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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...**

## **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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**Andy Club Meeting****Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> 2015 1900 EDT**Meeting held in Potvin Room  
99 Campus Ave. Lewiston, Me.**ARES/RACES****Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup> 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 March 25<sup>th</sup> 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**

## Androscoggin ARES / RACES

Paul Leonard / KE6PIJ

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The Androscoggin ARES/RACES group has started an active year with the weekly regular net, the new digital net, and our monthly meeting. Our members have been participating and making good use of these opportunities to enhance our skills. We plan to keep this pace going with a wide range of exercises and training.

Recently we have started a digital net following our regular net, which has allowed individuals to get setup and familiar with specific digital modes used by NEMBS both on VHF and HF. This sort of continuing training is what keeps us all prepared, and sharing the wide range of expertise our members have gives us all the opportunity to grow our skills.

The remainder of the year has much in store, including Net Control training, Seasonal Go-Kits, Message Handling, Recruitment, Antenna installations, and Exercises. We expect to keep quite busy and continually moving forward.

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

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held its' monthly meeting Wednesday February 4, 2015 at the Potvin Room of the St. Marys Medical Arts Building in Lewiston. I apologize for the mistake in the January report that called that report February instead of January. In attendance: n1oxa, w1ltx, w1lwt, k1wtx, n1jd, n1nyw, n1dot, kc1aih, wa1eoj, wt1a, kc1bep, kb1zlv, kc1amq, ku1u, ke4qcw, kc1ddx.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Cory ku1u at 7:07 p.m. Bob w1ltx made a motion to accept the January and February Secretaries' report. The motion was seconded by Ivan n1oxa. Vote: approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers report. A motion to approve the Treasurers report was made by Tim wt1a and seconded by Bob w1ltx. Vote: approved.

Ivan, who is the hamfest cochairman read an email from HRO that explained that they will not be a vendor at the Lewiston Hamfest in March. It was decided not to have an HRO gift certificate for a prize. Possible gift certificate prizes from other vendors were discussed but I didn't understand any plans were 100 percent finalized.

Cory explained that he may have a speaker lined up for a talk about digital communications, also DMR repeaters, remote ham radio setup and Army Mars. VE exams will be held at 12:30 p.m. Bob w1ltx reports that prizes from the manufacturers and dealers have started to come in. MFJ sent a dual band antenna and 24 hour clocks. The packages from Icom and Yaesu and Kenwood are in the mail.

Tim wt1a has explored the idea of participating in the School Roundup and ended up reviewing many reasons NOT be a part of it.

Ivan mentioned that the MS walk is coming up the last weekend in April and that operators will be needed. ( They already sent a sign up form to me, I filled it out and sent it back already) As usual, sign up with Ivan.

Tim wt1a the Field Day coordinator says we have been invited back to Poland Spring again this year but we have / had an agreement with Oxford County to go to their Field Day this year after they went to ours last year. Tim will talk with them and see what they think. He also wants a VE session at Field Day again this year.

Ivan reported that club President Bill Woodhead is not feeling well and was not at the meeting along with others who were not feeling well. We also talked about others who are now silent keys.

Bob w1ltx made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by kc1aih. Vote: approved.

DX News Notes  
February, 2015

The month of January we made 51 DX contacts which represents 28 countries.

Stations worked were: VE4MAR, Canada; FR4PV, Reunion Is.; ZS6BNS, So. Africa; 3Z90IAU, Poland; 1A0C, Sovereign Military Order of Malta; J79MM, Dominica; J79AZ, St. Lucia; TY2CD, Benin; HZ1MX, Saudi Arabia; VK7XX, Australia; J88CG, St. Vincent; PT7ZT, Brazil; 3DA0VV, Swaziland; CT91TDD, Mozambique; VP8ROT, Antarctica; V51MA, Namibia; CE2SQE, Chile; CY0/VA1AXC, Sable Is.; LZ1YG, Bulgaria; JE1RXJ, Japan; ZL4IR, New Zealand; KL7IEH, Alaska; PA5VL, Netherlands; HS0ZHC, Thailand; HP1/S54ZZ, Panama; Z81D, South Sudan; 3B8HC, Mauritius; KH6GA, Hawaii;

We made 6 Pacific contacts in January: VK7XX and VK4KK in Australia, JE1RXJ in Japan, ZL1IR in New Zealand, HS0ZHC in Thailand and KH6GA in Hawaii.

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. 25	9Q0HQ	Dem, Rep. Congo
Mar. 01 to Mar. 31	XV7BM	Vietnam
Mar. 01 to Mar. 12	PJ4/	Bonaire
Mar. 02 to Mar. 06	V63C0	Micronesia
Mar. 05 to May. 06	PZ5LS	Surinam
Mar. 05 to May. 18	5Z4LS	Kenya
Mar. 11 to Mar. 17	3W2JK	Vietnam
Mar. 11 to Mar. 25	VP2MQT	Montserrat
Mar. 11 to Apr. 01	7QAA	Malawi
Mar. 12 to Mar. 25	J34G	Grenada
Mar. 14 to Mar. 20	ZF2UL	Cayman Is..
Mar. 17 to Apr. 03	PJ4/	Bonaire
Mar. 19 to Mar. 22	OH0/	Aland Is.
Mar. 19 to Mar. 23	KH2/	Guam
Mar. 19 to Apr. 14	FR/	Reunion
Mar. 20 to Mar 27	VK9M	Norfolk Is.
Mar. 25 to Apr. 04	C21EU	Nauru
Mar. 27 to Apr. 09	V6/	Micronesia

CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB (Mar. 28 - 29 2015)

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

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