



# A.C.O.R.N.

# March 2008

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**Goff Hill, Auburn Maine**

Please submit articles, corrections and suggestions by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to David Lowe WE1U [we1u@arrl.net](mailto:we1u@arrl.net)

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## **Andy Award Applications Must be Received by April 15<sup>th</sup> 2008**

The AARC is seeking applicants for two awards of \$500 for individuals accepted for post high school(or GED) for an academic degree or technical certificate.

Applications are available at <http://www.w1npp.org/award.html> and <http://www.w1npp.org/award.pdf>

## Andy Club Meetings

### March 5<sup>th</sup> 2008

Club Meeting  
Russel Park Living Center  
158 Russel Street, Lewiston, ME

Every Tuesdays 6:30pm **except March 11<sup>th</sup> 2008**  
Androscoggin ARES Net  
on the Auburn Repeater 146.610MHz no pl. tone

### March 11<sup>th</sup> 2008

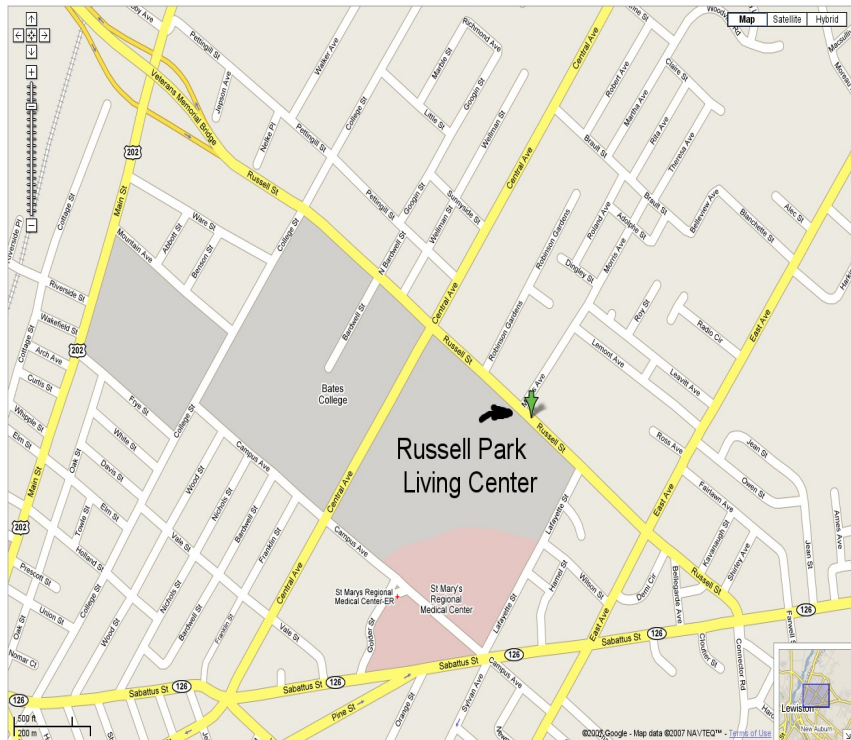
Androscoggin ARES Meeting  
EOC basement of Lewiston Central Fire Station  
2 College Street, Lewiston, ME

### March 26<sup>th</sup> 2008

Monthly Breakfast  
Ramada Inn, Pleasant Street  
Lewiston, ME

### March 26<sup>th</sup> 2008

Andy Club On-air Meeting and Net on the Auburn Repeater 146.610MHz no pl. tone



## News

### New Volunteer Examiner Manual

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/vemmanual/vemmanual2008.pdf>

### 2008 Simulated Emergency Test Outline on W1NPP.org and WX1GYX.ORG

[http://wx1gyx.org//topics/events/2008/Maine\\_2008\\_SET/SET2008.pdf](http://wx1gyx.org//topics/events/2008/Maine_2008_SET/SET2008.pdf)

