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Coming up ...

Androscoggin ARC Elections April 6th 2011 7pm LePage Conference Room 99 Campus Ave Lewiston

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

2011 MS-Walk Androscoggin County Saturday April 30th 2011 Lewiston ME
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/>

Red Cross Run for Community Sunday May 1, 2011 Lewiston
<http://www.active.com/running/lewiston-me/red-cross-run-for-community-2011#Summary>

[Dayton\(Ohio\) Hamvention](http://www.hamvention.org/) May 20-22 2011 <http://www.hamvention.org/>

Andy Club Meetings

Wednesday April 6th 2011 1900EDT
 Andy Elections and Meeting
 at LaPage Conference Room
 99 Campus Avenue, Lewiston, ME

Wednesday April 20th 2011 1800EDT
 Androscoggin ARES/RACES Meeting
 Androscoggin Unified EMA Office
 Basement of Central Fire Station
 2 College Street Lewiston

Wednesday April 27th 2011 0730EDT
 Monthly Andy Breakfast
 Ramada Inn, Pleasant Street
 Lewiston, ME

Wednesday April 27th 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

Tim, AA1UT is in the process of ordering Radio Equipment for use by the ARES/RACES Androscoggin group. Some of the items are: VHF/UHF Radio and HT, APRS Trackers, Antennas, etc. This equipment will be use by the group for training and actual exercise.

But, before that can happen we need to be more active on the ARES/RACES net on Thursday evening at 1900(7pm) each week. Another thing we will start on is fldigi software that is being adopted by several of the other ARES Counties groups. This program is free to download from the WESTERN PA. ARES Group Oxford CERT group has already started to train on this software. They meet on the 146.88 repeater on Monday night at 1930(7:30pm), anyone can sign in and participate. Than once we have several of our members with experience we will also have it on our net. There are also two Power point presentations that need to be downloaded as well. They explain what fldigi is all about and basic instructions on how to use it. More to come, but lets start signing on to the Oxford net. Below are the links to down load, any questions call myself, at 784-0350 or Dave, WE1U , 783-1759. Download the software first and the PPTs after and read them: <http://w1npp.org/#nbems>



10m Repeater Lee W1LWT

I am going to try a new RF Idea for Maine and it is exciting. 10 meter repeater with ECHOLINK DEDICATED for it. ALL to ENJOY and ALL to Experiment and ALL to have FUN with it.

Concept/RF Engineering designed by Lee-W1lwt and N.E.Band/Frequency Cordination approved. with the FCC Rules applied within Part 97 about Repeaters. We will start with 10 watts to try it out and work it up in time.

QTH: 44.0295, -070.0870, at 249 feet above sea level
 Grid Square: FN44 Half wave dipole
 Frequency: 29.620 tx / 29.520 Rx
 ECHOLINK NODE: 517147

Send reports of contacts and any noise heard. And if any DX heard and how was the QSL. Over time I'll send QSL cards out to all who gave me reports. We'll back to my RF bench for more experiments and ideas to share. If you are driving by Lewiston or Topsham Give it a try, 10m by Mobile/Portable.

Secretary's Report by Dick N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday March 2, 2011 at the Lapage conference room in Lewiston. There were 14 members and guests in attendance: KB1DOI, WA1EOJ, N1KAT, N1OXA, N1NYW, K1WTX, N1JD, N1AVJ, N1WFO, KB1QHR, W1LTX, KB1OGS W1SCM and son Charles.

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by President Bill Woodhead N1KAT. Andy KB1DOI made a motion to accept the Secretary's report a printed in the ACORN. There were three seconds by KB1QHR, W1LTX and K1WTX. Vote: approved.

Ivan gave the Treasurers report and Bob W1LTX made a motion to accept the report and Andy KB1DOI seconded the motion.

Ivan talked about the convention coming up on March 25 and 26. Most of the talks have been confirmed and he is still waiting to hear from most of the vendors if they will be there. HRO will not be there but will bring catalogs. K1JEF will be there with Cobra Antennas. He is waiting to hear from Kits and Pieces and N3JFP logging software and Bob is still waiting for Yeasu. ARRL will be providing books for prizes.

