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Brian N1MDL - SK



With deep regret we note the passing of Brian Foss N1MDL.

Brian passed away December 24th 2007. He graduated from Edward Little High School in 1961 and joined the U.S. Coast Guard. After his years of service, he was employed by the Auburn Water District and the Lovelett Nursing Home of Auburn.

Brian was a member of Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club and Androscoggin ARES. In April 2007 he trained as a National Weather Service Weather Spotter. He was also past Director of the Yankee Amateur Radio Club in 2004.

Andy Club Meetings

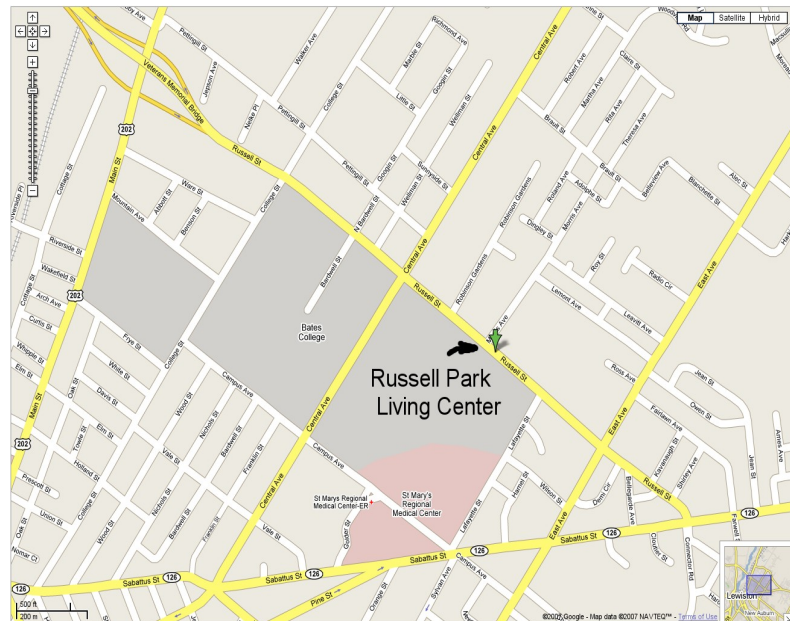
February 6th 2008 7:00pm
 Club Meeting
 Russel Park Living Center
 158 Russel Street, Lewiston, ME

Every Tuesdays 6:30pm **except February 12th 2008**
 Androscoggin ARES Net
 on the Auburn Repeater 146.610MHz no pl. tone

February 12th 2008 6:00pm
 Androscoggin ARES Meeting
 EOC basement of Lewiston Central Fire Station
 2 College Street, Lewiston, ME

February 27th 2008 7:30am
 Monthly Breakfast
 Ramada Inn, Pleasant Street
 Lewiston, ME

February 27th 2008 7:00pm
 Andy Club On-air Meeting and Net
 on the Auburn Repeater 146.610MHz no pl. tone



Packet Station Status by Cory N1URA

The callsign for the United Valley Red Cross has changed because packet mailboxes should conform to having -1. Since W1NPP-1 is already in use by the Androscoggin EMA a different callsign had to be used. I wanted to use a tactical callsign UVRC, however, the Brunswick node (KS1R-1) does not recognize this type of callsign. Instead, the callsign W1MFJ is being used for the United Valley Red Cross and W1MFJ-1 will serve as its mailbox. The packet station at the Mid Coast Red Cross building in Topsham now has their packet station running and their mailbox is now set up as N1TRC-1. Packet activity has increased quite a bit in the past few months and hopefully this trend will continue.

Packet Mailboxes

United Valley Red Cross Packet Mailbox W1MFJ-1 on 145.01MHz
Androscoggin EOC Packet Mailbox W1NPP-1 on 145.01MHz

Local Area Nets by David WE1U

HF Nets 75m

Seagull Net

5:00pm Monday - Saturday 3940 kHz

New England Weather Net

5:30am Daily 3905 kHz

<http://newn.org/>

New Hampshire ARES Net

Saturdays 3943 MHz

Green Mountain Net

5:00pm Monday – Saturday 3933 kHz

<http://www.hamelectronics.com/gmn/>

Vermont Net

7:30pm daily 3857 kHz

<http://www.vermontnet.net/>

6m Nets

Slow CW Net

Wednesdays 7pm 50.2 MHz USB/CW

NCS: NIURA

Nets on the KQ1L Linked Repeater System http://www.kq1l.com/	
Swap Net	Sunday 1900EDT
Maine Youth Net NCS:Cheyenne KB1PHR	Sunday1800EDT
Tri-County ARES Net	Sunday 2000 EDT
Oxford County ARES Net	Monday 1930 EDT
Maine Elmer Net	Tuesday 1900 EDT
WAWA Net	Wednesday 1930 EDT
SKYWARN Training Net	Wednesday 2030 EDT
YL and OM Net	Thursday 2000 EDT
Slow Scan TV Net	Friday 1900 EDT
Digital Discovery Net	Friday 2030 EDT
SKYWARN Training Net	Saturday 1930 EDT

Events and Announcements

February 2nd 2008 Winterfest 2008 @ Crystal Falls

Crystal Falls Dance Hall, Route. 17, Chelsea, ME Sponsor: Augusta Amateur Radio Association

Talk-In: 146.67/82/85/88 link system (PL 100)

Contact: Bill Crowley, K1NIT 150 Maple St., Farmingdale, ME 04344 Phone: 207-623-9075 Email: k1nit@arrl.net

April 4th & 5th 2008 ARRL MAINE STATE CONVENTION & Andy HAMFEST

Ramada Convention Center at 490 Pleasant St, Lewiston, ME

FRIDAY NIGHT APRIL 4, 2008 (1900 AND 2000)

Talks and forums starting at 1900(7pm) and more talks at 2000(8pm). The ARRL will have an official here to talk about the latest news on amateur radio, and have a Q & A section. Other talks will be related to amateur radio Packet, Digital Modes, etc. All talks and forums are FREE.