2008 Field Day Packet on ARRL.org

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2008/fd.html> <http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/fd-2008-rules.pdf>

## Androscoggin ARES Meeting -Cory N1URA

Meeting held February 12<sup>th</sup> 2008, in attendance by AA1UT, N1JD, N1WFO, and N1URA. Presentation from EOC staff on CERT-Community Emergency Response Teams and CART-Community Animal Response Teams. It was announced that the Comm Truck will be transferred to the Level 3 Incident Management Assistance Team(IMAT) in the Forest Service and replaced by a SUV or Van for local Incident Commanders most likely without ham equipment. Androscoggin County is developing a level 4 team. The EOC HF antenna appears to have RFI on 160m, 80m, 40m, 20m and 15m. The need for recruiting for ARES, 2008 Maine SET will be a Full Scale exercise requiring many agencies to share the available hams.

## 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 8:30am 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: N1URA

Nets on the KQ1L Linked Repeater System <a href="http://www.kq1l.com/">http://www.kq1l.com/</a>	
Swap Net	Sunday 1900EDT
Maine Youth Net NCS:Cheyenne KB1PHR	Sunday 1800EDT
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

### **2008 ARRL MAINE STATE CONVENTION & ANDROSCOGGIN ARC HAMFEST**

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club presents the 2008 American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Maine State Convention and Hamfest at the Ramada Convention Center at 490 Pleasant St, Lewiston, Me., on Friday April 4, from 1900(7pm) to 2100(9pm) and Saturday April 5, from 0800(8am) till 1200(Noon).

#### **FRIDAY NIGHT APRIL 4, 2008 (1900 AND 2000)**

We are scheduling many interesting 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. Please register table/ room request early by email(so we will have a hard copy of the request) to following **three** addresses:

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For additional information or questions call or email:

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Andyfest web site: <http://www.w1npp.org/hamfest.html>

**Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> 2008 Time:TBA Weather Spotter Training**

Midcoast Red Cross Chapter House, 16 Community Way, Topsham Maine  
pending ok from gyx

**Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> 2008 10am to 12 Noon Weather Spotter Training**

Auburn Public Library Community Room -Free and open to the public. Learn what to report and how to safely observe weather for the National Weather Service.

National Weather Service Gray Web site: <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/gyx/> or <http://weather.gov/gyx/>

WX1GYX SKYWARN Web site: <http://www.wx1gyx.org/>

**Saturday, April 19, 2007 8 AM to Noon PAWA Hamfest**

Portland Amateur Wireless Association (PAWA) Hamfest.  
Saturday, April 19, 2007  
8 AM to Noon Stewart Morrill American Legion Post #35  
413 Broadway  
South Portland, ME

Commercial Vendors

Country Store (Consignment Table)

Tailgating (limited space - weather permitting)

Exams at 10:00 AM

Prize Drawing at Noon

Admission \$ 5.00 per person

Vendor Setup at 6:30 AM

Tables - \$ 10.00 each

Tailgating - \$ 5.00 per slot

Contact: Bryce Rumery, K1GAX (207) 799-1116 To reserve tables

<http://www.pawa-maine.org/modules/wfchannel/index.php?pagenum=8>

## Secretary's Report by Dick N1NYW

A meeting of the Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club was held Wednesday February 6, 2008 at Russell Park. In attendance: n1llu, kb1doi, n1jd, n1pbh, w1scm and son Charles, n1oxa, n1avj, n1lura, wa1eoj, kb1gvt, kb1lieg, kb1sud, we1u, k1wtx, n1dot, n1nyw.

The meeting was called to order by Ivan n1oxa at 7:00 PM. Harold n1llu moved to accept the Secretary's report as printed in the ACORN. Seconded by kb1sud. Vote: approved. Ivan read the Treasurers report. Harold n1llu moved to accept the Treasurers report and kb1sud seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Old business: Report on the SPAR winter field day. Ivan n1oxa operated two and a half hours and had 46 contacts. Cory n1lura had seventy six contacts in 4 hours.

