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Goff Hill, Auburn Maine

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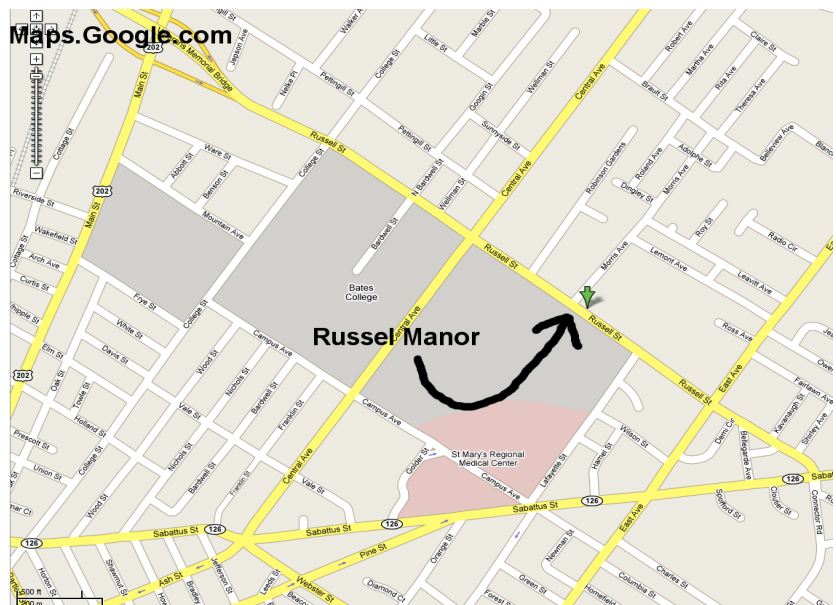
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Meetings

Andy Club Breakfast
Last Wednesday of the Month
at 0730 EDT
Ramada Inn
Pleasant Street, Lewiston ME

Andy Club On Air Meeting/Net
Last Wednesday of the Month
at 1900 EDT on 146.61(no pl tone)

Andy Club Meeting
First Wednesday of the Month
at 1900 EDT
Russell Park Manor
158 Russell Street, Lewiston ME



Events

Basic Weather Spotter Training at Auburn Library on April 21st 2007 10am

This training is free to the public. The National Weather Service(NWS) in Gray will have a meteorologist at the Auburn Library, 49 Spring Street, Auburn, ME to teach how to give meaningful weather event reports. The SKYWARN program provide needed communication support and Ground Truth data to the NWS meteorologist. Ground Truth eyewitness reports provide essential information that is not provide by radar and other weather instruments. Please visit the following sites for more details:

Local SKYWARN group: <http://groups.google.com/group/gyx-skywarn>

National SKYWARN: <http://www.skywarn.org/>

NWS Training Schedule: http://www.erh.noaa.gov/gyx/spotters_skywarn/skywarn2.shtml

Auburn, Maine Library <http://www.auburn.lib.me.us/>

MS Walk April 28th 2007 Lewiston High School

The operators will be called by Ivan, N1OXA

http://www.nationalmssociety.org/site/PageServer?pagename=MEM_homepage

<http://www.Near-Fest.com> Hamfest Friday May 4th & Saturday May 5th 2007

Nets by David Lowe WE1U



HF

Seagull Net Daily 1700 EDT 3940kHz

Maine Emergency Net on Sunday at 1630 EDT 3940kHz

KQ1L Linked Repeater System

Sunday 2000 EDT Tri-County ARES Net

Monday 1900 EDT Oxford County ARES Net

Tuesday 1900 EDT Maine Elmer Net

Wednesday 1930 EDT WAWA Net

Wednesday 2030 EDT SKYWARN Training Net

Thursday 2000 EDT YL and OM Net Sorry for missing this last month dl :)

Friday 1930 EDT Slow Scan TV Net

Saturday 1930 EDT SKYWARN Training Net



Andy Club Minutes by Dick Knight N1NYW

Meeting Cancel due to storm on April 4th 2007.



Androscoggin County RACES/ARES by Ivan Lazure N1OXA

The RACES/ARES Meeting was held on April 10th 2007 at the Androscoggin EMA Office in Lewiston. In attendance was AA1UT, N1OXA, KB1CDU, KB1DOI, N1WFO, WE1U, N1MDL

No meeting in May; instead we will have a communications drill on Tuesday May 8th 2007 at 1830 EDT on 146.61 (no pl tone) to test coverage for Livermore Falls, Leeds, Greene, Lewiston, Auburn, and Durham. Livermore will require a cross band repeater. The Communication Truck will be used at Greene. There are plans afoot for joint drills with other ARES groups during the coming year.

