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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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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Club Membership dues for 2015 are due by March 31, 2015.

Single member is \$10 Family is \$15

Please bring to meeting or mail to address below:

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Coming up...

2015 ARRL ME STATE CONVENTION and HAMFEST

Friday March 27, 2015 and Saturday March 28

Friday night 7 to 9pm Seminars and Talks, free admission

Saturday morning Hamfest 8am to Noon, Admission is \$7 for 18 and older

We need volunteers to work at the Hamfest, if you have not sign up, than call me at 207-577-5152

Andy Club Meeting**Wednesday April 1st 2015 1900 EDT**Meeting held in Potvin Room
99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.**ARES/RACES****Wednesday April 15th 2015 1730 EDT**Androscoggin ARES/RACES meeting
Androscoggin Unified EMA Office
Basement of Central Fire Station
2 College Street Lewiston, Me.**Andy Club Breakfast****Wednesday April 29th 2015 0730 EDT**Held at the Ramada Inn Pleasant Street
Lewiston, Maine**On Air ARES/RACES NET****Every Thursday night at 1900, Weekly****ARES/RACES Net 146.610 Mhz****with a PL 88.5**Andy ARES/RACES Digital net at 1730
on same repeater**LIST OF UP COMING EVENTS IN MAINE FOR 2014**

MS Walk at Lewiston High School on April 25, 2015, at 8am

Trek Across Maine June 19-21, 2015, Bethel to Belfast, Me

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

A meeting of the Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club was held March 4, 2015 at the Potvin Room at St. Marys Medical Arts Building in Lewiston, Maine. In attendance: wt1a, kb1cdu, n1dot, kb1qhr, w1ltx, n1wfo, k1wtx, wa1skp, wb1hfy, kb1doi, n1zrl, ka1usa, n1oxe, n1jd, kc1aih, ke6pij, wa1eoj, kb1zid, n1oxa, n1nyw, kb1hbd, kc1ucw, k1cxx, kb1zlv, kc1amq kc1dxx.

Tim Bubier wt1a ran the meeting in Bill and Corys absence, and called to order at 7:02 p.m. Miriam kc1aih made a motion to accept the Secretarys report that was seconded by kb1doi. Vote: approved.

Ken kb1cdu asked if anyone had a technician study guide he could have. No one responded.

Ivan n1oxa read the Treasurers report and Dave n1oxa made a motion to accept the report as read. Seconded by Andy kb1doi. Vote: approved.

Discussion about the convention and hamfest, Ivan started the clipboard around the room so members could sign up for the different jobs at the hamfest. Jerry reports that Hamsource, Kits and Pieces and Granite State are confirmed as vendors for the hamfest. Talks booked so far include Hamremote an organization with 185 antennas and 14 towers for ham radio use. (see remotehamradio.com) Joel Hallis will be doing two talks, one at 9 and the other at 10 a.m. Saturday. Also Dave Hawke volunteered to do a talk on how the link system works and antenna matching. Bob w1ltx said that Icom Yaseu and MFJ have sent items to be given away.

Ivan told us that he went to a meeting about the Dempsey Challenge and learned that there will be a two day ride added to the program.

Andy kb1doi thanked the club for the card after the loss of his mother in law.

Tim reports that Cory went to the Oxford ARES meeting on Monday March second and reported that he talked about Dstar and got the Oxford crew to join us with their comm trailer at Field Day at Poland Heritage Days again this year.

Fred wa1skp asked about the 147.315 repeater status. After some discussion we decided there is no firm news to report.

Elections for club officers will be held next month. Ivan reports that Cory ku1u plans to run for President and Tim wt1a may run for Vice President.

Travis kb1zid asked if the radio club still needed to use the train club building for classes. No need at this time.

Stephen kb1hbd told about his experience working the Portage check point at the Can AM sled dog race last weekend. It sounds like fun.

Bob w1ltx made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Dave n1oxe. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

DX News Notes
March, 2015

The month of February we made 47 DX contacts which represents 35 countries.

