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Coming up ...

Straight Key Night January 1st 2011 <http://www.arrl.org/straight-key-night>

ARRL Kid's Day Sunday, January 2nd 2011 1800 UTC to 2359 UTC <http://www.arrl.org/kids-day>

North American QSO Parties <http://www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.php>

CW January 8th 1800Z(2pm EDT) to January 9th 2011 0600Z(2am EDT)

SSB: January 15th 1800Z(2pm EDT) to January 16th 2011 0600Z(2am EDT)

2011 SPAR Winter Field Day January 29th 1700UTC(Noon EST) to January 30th 1700UTC(Noon EST) <http://www.spar-hams.org/contests/winterfd/index.php>

Crystal Falls Hamfest February Saturday, February 5th 2011
 1280 Eastern Ave, Chelsea <http://www.w1tlc.com/>

2011 ARRL Maine State Convention and Andyfest
 Friday and Saturday March 25th and 26th 2011
 Ramada Inn, Pleasant Street Lewiston, ME

Andy Club Meetings

Wednesday January 5th 2011
 Andy Club Meeting
 St. Mary Hospital - LePage Conference Room
 99 Campus Avenue, Lewiston, ME

Wednesday January 19th 2011
 Androscoggin ARES/RACES Meeting
 Androscoggin Unified EMA Office
 Basement of Central Fire Station
 2 College Street Lewiston

Wednesday January 29th 2011 7:30am
 Monthly Andy Breakfast
 Ramada Inn, Pleasant Street
 Lewiston, ME

Wednesday January 29th 2011 7:00pm
 Andy Club On-air Meeting and Net
 on the Auburn Repeater
 146.610MHz no pl. tone

ARES/RACES Comments by Ivan N1OXA Androscoggin EC

First of all, I want to wish all of you a Happy New Year, and to remind you that the Weekly ARES/RACES Net is moving to Thursday at 1900 Local time on the Club repeater 146.61 No pl. Please mark your calendar for these Nets.

I was sadden to hear that Bryce, K1GAX, has resigned as ARES State Emergency Coordinator due to health. He will be missed, I know I will. John, K1JJS, will replace him temporary until Bill, N1KAT, can find a replacement.

Also, the Monthly ARES/RACES meeting is on January 19, 2011 at the Lewiston Fire station at 1800 Local Time, so mark your calendar and be there.

Hope to hear you on the weekly nets an see you at the monthly meeting.



Secretary's Report by Dick N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday December 1, 2010 at Russell Park in Lewiston. In attendance: N1LLU, N1OXA, KB1CDU, W1SCM and son Charles, N1JD, N1DOT, KB1DOI, W1LWT, N1KAT, N1NYW, N1OXE, N1AVJ, W1SAB, KB1QHR, K1WTX, W1LTX, N1WFO and N1SVB.

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Woodhead at 7:02 PM. Dave N1OXE made a motion to approve the Secretary's' report, seconded by Bob W1LTX. Vote: approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers' report, a motion to approve the report was made by Bob W1LTX and seconded by Andy KB1DOI. Vote: approved.

Bill Woodhead mentioned that the Andy Club scored first place in their category at Field Day last June.

Bill says that starting in January of next year we have a new meeting place at 99 Campus Avenue in the St. Marys Doctors building right across Sabattus Street from Old Orchard Beach Pizza. Exact directions to the new meeting place were promised to be printed in the next ACORN.

