



# A.C.O.R.N

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# Please Note No Meeting

## on July 4<sup>th</sup> 2007

## Next Meeting August 1<sup>st</sup> 2007

see you there 73 David WE1U

## Events and Announcements

***August 17<sup>th</sup> , 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> , 2007 15th Annual Great Falls Balloon Festival***

<http://www.greatfallsballoonfestival.org/>

***Friday August 17<sup>th</sup> 2007 4:01 pm to Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup> 11:59pm N1P - 400th Anniversary of Popham Colony***

Special Event Commemorating 400th Anniversary of Popham Colony - Phippsburg, Maine

Hosted by Meadowbrook Camping Area

<http://www.meadowbrookme.com/>

<http://ks1r.net/?q=search/node/popham>

<http://www.pophamcolony.org/>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Popham\\_Colony](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Popham_Colony)

<http://www.mainesfirstship.org/>

***Congratulations to Cory N1URA our new RACES coordinator***

ARRL Library Book Set <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/libookset.html>



## Androscoggin County RACES/ARES by Tim Bubier-AA1UT

1. Updated info. on the upcoming exercise in Oxford County - We have a planning meeting next Thurs. (6/21) to discuss our role in the exercise. The scenario will be a Hazmat/WMD event taking place at or near the intersection of Routes 4 & 108 in Livermore/Canton. The dates are: Tabletop - 20 Oct 07; Functional - 03 May 08; Full Scale - 18 Oct. 08. This gives us plenty of time to prepare. We will be participating along with the Oxford ARES group and I will have more details about that after next Thur's meeting.

2. The Mobile Command Truck will be stationed at the Balloon Festival after all. Auburn PD has requested its presence as a command post to run the event 16-20 August. With that, we should be able to offer our services (more on the radio club side of things) to the balloonists who might wish to place an APRS transmitter in their basket. We obviously can't interfere with emergency services' use of the truck but we would be fairly unobtrusive. Bill, N1KAT, and I will meet later this week to discuss this further and to start planning. This would be an excellent exercise for us using the equipment and to bring our services to the attention of the public, the balloonists and the PDs. I had APRS up and running June 12<sup>th</sup> 2007 for a demonstration with public safety officials and everyone was quite impressed. <http://www.sunjournal.com/soundshows/2007/CITaubnims0613/>

3. I announced that Ivan has asked to step down as RACES coordinator. I have not spoken with him since he emailed that request and suggested that Cory would be willing to take up that post. The consensus was that Cory would be a good replacement. The only negative comment was that Cory's changing work schedule might mean that he was not always available for our meetings. My feeling was that, at least from what I currently know of his schedule, this would not pose any big dilemma. The position is an appointment and I have offered it to Cory if he was willing. Cory has since accepted the position and added that his schedule will again be changing. He is going to a 10 hr. workday with a three-on, three-off schedule that will actually make him available more often. **His nomination has been approved.**

4. I would like to schedule one of our next eyeball meetings (maybe even next month's) as a work session out in Greene with the command truck. This would be to familiarize the members with the radio equipment on board and to finish the installation of some of the ham features such as a mounting bracket for the G5RV, the antenna selection switch so we don't need to keep swapping coax and the mounting of the random-wire antenna tuner. We all need to practice using the equipment because even I can't remember simple things like changing bands on the HT or setting the offsets on the Yaesu. I left it that Cory would contact the members if we were going to have the next meeting in Greene. After speaking to him, I think that it is likely that we will do the July meeting in Greene. I just need to check with the fire chief to see if this would interfere with anything they have scheduled.

On hand for our meeting were: N1JD, N1MDL, KB1DOI, KB1CDU and AA1UT. We adjourned at about 1840 hrs.

Cory wrote to me to inquire about moving the packet station. The whole reason we have it here is to send and receive info at the EOC during an emergency. If we move it we lose both the packet and 2 meter capabilities here leaving us with no ham connection at all. Although I wish the node were more accessible, I think we should be looking at placing another node somewhere in a better position especially since it would improve accessibility this one. Any ideas???



## Nets by David Lowe WE1U

### HF

Seagull Net 5:00pm Daily 3940 kHz  
 New England Weather Net 5:30am Daily 3905 kHz  
<http://newn.org/>  
 Green Mountain Net 5:00pm Mon – Sat 3933 kHz  
<http://www.hamelectronics.com/gmn/>  
 Vermont Netz 7:30pm daily 3857 kHz  
<http://www.vermontnet.net/>

### 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  
 Friday 1930 EDT Slow Scan TV Net  
 Saturday 1930 EDT SKYWARN Training Net



## Andy Club Minutes by Dick Knight N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting Wednesday June 6, 2007 at Russell Park in Lewiston Maine. In attendance: n1llu, kb1cdu, kb5sud, n1dot, kb1iec, n1mdl, aa4ar, n1jd, n1avj, kb1ieg, kb1gvt, wb1hfy, waleoj, w1scm and son Charles, kb1doi, n1nyv, kb1nhd, we1u, n1svb, n1oxa, and n1nyw.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice President Earle Gilmore. Brian n1mdl moved to accept the Secretary's report as printed in the ACORN, Bob kb5sud seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Ivan did not have a Treasurer's report because the statement was still at Bills. Harold n1llu moved to postpone the report until the next meeting, and Andy kb1doi seconded. Vote: approved.