New business: The ARRL has sanctioned the April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> hamfest to be the official ARRL Convention. One talk has been scheduled so far. Aa4ak will talk about "half square antennas". Tom Freneye k1ki from the ARRL will speak. If anyone would like to hear a talk about a certain subject, or know someone who would be a good speaker please contact Ivan.

Bob kb1sud reports that he already has catalogs to give out from HRO. Icom will send a jacket as a door prize. Kenwood has committed to send "stuff". Ivan reports that vendors already signed up are: Radio Oasis, Granite Antennas and Quick Silver.

The Yankee Club will have a meeting on Saturday April 5 at the Hamfest.

Ivan reports that the Andy Club web page and the Maine ARRL web pages do not work now because of a lightning strike near Dave kq1ls house where the web server was located.

Ivan and Cory report there is a new store at the Auburn Mall, Steve and Barrys, so the Field Day may need to find a new home. Please pass on any ideas for new a new location.

Ivan explained the antenna and setup for ham radio at the Park Avenue School.

Cory n1lura volunteered to coordinate a QRP field day location. The proposed QRP field day in a remote location will be discussed at the next meeting.

A reminder, the ARES meeting will be held Tuesday February 12 at 6 PM at the Lewiston Fire Station. Ivan reports that Steve Weymouth wants to buy equipment for area hospitals.

Andy kb1doi moved to adjourn and kb1sud seconded the motion. Adjourned at 7:35 to compare awards and QSL cards.

## DX News Earle N1SVB

The past month we made 34 DX contacts representing 25 different countries. Countries contacted were:

E7, Herzegovina; ZS1, So. Africa; R1, Antarctica; MJ, Jersey; OC1, Peru; ZD7, St Helena Is.; PZ5, Surinam; YU1, Serbia; TO5, St. Barthelemy Is.; PJ4, Bonaire & Curacao Is.; SV1, Greece; HV0, Vatican; HK1, Columbia; JC5, Guinea Bisaw; C91, Mozambique; 9Y4, Trinidad & Tobago; OP2, Belgium; CO7, Cuba; SM6, Sweden; UR5, Ukraine; J79, Dominica; S52, Slovenia; EW8, Belarus; CT9, Madeira Is.; LW6, Argentina;

There were no real exotic stations worked this month. We did make contact with HV0A, from the Vatican. Not a real rare station however, they are not on that frequently. We have worked Vatican stations several times. Still no Pacific contacts this month.

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

Mar. 01 to Mar. 06	HK0/	San Andres & Providencia
Mar. 01 to Mar. 15	V8/	Brunei
Mar. 03 to Mar. 10	V4/	St. Kitts Is.
Mar. 06 to Mar. 20	CT3/	Madeira
Mar. 07 to Mar. 17	TX5C	Clipperton Is..
Mar. 11 to Mar. 17	V25/	Antigua
Mar. 13 to Mar. 22	FJ/	St. Barthelemy Is.
Mar. 15 to Mar. 23	HQ8R	Honduras
Mar. 16 to Mar. 27	9X0R	Rwanda
Mar. 16 to Mar. 30	5T/	Mauritania
Mar. 16 to Mar. 31	9M6/	East Malaysia
Mar. 18 to Apr. 07	CE0E	Juan Fernandez
Mar. 20 to Apr. 02	CW3M	Vietnam
Mar. 22 to Mar. 30	9M0R	Spratly Is.
Mar. 23 to Mar. 30	VK9ALH	Lord Howe Is.
Mar. 24 to Mar. 28	KP4/	Virgin Is.
Mar. 25 to Apr. 01	FJ/	St. Barthelemy Is.
Mar. 27 to Apr. 01	7P8FC	Lesotho
Mar. 27 to Oct. 08	JX9JKA	Jan Mayen

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/>