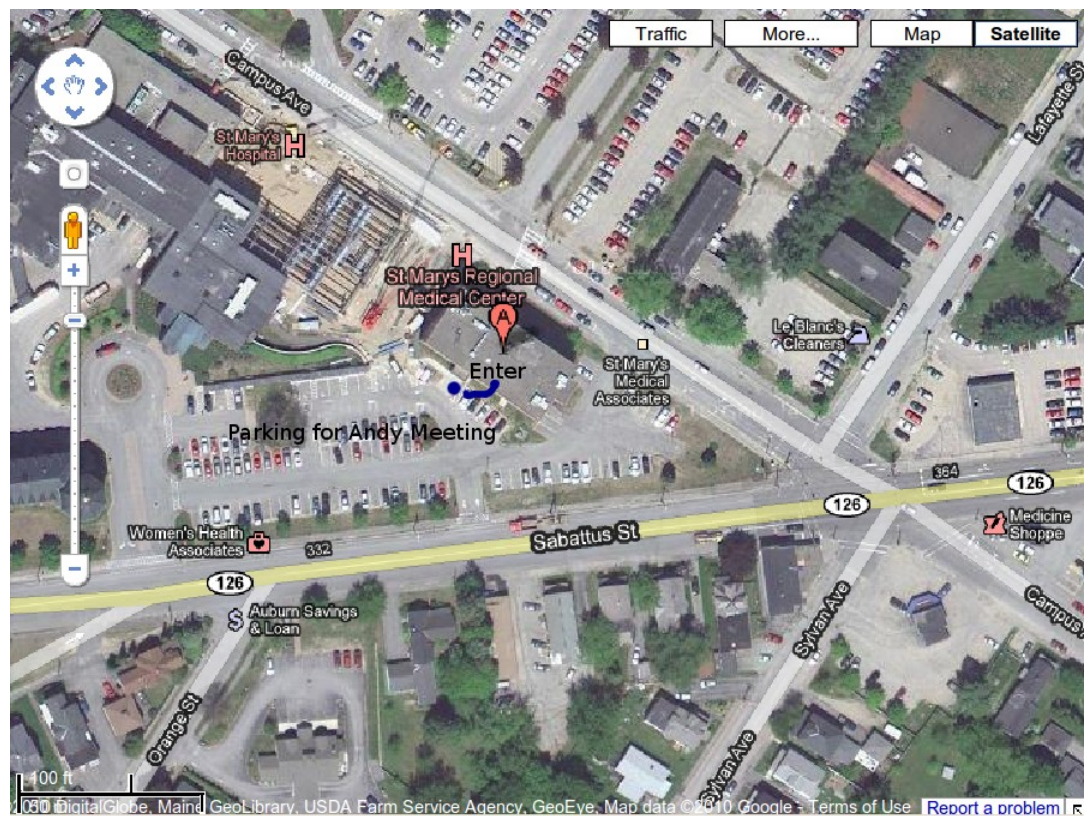
Bill and Ivan report that the Androscoggin Clubs hamfest on March 25th and 26 of 2011 has been approved by the ARRL to be the ARRL State Convention. Ivan says he will be contacting vendors soon and hopefully HRO will show up this time.

Please pass on your ideas about talks for the convention. Shawn W1SAB asked to have a talk about grounding, Ivan says he will ask Leo back to do his talk again.

Earle W1SVB made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Andy KB1DOI. Adjourned at 7:10 PM. The Christmas party followed the meeting with lots of good food. Ivan had pencils and tickets handed out for a raffle that followed the official meeting where several hats and other prizes were given out while we were eating.

New Meeting Location - LaPage Conference Room

First Floor
99 Campus Avenue,
Lewiston



DX News by Earle N1SVB

During the past month we made 35 DX contacts representing 27 different countries. Countries contacted were:

DK1QH, Germany; A25AN, Botswana; HZ1DG, Saudi Arabia; YV7/UY5ZZ, Venezuela; 8J1RL, Antarctica; PJ2/W1NG, Curacao; 9L0W, Sierra Leon; KL7AIR, Alaska; DU9RG, Philippines; CO6LG, Cuba; JA1UTO, Japan; HK3PSA, Columbia; Z2IBB, Zimbabwe; PR7DZ, Brazil; ZD9AH, Tristan da Cuna; LU1ECZ, Argentina; PJ5/SP6IXF, St. Eustatius; XF1RCS, Mexico; VP2VQ, British Virgin Is.; PB5X, Netherlands; J79WTA, Dominica; 2M0ONW, Scotland; CG3MUG, Canada; HV0A, The Vatican; 8P6ER, Barbados; ZS1UOK, So. Africa; ZL8X, Kermadic Is.

We had several Pacific contacts this month. We contacted JA1UTO in Japan, DU9RG in the Philippines, we also contacted ZL8X, the DXpedition on Kermadic Island which incidentally was a new country for me.

There are several DXpeditions to various parts of the world coming up in January. Some haven't been assigned a call as yet or the operators will use the country prefix and their home call.

Jan. 01 to Jan. 02 T88KO Palau

Jan. 01 to Jan. 06 H44DA Solomon Is.

Jan. 06 to Jan. 24 DX0DX Spratley Is.

Jan. 07 to Jan. 21 VK9N Norfolk Is.

Jan. 10 to Jan. 24 P40CG Aruba.

Jan. 14 to Jan. 20 VK9XA Christmas Is.

Jan. 27 to Feb. 08 VP8O So. Orkney Is.

Jan. 30 to Feb. 11 PJ2/ Curacao

The above DXpeditions are correct to the 10th of the month prior to printing The A.C.O.R.N. For additions after that date, go to my web page and click On the link Reported DXpeditions by NG3K.

I invite any club members that have a computer to visit my web page. The address is:

<http://www.qsl.net/n1svb/>