Andy kb1doi moved to cancel next month's meeting because it would fall on the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, Bob kb5sud seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Ivan brought up the subject of the already approved transfer of \$1000 from the checking account to the scholarship fund. The transfer has not taken place yet. Instead, because the Andy club sponsors the state convention every year and it made a profit this year, Ivan proposed to help other ARRL affiliated clubs with limited funds with half the cost of buying a set of ham radio books to donate to a library in their area. It would be a kind of pay back for the members of other clubs for their support of the convention. The MARA club in Brunswick already voted \$100 to match the anticipated \$100 from the Androscoggin club according to Steve aa4ak. Those books would be donated to Brunswick High School library so students involved with the newly formed ham radio club at the school will have the latest materials to use.

David we1u moved to cancel the \$1000 transfer to the scholarship fund and Brian n1mdl seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

David we1u then made a motion to spend \$100 to match the MARA club funds to buy books and approve up to \$900, the rest of the \$1000, to match nine other ARRL affiliated clubs who plan to buy and donate a set of books to a library in the coming year. The motion was seconded by Harold n1llu. Vote: approved.

Ivan discussed the May 8<sup>th</sup> communications test and reminded the membership that the next RACES meeting is July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at the EMA office at the central fire station in Lewiston. He also told of planned exercises in the coming months.

The club packet station is at the EMA office and is now on the frequency 145.010. Other area frequencies were discussed.

Ivan sent the sign up sheet around the room and had members sign up for duties at field day. Field Day will be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> with set up starting at 10 AM at the Auburn Mall. This year set up will be in the corner of the lot near the spot we have used for years. Operating will begin at 2 PM Saturday. Every ham or non ham is invited. The club is paying for a BBQ Saturday night. Besides the usual voice modes APRS, SSTV, Packet and PSK31 stations are planned.

Brian n1mdl moved to adjourn and Andy kb1doi seconded the motion. Vote: approved at 8:15 PM to watch a presentation by MARA club member Steve aa4ar about the special event and special event station planned for the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Popham Colony. The celebration and special event station will be at Meadowbrook Campground August 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>. Hams are invited to come and operate.



## DX contacts by Earle Gilmore N1SVB

The past month we made 30 DX contacts representing 23 different countries. The DX count is lower than normal for June but it doesn't reflect the band conditions for several days I was chasing DXpeditions trying to make contact. One of the DXpeditions was Scarborough Reef which I needed for a new one but never did make contact. Countries contacted were:

HZ1, Saudi Arabia; HQ9, Honduras; OX1, Greenland; YN2, Nicaragua; SV9, Greece; HA3, Hungary; 7X4, Algeria; TM0, France; YU1, Serbia; HC2, Ecuador; G5, England; 3XM, Guinea; XE2, Mexico; PD1, Netherlands; EG8, Canary Isl.; GI7, Ireland; S52, Slovenia; PY5, Brazil; LU3, Argentina; RA3, European Russia; OS8, Belgium; DM3, Germany.

There were no real exotic stations worked this month however, we did contact HZ1EA, Saudi Arabia. No Pacific contacts this month.

## DXpeditions by Earle Gilmore N1SVB

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

Jul. 05 to Jul. 09	OJ0/	Market Reef
Jul. 05 to Jul. 20	A2/	Botswana
Jul. 09 to Jul. 16	PS2/	Netherlands Antilles
Jul. 12 to Jul. 17	KL7/	Alaska
Jul. 12 to Jul. 17	V31UB	Belize
Jul. 12 to Jul. 21	1A0KM	SMOM
Jul. 13 to Jul. 21	YJ0/	Vanuatu
Jul. 14 to Jul. 15	P4OW	Aruba
Jul. 14 to Jul. 12	YJ0CZE	Vanuatu
Jul. 14 to Jul. 28	TO5J	Martinique
Jul. 15 to Jul. 25	PJ7/	Sint Marren
Jul. 15 to Jul. 25	FS/	St. Martin
Jul. 17 to Jul. 23	SX5AS	Dodecanese
Jul. 22 to Jul. 29	ZF2DK	Cayman Isl.
Jul. 27 to Aug. 05	CU2/	Azores
Jul. 31 to Aug. 24	EA6/	Balearic Isl.

IARU HF World Championship July 14-15, 2007

RSGB IOTA July 28-29, 2007

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".

<http://www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html>

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

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

