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Coming up ...

Hospital Communications Test Wednesday May 11, 2011 10:00am

VE Exam Saturday June 4, 10 am

Sponsor: Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club/Oxford CERT Communication Group

Location: Oxford County Courthouse 26 Western Ave., Paris, ME

Contact: Ivan Lazure 207-784-0350 n1oxa@arrl.net Exam fee:

\$15 Cash Only Photo Id or two ID (eg Social Security) Originals and Photocopies of Any Current Licenses and/or CSCEs. If Special needs are required for the exam prior arrangement must be made with Ivan Lazure

2011 Bangor Hamfest June 4th 2011 <http://www.n1me.org/Hamfest.php>

Field Day Saturday and Sunday June 25 & 26, 2011

Andy Club Meetings

Wednesday May 4th 2011 1900EDT
 Andy Meeting at LaPage Conference Room
 99 Campus Avenue, Lewiston, ME

Wednesday May 18th 2011 1800EDT
 Androscoggin ARES/RACES Meeting
 Androscoggin Unified EMA Office
 Basement of Central Fire Station
 2 College Street Lewiston

Wednesday May 25th 2011 0730EDT
 Monthly Andy Breakfast
 Ramada Inn, Pleasant Street
 Lewiston, ME

Wednesday May 25th 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

After the Lewiston Convention and Hamfest last month, this month started slow and gave me a chance to rest from the Hamfest. The VE session at the Hamfest was a great success with 6 new Tech, 6 General upgrades, and 2 Extra upgrades and one person passed all three exams.

On April 18 I went to Boston for the 115th Boston Marathon, its was my 4th year and I still enjoyed it.

Anyone can participate all you need is a HT with an extended whip antenna, and batteries for 10 hours. You should think about doing this event.

We had our monthly ARES/RACES meeting at the EMA office in the Lewiston Fire Station. the discussion centered on the upcoming events in the County that are listed below.

Saturday April 30, 2011 MS walk in Lewiston at the High school Gym. All that is needed is a HT or a mobile in your vehicle. Start time for the hams is 8am and its done by Noon. They have food both Breakfast and Lunch. If interested contact me at 784-0350 or email at n1oxa@arrl net.

Wednesday May 11, 2011 10am to 11am is a Hospital and Health Centers communication test. This test is covering four Counties, Androscoggin, Franklin, Kennebec, and Oxford. We have had this test in the past, but this time we have been ask to include the Health centers that now have radio's installed that have ham Frequencies added. In Androscoggin we will need operators, for CMMC and St.Marys hospitals in Lewiston. Plus two Health Centers, DFD Russell Medical Center in Leeds and Western Maine Family Health Center in Livermore Falls. Mark your calendar for May 11 and contact me if your available.

Saturday and Sunday June 25 and 26, 2011 is Field Day, start thinking about working HF for you Technicians as well as VHF on 6M and 2M SSB. We will be discussing the options for the event, so come and get involved.

Finally, a reminder that every Thursday night at 7pm on our repeater (146.61 with " -" offset) is the weekly Androscoggin ARES/RACES Net. The new Narrow Band Emergency Messaging System (NBEMS) will be discussed. Oxford and other counties are training or looking into learning this system. Now is the time to start and train on this for possible use for the SET in October. Download FLDIGI/FLWRAP:<http://www.w1hkj.com/download.html> and Presentations: <http://wpanbems.org/>

Hope to see you at the Club Meeting on May 4, 2011 at 7pm.



Secretary's Report by Dick N1NYW

A meeting of the Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club was held Wednesday April 6, 2011 at the Lepage Conference center in Lewiston. In attendance: N1KAT, N1OXA, N1NYW, WB1HFY, N1JD, N1OXE, WA1EOJ, KB1DOI, N1WFO, N1SVB, N1DOT, K0UXB, W1LTX, K1WTX, KB1UHR, W1SCM, and son Charles.

The meeting was called to order at exactly 7:00 PM by President Bill Woodhead. David N1OXE made a motion to approve the Secretary's report as printed in the newsletter. Andy KB1DOI seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Ivan gave the Treasurers' report and details of the State Convention and Hamfest. Twenty four people (vendors) rented tables and had we had 257 paid admissions. Bob W1LTX made a motion to accept the report and a second came from David N1OXE. Vote: approved.

Ivan also reported the exam session results, we have six new techs and six new generals and three extras. Six persons failed the general test.

