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## February 2011

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## Coming up ...

### February

2011 Crystal Falls Hamfest, 280 Eastern Avenue Chelsea, ME  
 Saturday February 5th 0800-1200EDT <http://www.w1tlc.com/>

Maine 2x2 2m FM Simplex Challenge Sunday, February 13, 2011 2PM to 6PM EST  
<http://www.qsl.net/ws1sm/contest.html>

### March

2011 Saturday March 5th Can-Am Sled Dog Race Late Winter Fort Kent, Maine  
<http://can-am.sjv.net/>

2011 ARRL Maine State Convention and Andyfest Friday Night, March 25th and Saturday Morning  
 0800 to 1200 EDT, March 26th <http://www.w1npp.org/>

### April

2011 Boston Marathon April 18th <http://www.mmra.org/marc/>

2011 MS-Walk Androscoggin County April 30th  
[http://walkmem.nationalmssociety.org/site/PageServer?pagename=WLK\\_MEM\\_homepage](http://walkmem.nationalmssociety.org/site/PageServer?pagename=WLK_MEM_homepage)

Near-Fest IX Friday April 29th 0900 to Saturday April 30th 2011, Deerfield, NH <http://near-fest.com/>

## Andy Club Meetings

Wednesday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011 1900EDT  
 Andy Meeting at LaPage Conference Room  
 99 Campus Avenue, Lewiston, ME

Wednesday February 16<sup>th</sup> 2011 1800EDT  
 Androscoggin ARES/RACES Meeting  
 Androscoggin Unified EMA Office  
 Basement of Central Fire Station  
 2 College Street Lewiston

Wednesday February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011 0730EDT  
 Monthly Andy Breakfast  
 Ramada Inn, Pleasant Street  
 Lewiston, ME

Wednesday February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011 1900EDT  
 Andy Club On-air Meeting and Net  
 on the Auburn Repeater  
 146.610MHz no pl. tone

## ARES/RACES Comments by Ivan N1OXA Androscoggin EC

January was a quiet month, as emergency goes. But with the latest weather who knows what the rest of winter will bring. There is a software system called NBEMS, Narrow Band Emergency Message System, All you need is a computer and a radio(HF, VHF, or UHF). If anyone is interested, the website is:<http://www.w1hkj.com/> and it's free. There are four downloads, Fldigi/Flarq, Flwrap, and Flmsg. The Oxford CERT Communication group, has started to train on, and use this new media. There Net is on Monday at 7:30pm on 146.88, 100PL. I'm looking forward to learning about this software, and hope to use it if we get enough ARES/RACES members trained . Just a reminder that our ARES/RACES Net has been moved to Thursday, 7pm, on 146.61. Also our Monthly eye ball meeting is on Feb. 16, 2011, at the Lewiston Central Fire Station, at 6pm. Hope to hear more of you on the nets.



Western Pennsylvania NBEMS site  
<http://wpanbems.org/>

Midcoast Maine DigiHam Resource Page  
<http://www.midcoastdigiham.belljar.net/>

## Secretary's Report by Dick N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday January 5, 2011 at the Lepage Conference center at St. Marys in Lewiston. In attendance: W1SCM and son Charles, KB1DOI, N1JD, WA1EOJ, N1KAT, N1OXA, N1KAT, W1LTX, K1WTX, N1AVJ, KB1QHR, W1LWT, N1SVB and N1NYW.

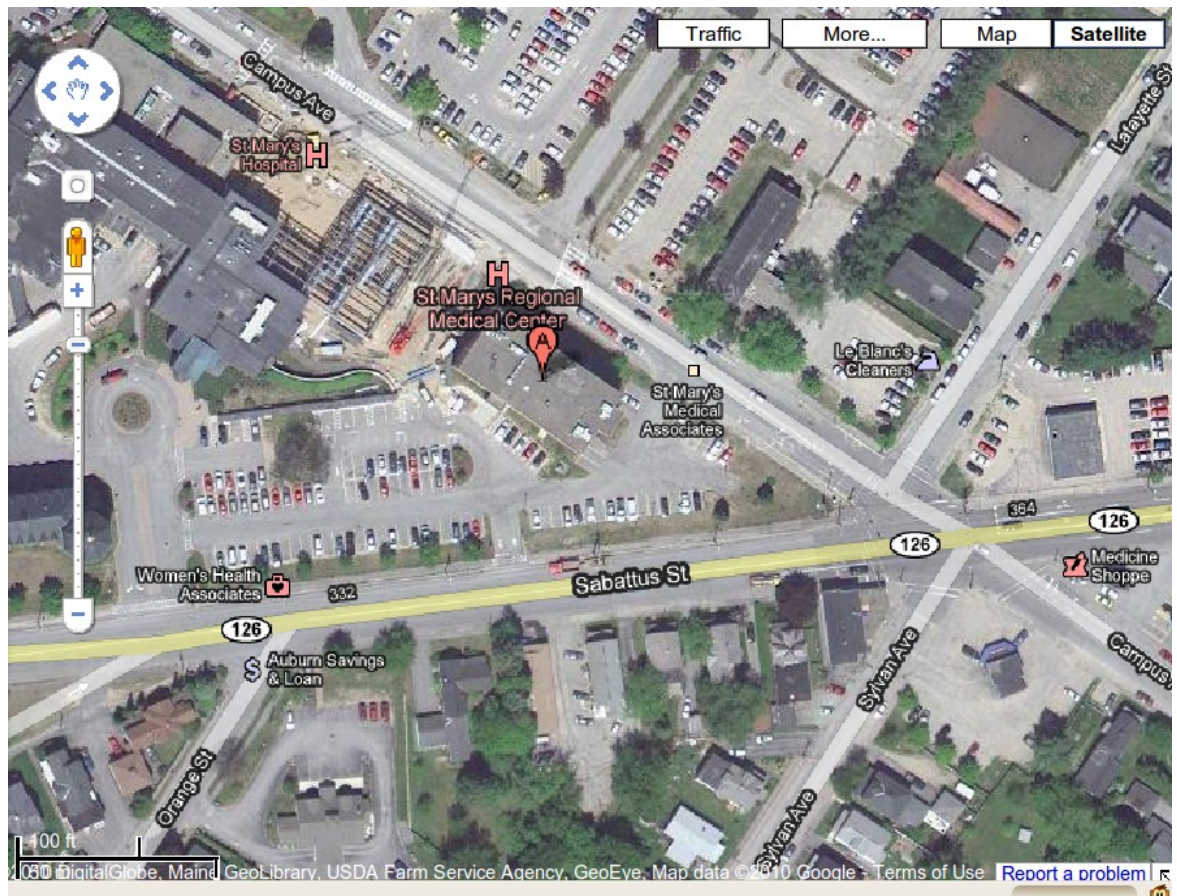
The meeting was called to order by President Bill Woodhead at 7:00 PM sharp. Andy KB1DOI made a motion to approve the Secretary's report which was seconded by Jerry K1WTX. Vote: approved. Ivan read the Treasurers report followed by a motion to accept the report by Bob W1LTX and a second by Andy KB1DOI. Vote: approved.

