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**Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club
 (AARC)**

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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

March 8, 1900Z to March 9, 1900Z, Idaho QSO Party, Rules: www.idahoarrl.info/qsoparty
 March 9, 1800Z to March 10, 0100Z Wisconsin QSO Party, Rules: www.warac.org
 March 15, 1200Z to March 16, 1159Z, Rules: www.rdx.org
 March 15, 1400Z to March 16, see website, Virginia QSO Party, Rules: www.qsl.net/sterling
 March 29, 0000Z to March 30, 2359Z, CQ WPX SSB Contest, Rules: www.cqwp.com

SPECIAL EVENT STATION

See March QST page 94

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR CLUB MEMBERS

Your 2014 membership (\$10 Single, \$15 Family) is due by March 30, 2014. You can pay your dues at the club meeting or Convention and Hamfest at the club table or send me your check to my address:

Ivan Lazure
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Hope to see you next month.

Andy Club Meeting

Wednesday March 5th 2014 1900 EDT
Meeting held in Potvin Room
99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.

ARES/RACES

Wednesday March 19th 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 March 26th 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 442.000 Mhz.**

**2m Repeater is still down, April club meeting
will discuss the future of the repeater.**

ARES/RACES Comments by Ivan N1OXA

Androscoggin EC

February was snow and cold, but you all know that. We had to cancel the February ARES/RACES meeting. So at the March meeting we will have the Kenwood 710 VHF/UHF radio. So come to the meeting and learn how to operate the radio. Also, if you have not downloaded the Fldigi software, please do so and get on our net and you can learn to set up the software and use it. As a reminder the ARES/RACES Net is every Thursday at 1930 on the 442.000 + repeater. Hope to hear you on the net.



LIST OF UP COMING EVENTS IN MAINE FOR 2014

ARRL's Centennial QSO Party, all year QSO party with points for members of the ARRL board and other volunteers, ARRL Life members, Card checker, etc. See the article in December QST on page 67 with all the details.

ARRL Maine State Convention and Hamfest on March 28 and 29, 2014

**More info will be announced in the future, so mark your calendar for these events.
Anything else that You need for the newsletter? Ivan**

February's Secretary's Report**By Dick Knight Secretary N1NYW**

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting March 12, 2014 in the Bank of America room at St. Marys Women Pavilion in Lewiston ME. In attendance: wa1eoj, kb1doi, wa1skp, n1kat, n1dot, wt1a (formerly aa1ut) n1nyw, kc1azf, w1ltx, w1lwt, kb1qhr, kb1zlv, kc1amq, k1wtx, kb1yyc, w1scm and son Charles and ku1u.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bill Woodhead n1kat. A motion was made to accept the Secretary's report as printed in the ACORN. Bob w1ltx made a motion to accept the report and a second was made by Andy kb1doi. Vote: approved.

Ivan was absent so Bill read the treasurer's report that included an update on the Scholarship fund and its' interest, income and expenses. A motion was made by Andy kb1doi and seconded by w1ltx.

Bill reported that HRO would not be coming to the hamfest due to extended illness of employees leaves them short handed with no one who can work the hamfest. They will be sending catalogs.

Amateur Radio Supply, HR Distributors and Ham Source may come to the convention but are still waiting final calls to confirm according to Jerry k1wtx.

Bob w1ltx reports that door prize packages have been received from MFJ and Icom so far and he has been trying to contact Kenwood and others.

Cory ku1u has two talks booked so far, one about HSMM High Speed Multi Media and Leo Langelier n1bok will talk about pilot light replacement with LEDs. It was pointed out that the Ham-Con Convention will be coming up in Vermont and that many good speakers are on their schedule. A link to it is a w1npp.org.

Talk about the status of the .61 repeater was short. We will be waiting until after the hamfest to decide what to do when we see how much money we made at the hamfest we will then know how much we have to spend.

Lee w1lwt invited people to try his repeater on 223.900 simplex that will be changed to a repeater when it gets back from kqil .

Andy kb1doi made a motion to adjourn and k1wtx Jerry seconded the motion. Vote: approved at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dick Knight n1nyw Secretary.

DX News Report**By Earle Gilmore N1SVB**

February, 2014

As a result of the winter ice storms and high winds our beam antenna is non functional. The last DX contact that I made in January was on the 10th. We started getting very high SWR and apparently reduced power. Putting the transceiver with the amplifier on a dummy load, things come back to normal. Until I can find someone that I can hire come spring to climb the tower and make repairs it appears that we will be off the air. If any of our members know a person that does this kind of work please let me know by e-mail: eam1svb@roadrunner.com

The month of January we made 9 DX contacts which represents 9 countries.

Countries worked were: P29FR, Papua New Guinea: V5/DH3WO, Namibia: JH3NGD, Japan; 5K6RM, Columbia; LY5A, Lithuania; 1A0KM, Sovereign Military Order of Malta: J85K, St. Vincent & Grenadines; PJ2CL, Curacao; HC5EG, Equador;

We made two Pacific contacts. We contacted P29LL, Papua New Guinea and JH3NGD Japan.

There are several DXpeditions taking place in March. Some haven't been assigned a call sign so they will use the listed prefix followed with another call sign.

Mar. 01 to Mar. 11	VK9X	Christmas Is.
Mar. 01 to Mar. 28	PZ5VC	Surinam
Mar. 02 to Mar. 17	P4/	Aruba
Mar. 03 to Mar. 10	J34G	Grenada
Mar. 04 to Mar. 19	PJ6/	Saba & St. Eustatius
Mar. 10 to Mar. 23	4S7/	Sri Lanka
Mar. 12 to Mar. 29	PJ2/	Curacao
Mar. 13 to Mar. 18	P4/	Aruba
Mar. 13 to Mar. 26	ZL7/	Chatham Is.
Mar. 14 to Apr. 11	5H3MB	Tanzania
Mar. 15 to Mar. 22	ZF2MT	Cayman Is.
Mar. 19 to Apr. 01	VP2V	Br. Virgin Is.
Mar. 20 to Apr. 01	TX6G	Austral Is.
Mar. 21 to Apr. 04	TO7BC	Mayotte
Mar. 23 to Mar. 30	VU4K	Andaman Is.
Mar. 23 to Mar. 31	3D2FJ	Fiji
Mar. 29 to Apr. 09	VK9MT	Mulish Reef

CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB Mar. 29 - 30 2014

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>