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Coming up ...

2010 New England Forest Rally July 16th-18th

<http://newenglandforestrally.com/2010-nefr-event-dates-set/>

2010 Lobster Ride and Roll Saturday July 24th <http://www.bikemaine.org/events/lobster-ride>

2010 Golden Packet Sunday July 25th <http://aprs.org/at-golden-packet.html>

2010 BikeMS Saturday and Sunday July 31st and August 1st

http://bikemem.nationalmssociety.org/site/PageServer?pagename=BIKE_MEM_homepage

2010 Lighthouse Week August 1st to 7th <http://illw.org/>

2010 Beach to Beacon Saturday August 7th <http://www.beach2beacon.org/>

2010 Tour de Merrymeeting Bay Saturday August 14th

http://www.topshammaine.com/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={A837834B-8EE7-43AD-89B3-587D76873650}

2010 Great Falls Balloon Festival Friday, Saturday and Sunday 20-22 August

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

2010 Tour de Farms Sunday August 22nd

<http://sites.google.com/site/morrisfarmtrust/tour-de-farms-2010>

2010 Maine Hospice Event Saturday August 28th

<http://www.maineospicecouncil.org/events/MHE.htm>

Andy Club Meetings

Wednesday July 7th 2010 7:00 pm
 Andy Club Meeting
 Russel Park Living Center
 158 Russell Street, Lewiston, ME

Wednesday July 21st 2010 6:00pm
 Androscoggin ARES/RACES Meeting
 Androscoggin Unified EMA Office
 Basement of Central Fire Station
 2 College Street Lewiston

Wednesday July 28th 2010 7:30am
 Monthly Andy Breakfast
 Ramada Inn, Pleasant Street
 Lewiston, ME

Wednesday July 28th 2010 7:00pm
 Andy Club On-air Meeting and Net
 on the Auburn Repeater
 146.610MHz no pl. tone

ARES/RACES Comments by Ivan N1OXA Androscoggin EC

At the June ARES/RACES meeting we discuss the FEMA training courses available to us. The minimum needed was two courses, ICS 100 and ICS 700, which are on the Web. We as a group need to work on completing these two courses. ICS 100 can be done in a couple of hours, several of us have completed this one. The other course is a little longer, but can be completed in several hours or less.

The month of June ended on a high note with Field Day. We started Saturday morning and finished on Sunday at noon time. In between we set up two sites at the Park Ave. School. One for CW and the other site for Phone and Digital. Our score was over 2000 before the bonus point at added. Don't forget our nets on Mondays at 1900 and our eyeball meeting on Wednesday July 21.



Secretary's Report by Dick N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held its monthly meeting Wednesday June 2, 2010 at Russell Park in Lewiston. In attendance: N1LLU, WB1HFY, KB1RSD, N1JD, KB1DOI, W1SCM and son Charles, W1LWT, N1NYW, N1SVB, W1LTX, WE1U, W1SAB, K1WTX, and N1OXA.

Vice President Earle Gilmore N1SVB called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Harold N1LLU make a motion to approve the Secretary's report as written in the ACORN, seconded by Andy KB1DOI. Vote: approved.

Ivan gave the Treasurers report, David WE1U motioned to accept the report, seconded by Andy KB1DOI. Vote: approved.

Ivan again made a motion that he would like to change the dues structure so that all dues would come due the first three months of the year. If your membership comes due from June to October of 2010 the rates will be pro-rated, \$5 for the rest of 2010. If your dues come due from October to December 2010 you would pay \$10 and your membership would expire on December 31, 2011. Ivan's motion was seconded by Harold N1LLU. The club will again take comments and then vote on this change in dues structure and also this change in the by-laws at the July meeting.

David WE1U and Ivan N1OXA discussed the set up of the QRP stations for Field Day. A generator will be used for the lights in the tents and computers only. There will be two locations at the Park Avenue School, set up starts at 9 AM. Ivan made a motion to spend up to \$150 for food and supplies for the field day. Seconded by Harold N1LLU. Vote: approved. Ivan will report back at the July meeting how much was spent.

Ivan reminds us that the QSO party will be June 12th, 13th and 14th Weather spotter training will be held June 12th at 9:30 AM. The Trek Across Maine will be June 18th, 19th and 20th. The hospital drill is June 15 at 11 AM. Androscoggin ARES will staff the DFW Medical center, CMMC, The Red Cross Headquarters, St. Marys and Harold N1LLU will be operating from Russell Park. A statewide hospital drill might be held in November. The ARES / RACES meeting will happen June 16th at 6 PM.

Ivan will be ordering the newly revised Tech book to replace the outdated books in the area libraries. After a discussion Earle N1SVB made a motion to also spend the necessary money to buy the book Storm Spotting - Amateur Radio for the Lewiston, Auburn libraries and the three high schools. Seconded by Harold N1LLU. The purchase was approved.

David WE1U made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Andy KB1DOI. Motion approved at 7:45 PM.

DX News by Earle N1SVB

During the past month we made 46 DX contacts representing 34 different countries. Countries contacted were:

4O9, Montenegro; 5K8, Columbia; YV5, Venezuela; LZ1, Bulgaria; S56, Slovenia; CP6, Bolivia; RP3, European Russia; HA2, Hungary; ON4, Belgium; IM0, Sardinia; IR9, Italy; LZ9, Bulgaria; PI4, Netherlands; 8S0, Sweden; OE6, Austria; J6, St. Lucia; PJ7, St. Martens; F8, France 6W, Senegal; PY3, Brazil; XE1, Mexico; YO3, Romania; KH1, Guam; 4T4, Peru; LU3, Argentina; OZ3, Denmark; CO6, Cuba; 9A9, Croatia; 4J3, Azerbaijan; OL8, Czech. Republic; P43, Aruba; 4U1, World Bank; VP8, Faulklyn Is; Cu2, Azores;

We had no Pacific contacts this month. We did have a couple of nice contact this month. We worked 4J3M in Azerbaijan; we also worked 4U1WB The World Bank ham station.

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

Jul. 01 to Jul. 11 JW/ Svalbard

Jul. 01 to Jul. 13 D44TOI Cape Verde Is.

Jul. 05 to Jul. 14 FP/ St.. Pierre & Miquelon

Jul. 07 to Jul. 22 JT1/ Mongolia

Jul. 09 to Jul. 26 C6/ Bahamas

Jul.10 to Jul. 11 CR3E Madeira Is.

Jul. 10 to Jul. 24 TK1OB Corsica

Jul. 12 to Jul. 19 V31 Belize

Jul. 13 to Jul. 14 3L2 Fiji

Jul. 14 to Jul. 24 FW5M Wallis & Futuna

Jul. 15 to Aug. 02 XT2CME Burkina Faso

Jul. 16 to Jul. 24 IS0E Sardinia

Jul. 17 to Jul. 31 S79BWW Seychelles

Jul. 18 to Jul. 27 TF/ Iceland

Jul. 18 to Jul. 31 S79SAL Seychelles

Jul. 21 to Jul 31 6V7W Senegal

Jul. 22 to Aug. 02 KL7RRC Alaska

Jul. 24 to Jul. 31 9H3Y Malta

Jul. 25 to Jul. 31 6V7EA Senegal

RSGB IOTA Contest July 24 – 25, 2010.

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/>