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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.

Andy Club Meeting

Wednesday Aug 5th 2015 1900 EDT
 Meeting held in Potvin Room
 99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.

ARES/RACES

Wednesday Aug 19th 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 Aug 26th 2015 0730 EDT
 Held at the Ramada Inn Pleasant Street
 Lewiston, Maine

On Air ARES/RACES NET

Weekly ARES/RACES Net is every Thursday at 1900, on club 146.610 pl 88.5, plus Weekly Training net follows. Digital will be part of training net.

LIST OF UP COMING EVENTS IN MAINE FOR 2015

Great Maine Get Away: Saturday August 8 and Sunday August 9, Biddeford, Me

Loon Echo Hike and Bike: Saturday September 19, 2015, Bridgton, Me

Dempsey Challenge: Saturday & Sunday September 17-18, Lewiston, Me

July Secretary's Report By Dick Knight Secretary N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a regular meeting July 1, 2015 at the Potvin Room at the St. Marys' Medical Arts Building in Lewiston. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Tim Buber wt1a. In attendance: kb1cdu, n1dot, w1ltx ke4ucw, kc1ddx, kb1qhr, k1wtx, n1wfo, wa1skp, kb1doi, kg1q, n1oxe, wn1i, and Glen, kb1ynb? (sorry if I got it wrong) kb1zlv, kc1amq, ve1aws, kc1aih, wtia and yl Beth, n1oxa and ku1u and n1nyw.

Miriam kc1aih made a motion to approve the Secretary's report as printed in the ACORN. The motion was seconded by Andy kb1doi. Vote: approved.

Ivan read the Treasurer's report, Bob w1ltx made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, motion seconded by Dave n1oxe. Vote approved.

While at the Field Day at Poland Spring a check for \$ 500 was written and sent to Brian k1aam to purchase the 147.315 repeater at Poland Spring. An MSR 200 back up repeater that goes along with the main, duplexers and antenna and feed line are part of the purchase. Ken n1dot got a look at it while at Field Day. This expense and the first year's rent were approved by the membership at the April 2015 meeting.

A get well card was sent around the room to be signed by those attending the meeting for John n1jd who was recovering from high iron content in his water.

Tim wt1a explained Field Day scores, not as good as before. 293 points for CW, 100 phone, and 9 digital. Bonus points are still being computed. The expenses went over by \$274.32 with \$ 200 promised contribution by Walmart distribution center. Vote on the cost over run will happen later in the meeting.

A review of things that went right and things to do differently at future Field Days were discussed, like next time we should man our own GOTA station.

There was one person who took a test at the VE Exam session, Andy club member David Haines kc1dy passed his extra exam! Congratulations David!!

New business: President Tim wt1a proposed having a late summer or fall picnic that might include a fox hunt. Let Tim know if you like the idea, when and where you would like to see the picnic held, should the members bring their own food or should the club arrange it etc.

Tim thought it would be nice to send a thank you card to Alex from Toronto for the food and \$\$\$ money he contributed to the Field Day. Also he proposed to send k1rah a check for a connector that was borrowed and used at Field Day but not returned. Miriam kc1aih made the official motion and Cory ku1u make the second. Vote: to send the \$ 5 was approved.

A big THANK YOU and a round of applause went to Rick n1wfo for the chili he brought to Field Day.

Ivan n1oxa reminded us about the Beach to Beacon 10 k race coming up in August. He explained the ham's duties and told anyone who would like to volunteer to use the Beach to Beacon web site under medics to sign up.

Now on new business, Ivan n1oxa made a motion to approve paying for the extra \$ 234.74 for Field Day expenses and \$ 200 will be coming from the Walmart distribution center. NOTE: I heard two different numbers for the cost over run. See above: the number was \$ 274.32 but now the number is \$234.74, \$40 less. Ivan's motion was seconded by Dave n1oxe. Vote: approved paying the bill, whatever the price really is.

Miriam kc1aih made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Dave n1oxe. Vote: approved at 7:48 p.m.

The 50/50 drawing was held and for the second month in a row I won the \$\$\$. Last month \$ 13 and this time \$ 17. Thank you to all who contributed. Tim wt1a showed a presentation about making and installing a dipole and an inverted Vee antenna.

President's Report

There have been a lot of things going on with the club over the past few months and I'd like to sum up some of that and let you know where we stand. As you probably know, we have taken possession of the Poland 147.315 repeater. However, the situation has not changed beyond the fact that we have a verbal agreement and have sent the \$500 check for payment. The previous owner, Brian, K1AAM, is reportedly now in Texas and not responding to emails. Cory has taken the responsibility of getting all the proper paperwork changed to show the club as owners. We will soon be conducting a survey to determine the repeater's coverage. We will be seeking volunteers to help with this willing to drive around the back roads of this and the surrounding counties checking signal strength along the way, or simply give us information about signal strength from your home. I'd also like to see us do this for all our repeaters and include a coverage map for each on the website.

Other activities and ongoing projects include the effort to get a packet station set back up at the EOC. Although we already have a working 2 meter radio, Ringo antenna, and modem, we are currently looking for anyone willing to donate more modern equipment for this purpose and to assist in setting it up.

I'm also looking for some brave volunteers willing to take the initiative in organizing the fall picnic/outing. We have some supplies left over from Field Day but most of the rest – location, activities, date, etc. – will have to be decided. Please contact me if you can help out with this.

Thanks and see you all at the meeting, hopefully!
Tim, WT1A

July DX Notes By Earl Gilmore N1SVB

The month of May we made 66 DX contacts which represents 38 countries.

Stations contacted were: S52WW, Slovenia; Z33Z, Macedonia; 4J1EUG, Azerbaijan; LZ1QZ, Bulgaria; LA2FKA, Norway; SP1V, Poland; TY2BP, Benin; EA6QY, Balearic Is.; UA3KW, Russia; E41WT, Palestine; TF2MSN, Iceland; OH2LZC, Finland; UN6GDX, Kazakhstan; UT7UU, Ukraine; OE3DIA, Austria; 7X4AN, Algeria; DL9FCS, Germany; FY/F5UII, French Guyana; ZZ90IARU, Brazil; EA8OB, Canary Is.; F4EBT, France; EY7AD, Tajikistan; VU3SIO, India; A91AA, Bahrain; OS0B, Market Reef; TA7AZC, Turkey; SV3GLL, Greece; CO6HLP, Cuba; 4L4ND, Georgia; OK1WCF, Czech Republic; YO2LEA, Romania; 9K2NO, Kuwait; PB5X, Netherlands; G1TDN, England; A61ZX, United Arabic Emeritus; T77LA, San Marino; HP1RN, Panama; CN8MAA, Morocco;

This month I received a QSL card from K1N, Navassa Island. That brings my QSL card count up to 310.

We made no Pacific contacts in June

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

Aug. 03 to Aug. 24	HC8/	Galapagos Is.
Aug. 06 to Aug. 09	JD1/	Ogasawara
Aug. 07 to Aug. 10	LX9YL	Luxembourg
Aug. 07 to Aug. 15	3A/	Monaco
Aug. 09 to Aug. 23	S79DPK	Seychelles
Aug. 10 to Aug. 15	TF/	Iceland
Aug. 12 to Aug. 19	SV5/	Dodecanese
Aug. 15 to Sep. 01	C5WP	The Gambia
Aug. 31 to Sep. 07	TF/	Iceland

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