob w1ltx made a motion to accept the report as read. Andy kb1doi seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

With the convention coming up in March there was discussion about the difficulties of getting vendors to show up and getting publicity for the event started earlier to help attendance.

Jerry k1wtx asked what the club does to sign up new members at the VE Exams that the club sponsors. Ivan explain the examine is given a membership application form and information.

There was a lot of discussion about ways to improve attendance at the hamfest. The 2013 dates have already been set for March 29 and 30 so after much discussion Jerry k1wtx hit upon the idea of a bigger, better grand prize and made a motion to give a \$ 500.00 gift certificate to Ham Radio Outlet. Ken n1dot seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Possible changes to be explored for the 2014 convention discussed were, moving the event to a different location. Members will be checking around for available sites and rental rates. Also changing the date might bring in more people. It was pointed out that in 2012 there was a gun show going on the same day and may have drawn people away from our convention. It was decided we should find out the date of the 2014 gun show before booking the convention date and try to make sure both events do not fall on the same date. No final decisions have been made about 2014, just questions and suggestions about possible changes, members have been assigned to look for answers to bring back to future meetings for more discussion..

Cory ku1u suggested that the club do fun things at every meeting like having speakers, or videos or work on projects of some type. Jerry k1wtx volunteered to do a presentation at the February meeting, the subject to be announced.

Jerry k1wtx made a motion to adjourn that was seconded my Mark kg1q. Vote: approved. Adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary

## DX News Notes

January, 2013

This month I am including the DX contacts for both November and December because they were not included in the last issue of A.C.O.R.N. The month of November we made 21 dx contacts which represents 14 countries.

Countries worked were: 5N54EAM, Nigeria: OY1OF, Faroe Island: D44AC, Cape Verde Is.: TR8ON, Gabon: HC2AQ, Ecuador: II5LDV, Italy: CN2OS, Morocco: EA9/EC7DZZ, Ceuta and Melilla: A5A, Bhutan; ZV7O, Brazil; P25T, Surinam; 6W/UN7LZ, Senegal; PJ7TM, St. Martins; J79WTA, Dominica

December we made 12 dx contacts which represents 7 countries worked were. 7P8D, Lesotho; LA5MIA, Norway; 5T0SP, Mauritania; OF9X, Finland; LU1JHD, Argentina; J88CG, St. Vincent; VI6AHR30, Australia;

One pacific contact in December. We contacted VI6AHR30 in Australia.

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

Feb. 01 to Mar. 25	FG/	Guadeloupe
Feb. 06 to Feb. 18	5X8C	Uganda
Feb. 06 to Mar. 08	J38RF	Grenada
Feb. 09 to Feb. 13	KH2/	Guam
Feb. 10 to Feb. 21	C6ABB	Bahamas
Feb. 11 to Feb. 20	V24A	Antigua & Barbuda
Feb. 13 to Feb. 23	V63ZM	Micronesia
Feb. 14 to Feb. 23	9U4U	Burundi
Feb. 15 to Feb. 26	XV2DLH	Vietnam
Feb. 18 to Feb. 28	H44KW	Solomon Is.
Feb. 20 to Feb. 26	ZF2RW	Cayman Is.
Feb. 20 to Mar. 03	A31HW	Tonga
Feb. 20 to Mar. 21	V47JA	St. Kitts & Nevis
Feb. 21 to Mar. 07	XT1T	Burkina Faso
Feb. 22 to Mar. 02	XT/	Burkina Faso
Feb. 28 to Mar. 10	TX5K	Clipperton Is.

ARRL DX Contest CW (Feb. 16 - 17, 2013)

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