The Lewiston Library received its new technician book and sent the old book back to the club to recycle. Paul KB1QHR got to take it home.

Bill discussed the ARRL State Convention and said that it was confirmed by the League that our Hamfest March 25 and 26 will be certified by the League as the state convention. Bill will be asking W1RFI to do a talk about interference and Bob W1LTX will be making the calls to get catalogs and prizes from the vendors. Ivan says the test sessions will be held in the afternoon after the prize drawings. Jerry K1WTX said it would not make much sense trying to hold a spotter training class because only people who already took the class showed up at the last one.

Jerry K1WTX says the 2x2 VHF contest is coming up next month so be ready! He also thinks it would be a good idea to have a speaker talk or presentation during the meetings. It may help get a higher attendance.

Bob W1LTX made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Andy KB1DOI. Vote: approved at 7:17PM to hear Lee W1LWT talk about how cell phone communications work, the talk postponed from a few months ago.



Andy Meeting at 99 Campus Ave Lewiston

## DX News by Earle N1SVB

During the past month we made 54 DX contacts representing 34 different countries. Countries contacted were:

CS4ØDX/p, Portugal; 6W/AP1AC, Senegal; TI4UVH, Costa Rica; PJ5/SP6IXF, St. Eustis; KL7LF, Alaska; S52V, Slovenia; CN8CZM, Morocco; TP6ØCE, France; ZS2DL, South Africa; PY2PT, Brazil; 4B1B, Mexico; 9Q5ØON, Democratic Republic of Congo; 7P8RU, Lesotho; KC4AAA, Antarctica; 9A5ØØAA, Croatia; OH9SCL, Finland; HK1T, Columbia; UT1UW, Ukraine; CW5R, Uruguay; SV1KXO, Greece; EA8UP, Canary Is.; I5REA, Italy; 5B4AIF, Cyprus; VU2ELJ, India; OA4CN, Peru; YO4RYU/mm, Liberia; TG9LX, Guatemala; V56/DJ2HD, Namibia; CO6LC, Cuba; CP6XE, Bolivia; FM4NB, Martinique;

We had several Pacific contacts this month. We had several Australian contacts with VK3MO being the first one. We also contacted JP1DJV in Japan. Not a pacific contact but we did contact VU2ELJ in India which is not that common to make contact with India.

There are several DXpeditions to various parts of the world coming up in 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. 05 CN2LWL Morocco  
 Feb. 01 to Feb. 09 J7/ Dominica.  
 Feb. 01 to Mar. 31 J5UAP Guinea Bissau  
 Feb. 01 to Mar. 31 6W2SC Senegal  
 Feb. 02 to Feb. 08 T88ZM Palau  
 Feb. 02 to Mar. 08 5H/ Tanzania  
 Feb. 03 to Feb. 09 C6AWS Bahamas  
 Feb. 03 to Feb. 15 FK/ New Caledonia  
 Feb. 03 to Feb. 17 S9DX Sao Tome & Principle  
 Feb. 04 to Feb. 09 A35AY Tonga  
 Feb. 05 to Feb. 26 J5NAR Guinea Bissau  
 Feb. 05 to Feb. 26 6W/ Senegal  
 Feb. 05 to Mar. 05 P29CW Papua New Guinea  
 Feb. 07 to Feb. 17 C6ABB Bahamas  
 Feb. 08 to Feb. 18 3B8/ Mauritius  
 Feb. 08 to Feb. 22 T3Ø/ West Kiribati  
 Feb. 09 to Feb. 16 KHØ/ Mariana Is.  
 Feb. 09 to Mar. 10 J37/ Grenada  
 Feb. 10 to Feb. 20 TJ3C Cameroon  
 Feb. 12 to Feb. 13 T7ØDXC San Marino  
 Feb. 12 to Feb. 24 V4/ St. Kitts & Nevis  
 Feb. 16 to Mar. 30 V47JA St. Kitts & Nevis  
 Feb. 18 to Feb. 22 3B9/ Rodrigues Is.  
 Feb. 21 to Mar. 07 T73CCM Dominica  
 Feb. 22 to Mar. 03 V5/ Namibia  
 Feb. 22 to Mar. 06 VK9C Cocos Keeling  
 Feb. 23 to Mar. 06 J79AN Dominica  
 Feb. 25 to Feb. 28 9M8/ East Malaysia

ARRL International DX Contest CW (Feb. 19 -20, 2011)

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/>