Ivan asked for some help at the next hamfest. He asked if someone else would be in charge of table reservations at next years hamfest. Jerry K1TWX volunteered.

Ivan reminded us the MS Walk will be held April 30, hams should show up by 8 AM.

Harold Hartley N1LLU will be moving to Arizona this month. Bill Woodhead reminded us that Harold has done lots of great things for the club over the years and thought it would be good to give him some money for a going away present. In auction style the bidding started and ended up with a motion from Bob W1LTX and a second from David N1OXE spending \$200 to give Harold a good send off. We wish him well in that drier climate that will be better for his health. Personally I will miss having him around to make the packet network work like a charm. I remember he ran a great gateway and BBS and taught me more about flex net than most humans have ever known and will ever live to tell about. Now my challenge is to remember any of it. Something tells me about the time he crosses the state line disaster will strike and I will have to e-mail him or call and yell HELP!!! Can you connect to .01??? and what happened to the Poland digi? Only questions Harold would instantly know what to do and who to call. Having him in town was such a good luck charm, nothing bad dared happen to the packet system. Now we are at the mercy of Murphys law.

Ivan brought up the subject of field day. It was decided to try to go back to the Park Avenue School and work 2AB like before. He will start the paper work with the school department and the insurance company now and have major planning meeting in May and / or June.

Ivan mentioned the EMA office is buying a new D710, a new handy talkie and two trackers with some new federal money. The ARES net is Thursdays at 19:00 on .61 and can use more members. This is YOUR invitation!

Bill mentioned that April 18 is Amateur Radio Day in Augusta. Be sure to be listening!

Election of officers for the next year was quick and easy. After asking those in attendance if they would like an office and getting no takers, David N1OXE moved that the Secretary make one vote for the re-election of the present officers for another term. Seconded by Bob W1LTX. Vote: approved, and the Secretary made the vote official by casting one vote.

Jim WB1HFY made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Bob w1ltx. Vote: approved at 7:52 PM

DX News by Earle N1SVB

During the past month we made 72 DX contacts representing 47 different countries. Countries contacted were:

CU2KG, Azores; V21ZG, Antigua & Barbuda; FM1FV, Martinique; 5X3NH, Uganda; PT2ZZR, Brazil; EL2AR, Liberia; LU3OE, Argentina; M0HFC, England; ZS2T, South Africa; HC2CT, Ecuador; OA4SS, Peru; Z35T, Macedonia; 9A2NA, Croatia; YP9W, Romania; E73W, Bosnia-Herzegovina; OZ7X, Denmark; LN9Z, Norway; FT3W, Iceland; XC1A, Mexico; LZ1MS, Bulgaria; 4A4A, Revilla Gigedo; HR5/W9GL, Honduras; V51B, Namibia; 9H1VC, Malta; D2AM, Angola; TP50CE, France; EI5GUB, Ireland; R7AY, Russia; ER1MM, Moldova; KH6HH, Hawaii; OH1UM, Finland; GB0SPD, Northern Ireland; S55O, Slovenia; VP2PAI, India; CE5ERO, Chile; ES5GP, Estonia; OH1TIN, Finland; LY2IA, Lithuania; LA1ONA, Norway; KL7AF, Alaska; PJ2.AF6WF, Curacao; TA3TT, Turkey; HG2011R, Hungary; JY5HF, Jordan; 4Z5RR, Israel; A61AM, United Arab Emirates; HZ1DG, Saudi Arabia; YI1RQ, Iraq; YB0DJ, Indonesia;

We had two Pacific contacts this month. We contacted YB0DJ in Indonesia and also KH6HH in Hawaii. There were several other interesting contacts this month, see the above list.

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

May 01 to May 05 AH0/ Mariana Is.

May 01 to May 31 T6PSE Afghanistan

May 02 to May 20 HI7/ Dominican Republic

May 03 to May 12 6W/ Senegal

May 04 to May 13 JD1 Ogasawara

May 06 to May 13 ZF/ Cayman Is.

May 08 to May 14 SV5/ Dodecanese

May 14 to May 22 SX5F Dodecanese

May 14 to May 22 FJ/ St. Barthelemy

May 14 to May 24 T2XG Tuvalu

May 19 to May 23 JW8HGA Svalbard

CQ WW WPX Contest, CW (May 28-29 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/>