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 Goff Hill, Auburn Maine

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 June 3rd 2015 1900 EDT
 Meeting held in Potvin Room
 99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.

ARES/RACES

Wednesday June 17th 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 June 24th 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 1930
 on same repeater

LIST OF UP COMING EVENTS IN MAINE FOR 2015

AARL June VHF Contest is Saturday June 13 to Monday June 15, 2015

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

FIELD DAY, at Poland Springs Saturday June 27 and Sunday 28, 2015

Museum Ships Weekend On The Air, Saturday June 6, and Sunday June 7, 2015
 Check June QST page 99 for details.

Beach to Beacon 10k Race is Saturday August 1, 2015 at 0600 in Ft Williams Park.

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

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

A meeting of the Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club was held May 6, 2015 at the Potvin Room of the St. Marys' Medical Arts Building in Lewiston, Maine. In attendance: (my apology if I got a call sign wrong) kc1aih, n1oxe, n1wfo, kb1doi, wa1skp, w1box, n1dot, ke4ucw, kc1dxx, n1oxa, n1nyw, ke6pij, wt1a and xyl Beth, w1lwt, w1ltx, kb1qhr, kb1rsd, ab1md, ku1u, kc1dia, kb1tae, kc1amq, kb1zlv, kc1dnu, and kc1dny.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Tim Bubier wt1a. He called for a motion to approve the Secretary's Report. Ken n1dot made the motion and Andy kb1doi seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Ivan n1oxa read the Treasurers Report, Bob w1ltx made a motion to accept the report and the motion was seconded by Dave n1oxe. Vote: approved. Dave also wanted to have a party with the money.

It was back to work planning the 2015 Field Day. Tim wt1a passed around a sign up sheet and collected email addresses so that everyone can stay updated on the progress. Tim told us about the positions that have been filled and the ones that still need to be manned. Jerry k1wtx will work on getting a special call sign for the Field Day station(s). The next Field Day planning meeting will be held May 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the EMA office. It was also decided to have a VE test session Saturday morning June 27 at 10 a.m. at the Field Day Site in Poland Spring. Contact person is Ivan.

Cory told the club members that the Poland Spring repeater is still for sale for \$ 500 and read a list of equipment that the club would get for that price. Cory made a motion to buy the repeater for \$ 500 and to pay the rent of \$ 120 per year. Dave n1oxe seconded the motion. Vote: Approved. There was some discussion about the possible linking of this repeater, however no decisions will be made until future meetings when we learn just how each repeater can be connected or not connected.

Tim wt1a reported that many club members were at the Maine Prepares Conference last month in Augusta. He also mentioned an ARES group is being formed in Aroostook County. Tim proposed a worked all towns in Androscoggin County award on any band, any mode. Proposed rules will be discussed at future meetings.

A 50/50 drawing was held, Annette kc1amq won \$ 36 with \$ 37 to the club. (We know its is not an even split).

I asked if we could schedule the installation of the circuit board to make the repeater ID by voice. We hope to get that done Thursday May 7. We would like comments about the voice to forward on to Yaesu so after you hear it enough to decide send me an email at dickknight@gmail.com and I will pass it on to them.

Bob w1ltx made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Andy kb1doi. Vote: approved.

After the meeting we discovered we had not approved a budget for Field Day like we did last year. The Board of Directors had not left yet so a vote was taken approving \$ 300, just like last year, for the Field Day, subject to change at the June meeting when we will know better what we will need or not need.

President's Notes

Things continue to progress on several fronts including Field Day and the procurement of the K1AAM 147.315 repeater for the club. We're finalizing plans at the Poland Spring FD site and Cory has been in contact with Brian to view the repeater equipment before finalizing the purchase.

May was a busy month for many of us in ham radio. I had the pleasure of attending NearFest for the first time in many years, and enjoyed seeing many area hams there too. It was a lovely day and I found a couple of "treasures" like I usually do when I know truthfully that I should be on the selling end and not buying, like most of us ham hoarders. May is also the month for Dayton and it will be interesting to hear from those who were able to attend that extravaganza. There was a lot of interesting looking equipment on display and announced there.

I want to remind everybody to pay close attention to "The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015" (H.R.1301) that has been introduced in the US House of Representatives. The measure would direct the FCC to extend its rules relating to reasonable accommodation of Amateur Service communications to private land use restrictions.

US Rep Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) introduced the bill March 4 with 12 original co-sponsors from both sides of the aisle - seven Republicans and five Democrats. Kinzinger also sponsored "The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014, which died at the end of the 113th Congress. H.R. 1301 is an essentially identical piece of legislation, so it's essential that you show your support.

ARRL president, Kay C. Craigie, N3KN, encouraged ARRL members to urge their US House members to sign on to the bill as a co-sponsor. The ARRL has an H.R. 1301 resources page on its website at, <http://www.arrl.org/hr-1301>. If the House member is already a co-sponsor, call the member's local office or send an e-mail via the member's official website to express their thanks. She called on League members to encourage other hams to do the same, and to be sure to refer to the bill by its number, H.R. 1301. This is an important piece of legislation which could have positive effects for many hams if passed.

Lastly, for those of you interested in ARES, the ARRL has just released a new handbook that may be found online at <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Public%20Service/ARES/ARESmannual2015.pdf>.

That's it for now.
Take care and 73, Tim, WT1A.

DX News Notes
May, 2015

The month of April we made 38 DX contacts which represents 28 countries.

Stations contacted were: SV9CVY, Crete; OD5ZZ, Lebanon; J42AGM, Greece; F6IGS, France; SQ3JPV, Poland; UT7UV, Ukraine; SU9VB, Egypt; R120RS, Russia; JW/F8DVD, Svalbard; VA3AAA, Canada; J88PI, St. Vincent; 8R1AK, Guyana; ST2NH, Sudan; PK4/HI3RST, Puerto Rico; EX2V, Kyrgyzstan; S57S, Slovenia; HB9DHL, Switzerland; VU2VID, India; SV5/OK2BVE, Dodecanese; PA1PH, Netherlands; Z33Z, Macedonia; EK100GM, Armenia; OH1EKU, Finland; EG901ARU/1, Ceuta & Melilla; OM5XX, Slovak Republic; OK1WEF, Czech. Republic; LZ102SIB, Bulgaria; AO150E, Spain

We made no Pacific contacts in April

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

Jun. 01 to Jun. 08	9H3A	Malta
Jun. 03 to Jun. 12	OX/	Greenland
Jun. 05 to Jun. 17	3A/	Monaco
Jun. 05 to Jun. 18	8Q7CQ	Maldives
Jun. 10 to Jun. 18	VP2MKU	Montserrat
Jun. 13 to Jun. 22	V47JA	St. Kitts & Nevis
Jun. 21 to Jun. 26	HB0/	Liechtenstein
Jun. 22 to Jul. 06	C6AUX	Bahamas
Jun. 25 to Jul. 06	PJ5/	St. Eustatius
Jun. 28 to Jul. 04	OJ0V	Market Reef

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

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