SATURDAY APRIL 5, 2008 (0800 TILL NOON)

The convention talks and forums will continue this morning at 0900(9am), 1000(10am), and 1100(11am), and these are also FREE.

The Hamfest will start at 0800 and end at 12 NOON, with the Door Prize. Admission is **\$6** for 18 yrs. and older, free for under 18 yrs old.

SATURDAY APRIL 5, 2008 12:15pm VE amateur exams will start at 12:15pm.

Ramada Conference Center is again having their Hamfest Special of \$64.90 (plus tax) per day, single or Double. This includes indoor heated pool, sauna and Jacuzzi. Call (207) 784-2331 for reservations and mention "Androscoggin Hamfest or ARRL Convention".

Tables at the Hamfest are \$8 for the first, and \$7 for each additional table. For clubs or non-profit groups, your registration gives you one free table with one free admission to promote your club or group. If you want to sell items, then additional tables are \$8 each and \$6 for each person working the tables. For additional information or questions call or email:

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Secretary's Report by Dick N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting January 2, 2008 at Russell Park in Lewiston, Maine. The following were in attendance: n1llu, n1oxa, n1jd, w1scm, and son Charles, n1avj, n1wfo, kb1sud, kb1ogs, n1kat, and n1nyw.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Bill Woodhead. Harold n1llu moved to accept the Secretary's report, the motion seconded by Bob kb1sud. Vote: approved.

Ivan did not get a chance to do a Treasurer's report, but says the club's account is better off than in past years. Sending ACORNS out by e-mail saves printing and postage. Harold n1llu added that the auto patch bill does not drain the account anymore either. Ivan reports that the Russell Medical Center has paid the club for the antenna that was installed on their building.

Bill had a moment of silence in memory of silent key Brian n1mdl. Preparations for the hamfest / convention were discussed. Bob kb1sud volunteered to call the vendors, MFJ, HRO etc. to get catalogs and prizes like Brian has been doing for years. Bob kb1sud moved and n1nyw seconded the motion to dedicate the hamfest to Brian Foss n1mdl. Vote: approved.

Bill has the paperwork to fill out to make the hamfest into the official ARRL state convention. If anyone has any ideas for talks or would like to do one themselves contact Bill or Ivan.

Ideas for talks or demonstrations for upcoming meetings were discussed. We could ask Lee w1lwt to talk about his February balloon launch. Also members could bring in their QSL cards and awards and talk about the work they did to get them.

Events from 2007 were reviewed including the MARA club and ANDY club donation of books about ham radio to the Brunswick High School library.

Dick n1nyw told of Joe w1sk having his Jeep totaled on route four. Joe is fine but his driver suffered a broken bone. Also, I will be taking a new job on the night shift and may not be able to get to all of the meetings. I will pass the Secretary's pen on to someone else.

Any volunteers?

Bob kb1sud made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Ivan n1oxa. Adjourned at 7:24 PM.

DX News Earle N1SVB

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

PJ4, Bonaire Isl.; PY4, Brazil; EC8, Canary Isl.; HC4, Ecuador; S58, Slovenia; VE6, Canada; 9A7, Croatia; OZ2, Denmark; Z22, Zimbabwe; R1, Antarctica; SV3, Greece; OF0, Finland; M3, England; ZS6, South Africa; IK4, Italy; 7X5, Algeria; J28, Djibouti; KH7, Hawaii; OA4, Peru; FJ/, St. Barthelemy; EB7, Spain; OP2, Belgium; P40, Aruba; JY4, Jordan; DJ3, Germany; LS2, Argentina; MM0, Scotland

There were no real exotic stations worked this month. We did make contact with FJ/OH2AM, St Barthelemy the new DXCC Entity. There were a couple other nice contacts. We contacted J28JA in Djibouti and also JY4NE in Jordan. Both nice contacts however not new ones for us.

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

Feb. 01 to Feb. 06	VP5/	Turks & Caicos
Feb. 06 to Feb. 16	TI9K	Cocos Island
Feb. 11 to Feb. 22	VP6DX	Ducie Island
Feb. 11 to Mar. 06	C56YK	Gambia
Feb. 12 to Mar. 05	C56JC	Gambia.
Feb. 13 to Feb. 18	PZ/	Surinam
Feb. 13 to Feb. 23	CN2XW	Morocco
Feb. 13 to Feb. 28	JD1/	Oqasawara
Feb. 14 to Feb. 26	V63/	Micronesia
Feb. 22 to Feb. 29	8R1PW	Guyana
Feb. 26 to Mar. 13	VP8/	Falkland Islands
Feb. 28 to Mar. 07	V4/	St Kitts and Nevis

ARRL International DX Contest CW Feb 16 – 17, 2008.

CQ 160 Meter CW Contest, SSB Feb. 23 – 24, 2008

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/>