Ivan signed up volunteers to work the set up and hamfest. Also Jerry k1wtx passed along that Jim AA1YD is now a silent key.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

2011 Andyfest Ivan N1OXA



After several months of planning it is done. I heard lots of good comments about both the talks and the Hamfest itself. Good news is that we sold more tables this year than last. But, as most of you saw we had very 12 to 15 tables that were empty. I will have a complete report at the April meeting. The hi lights are we had just over over 300 attendees, but less than last year. The profit was almost double last years amount. Our expenses were higher this year because the Ramada increase there bill by \$150. But, we had not had an increase for over 6 or 7 years, it was due. The winner of the \$100 door prize was Leo Dyer, N1BBK. We also had two \$25 and two \$50 Gift CERT. from ARRL, N3FJP contesting software, and Kits 'N' Pieces Gift Cert. We also had a donation of lots of radio parts, pieces, and lots of QST's magazines by Rolf Ramsayer, WB2DPF, we raised over \$200 for our Scholarship fund. We will discuss more about how to improve the Convention and Hamfest. So if you have any comments or ideas on the Hamfest please come to the meeting next week on April 6, 2011 at 7pm. Till than 73

DX News by Earle N1SVB

During the past month we made 63 DX contacts representing 44 different countries. Countries contacted were:

E79D, Bosnia-Herzegovina; TJ3OY, Cameroon RW3LG/mm, Near Ghana; DK1QH, Germany; TG9IGI, Guatemala; VE3AXW, Canada; PV8DK, Brazil; VP8DMH, Antarctica; C5M, The Gambia; J79VG, Dominica; VP8LP, Falkland Is.; V44TAE, St. Kitts & Nevis; FM5DN, Martinique; D44TBE, Cape Verde Is.; YV1JGT, Venezuela; LU4DJB, Argentina; VP8ORK, So. Orkney Is.; 8P6QA, Barbados; ZL6QDW, South Africa; OE6RLF, Austria; CU7MD, Azores; CP6XE, Bolivia; OA4/OE3NHW, Peru; GM6NXA, Scotland; S9DX, Sao Tome; FG8AR, Guadeloupe; HP1XX, Panama; F8KHF, France; EA7HCJ, Spain; CT1DQV, Portugal; T70DXC, San Marino; V51YJ, Namibia; YO3CZW, Romania; SM6ZDN, Sweden; J88cf, St. Vincent; PZ5P, Surinam; OK1MDV, Check. Republic; HA8IB, Hungary; WH7Z, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; JW8XRA, Svalbard; 5N4EAM, Nigeria

We had one Pacific contacts this month. We contacted WH7Z at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. There were several other interesting contacts this month, see the above list. We did contact the DXpedition VP8ORK on south Orkney Island again just to be certain that we had a good contact.

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

Apr. 01 to Apr. 08 JW/ Svalbard
 Apr. 02 to Apr. 07 P29VCX Papua New Guinea
 Apr. 02 to Apr. 16 ZA/ Albania
 Apr. 03 to Apr. 16 P4/ Aruba
 Apr. 06 to Apr. 21 FM/ Martinique
 Apr. 08 to Apr. 14 P29NI Papua New Guinea
 Apr. 08 to Apr. 18 KH8/ American Samoa.
 Apr. 09 to Apr. 22 TO2Z Reunion Is.
 Apr. 10 to Apr. 15 XU2LC Vietnam
 Apr. 13 to May. 01 9N7DX Nepal
 Apr. 14 to Apr. 18 A25FC Botswana
 Apr. 15 to Apr. 18 P29VLR Papua New Guinea.
 Apr. 15 to Apr. 22 PJ2/ Curacao
 Apr. 15 to Apr. 27 FJ/ St. Barthelemy
 Apr. 15 to Apr. 28 5V7CC Togo
 Apr. 17 to Apr. 28 T31A Central Kiribati
 Apr. 19 to Apr. 26 A52 Bhutan.
 Apr. 20 to Apr. 25 XV4LC Vietnam
 Apr. 22 to Apr. 27 P29VLR Papua New Guinea
 Apr. 28 to May. 06 9G5LK Ghana
 Apr. 30 to May. 07 JD1BMT Ogasawara.

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/>