Stations contacted were: CT3HF, Madeira Is.; 4X6TT, Israel; * K1N, Navassa Is.; ZS6RF, South Africa; VE7TJF, Canada; CO6YI, Cuba; ON4HTI, Belgium; IZ4JUK, Italy; V51WW, Namibia; V47JA, St. Kitts & Nevis Is.; EA5IKJ, Spain; PJ5RA, Surinam; F8CHM, France; DU2US, Philippines; TI9/3Z9DX, Cocos Is.; ZL4IR, New Zealand; YT90NS, Serbia; DJ90IARU, Germany; C91WDL, Mozambique; MW0VOW, England; TC7YOTA, Turkey; 4U1WB, World Bank (Wash. D.C.); J64SLI, St. Lucia Is.; FG5GP, Guadeloupe; FR5DX, Reunion Is., HS0ZLE, Thailand, 3G0ZC, Juan Fernandez Is.; OH6NVC, Finland; VU2VID, India; YP10EURO, Romania; OE5XJN, Austria; H91T, Panama; LW1EUD, Argentina; PA70OV, Netherlands; 5H1OC, Tanzania;

*New country this month. We contacted K1N the Navassa Is. DXpedition. When we receive their QSL card that will give us 309 countries worked.

We made 4 Pacific contacts in February: DU2US and DU7AL in the Philippines, ZL4IR in New Zealand and HS0ZLE in Thailand

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

Apr. 01 to Apr. 09	5W/	Samoa
Apr. 01 to Apr. 30	DX0P	Spratly Is.
Apr. 03 to Apr. 06	PQ0T	Trindade & Martin Van Is.
Apr. 09 to Apr. 15	5W/	Samoa
Apr. 09 to Apr. 15	JW/	Svalbard
Apr. 13 to Apr. 19	YJ0ZG	Vanuatu
Apr. 13 to Apr. 22	J88PI	St. Vincent
Apr. 16 to May 01	FR/	Reunion Is.
Apr. 21 to May 05	YJ0AT	Vanuatu
Apr. 22 to Apr. 28	C6AGM	Bahamas
Apr. 22 to Apr. 30	YN/	Nicaragua
Apr. 24 to May 04	VK9NT	Norfolk Is.
Apr. 25 to May 02	ZF2CI	Cayman Is.

The above DXpeditions are accurate to the 15th of the month. For later additions visit NG3K web page.

Earle Gilmore N1SVB

LoTW Part 2

What do I do now that I have my QSOs confirmed by QSLs in LoTW? Well, one of the main purposes of using LoTW in the first place is to apply for ARRL awards, such as DXCC (confirmation of working 100 DX entities), WAS (Worked All US States), VUCC (VHF/UHF Century Club), and non-ARRL awards such as WAC (Worked All Continents, sponsored by the IARU). These general awards may also be further enhanced with separate endorsements, such as 5-Band DXCC, or CW vs Phone vs Digital, and so on. All the ARRL awards may be applied for online right on your personal LoTW web page where you've been tracking your QSLs. The way this generally works is that you apply for a "credit" for each of the QSOs you wish to apply toward your award. So, if you're applying for DXCC, let's say, you'll need to apply for at least 100 credits. This is done by first going to the Awards tab at the top of your LoTW home page after you've logged in, then to the Application button on the Award Account Menu to the left of that Awards page. That will bring you to a screen title "DXCC Award Application - Part I" which is a long list of all the confirmed QSOs you have in the LoTW databank. The list is alphabetical by DXCC entity, followed by their callsign, and then a list of what awards that particular QSO may be applied toward. At this point, it's wise to choose only the QSOs absolutely necessary for the award you are seeking. This is because ARRL is going to charge you a fee for each and every credit for which you apply. When you're done placing a check mark next to the credits for which you want to apply, click on Next at the bottom of the page. This will bring you to a page asking whether or not you are an ARRL member, along with your name and call sign. Fill that in and again click Next. The following page is where you decide what award(s) you wish to apply for. Each ARRL award will cost \$12 plus \$5 postage. Check those you want, verify that your personal information is correct at the bottom of the page, and click Next. This will bring you to the page called "DXCC Award Application - Part 4" or what I call "the moment of truth." This is where you'll see the grand total amount you're going to pay for the privilege of getting that award certificate. On the first line you'll see an application fee of \$10. Each QSO credit will cost about 10 cents, so for DXCC that's a minimum of another \$10. Then the fee and postage amount of \$17. Finally there's something called a "Credit Slip Fee" of an additional \$1, bring the total cost of your minimum DXCC award to \$38. We should note here that if this is your first application you may choose to apply for more QSO credits than you need for award you're applying for and those credits may later be used for endorsements and other awards. Once you've applied for and received a credit for a given QSO, you do not need to do so again. All that's left at this point is to decide how you wish to pay. If you're a Diamond Club or Maxim Society member you've already paid, but the rest of us poor schmucks can choose to either send a payment through the mail or pay right there online by credit card. Hit the Submit Application button, and that's it! Good luck to all of you navigating the LoTW and good DX. Feel free to email or to see me personally if you're still stuck. 73, Tim, WT1A