The Truck has a Yaesu FT-897 all-mode for HF, 6m, 2m and 70cm with a Yaesu FC-40 tuner. Kenwood TM-D700A 2m/70cm FM-only Dual-Band. To be setup and/or check out are the G5RV antenna and the APRS/Packet Setup W1NPP-5. The EMA Office has only a Alinco 2m FM transceiver which is usually set up for a packet bbs on 145.01 W1NPP-1. The Packet station is swaped out for 2m voice operations (There is a mike for the radio.) There is a 75m dipole on the roof that need attention. The HF radio for the EMA office has been cut from the budget repeatedly.

Red Cross is moving to 1180 Lisbon Street sometime in May. The Antennas need to be removed from the East St location and moved to the new location. Setup Park Ave. School(EMA Shelter)

We are also starting a monthly ARES Net on the 146.61 repeater, the first one was on March 27, 2007 at 1830 EDT the next two will be April 24th and May 22nd 2007. CERT Training needs 15-20 people to be a go. Send out ARES Application form with May ACORN. EMA Web Site is being moved

Forms and training material are available from ARRL, The GYX SKYWARN group and Maine ARES:

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/forms/>

<http://groups.google.com/group/gyx-skywarn/files>

<http://www.maineares.org/downloads.html>



2007 MAINE STATE ARRL CONVENTION AND HAMFEST by Ivan Lazure N1OXA

First of all I want to thank all the club members that helped at the Convention and Hamfest. This event only works because of all the people that work Friday and Saturday.

The total attendance was 400 (including ticket sales, volunteers, and vendors). Not a record but a good increase from last year. All the talks were well received, and I heard a lot of good comments.

I'm still looking for someone to become a co-chairman with me for next year's Hamfest.

Until next year!!

Ivan, N1OXA, Convention and Hamfest Chairman

Special Congratulations to Richard Thornton, KB1OVV 10 years old and KB1OVX Leland F Dyke 7 years old on earning there technician licenses.



DX contacts by Earle Gilmore N1SVB

The past month we made 63 DX contacts representing 42 different countries. Conditions the month MARCH was pretty good considering some of the real bad months that we have had for the last few years. The countries contacted were:

CU2, Azores; T96, Bosnia-Herzegovina; S52, Slovenia; 6H1, Mexico; 4M5, Venezuela; OP0, Belgium; F6, France; 9A, Croatia; CT3, Portugal; OK5, Czech Republic; SO1, Poland; TO6, Guadeloupe; 5X1, Uganda; VP8, Falkland Isl.; 4N4, Serbia-Montenegro; LX1, Luxembourg; TC0, Turkey; OE4, Austria; GO0, Guernsey; GW3, Wales; SV5, Crete; HV0, Vatican; 7X2, Algeria; EA8, Canary Isl.; V31, Belies; 3DA0, Swaziland; SV2, Greece; DP4, Germany; IZ6, Italy; EB7, Spain; FM2, Martinique; UR9, Ukraine; CT3, Madeira Is.; LU3, Argentina; V25, Antigua & Barbuda; Z36, Macedonia; RA3, Russia; PY5, Brazil; 5D5, Morocco; OM7, Slovak Republic; 5B, Cyprus; CP6, Bolivia;

There were no real exotic stations worked this month however, there were a few stations that we worked that aren't heard that frequently. A few of those station are: VP8KF in the Falkland Islands, TC0DX in Turkey and HV0A in the Vatican. We made no contacts from the Pacific area this month.

DXpeditions by Earle Gilmore N1SVB

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

May 03 to May 07	3D2RI	Fiji	http://www.islandradio.org/3d2ri.htm http://www.3d2.dxr.com.ua/news.html
May 04 to May 18	9H3/	Malta	
May 04 to May 15	9N7/	Nepal	http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/icpo.html
May 14 to May 26	4A3IH	Mexico	http://www.dxwatch.com/lookup.php?c=4A3IH
May 26 to Jun 01	GB8LED	Jersey	

The above DXpeditions are correct to the April 10th 2007 prior to Printing the A.C.O.R.N.. For additions after that date, go to "Reported DXpeditions by NG3K" <http://www.ng3k.com/>.

CQ WW WPX CW May 26 – 27, 2007 <http://www.cqwp.com/rules.htm>

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

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

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