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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ANDY Club Officers</u></p> <p>President: Bill Woodhead N1KAT Vice President: Earle Gilmore N1SVB Treasurer: Ivan Lazure N1OXA Secretary: Dick Knight N1NYW Trustee: Norm L' Heureux W1SCM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club (AARC) P.O. Box 1, Auburn ME 04212-0001 http://www.w1npp.org/ Repeater 146.610MHz – No pl tone Goff Hill, Auburn Maine</p>
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Andy Club Meetings

Wednesday September 3rd 2008 7:00pm

Andy Club Meeting

Russel Park Living Center

158 Russell Street, Lewiston, ME

Every Tuesdays 6:30pm

Except September 9th 2008

Androscoggin ARES/RACES Net

on the Auburn Repeater

146.610MHz no pl. tone

Tuesday **September 9th 2008 6:00pm**

Androscoggin ARES/RACES Meeting

Emergency Operations Center

Lewiston Central Fire Station

Wednesday September 24th 2008 7:30am

Monthly Breakfast

Ramada Inn, Pleasant Street

Lewiston, ME

Wednesday September 24th 2008 7:00pm

Andy Club On-air Meeting and Net

on the Auburn Repeater

146.610MHz no pl. tone

Notable Operating Events

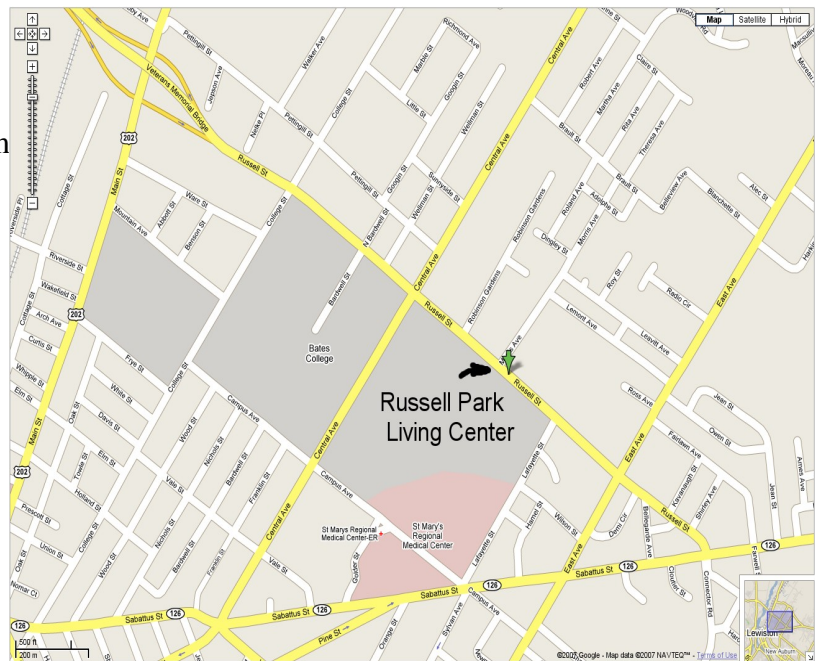
September 13-15th 2008 VHF QSO Party

September 20 and 21, 2008 ARRL 10 GHz Cumulative Contest

for more information:

September 2008 ARRL Contest <http://www.arrl.org/contests/months/sep.pdf>

Source URL: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/calendar.html>



Events and Announcements

Updated WX1GYX SKYWARN Operations Manual

<http://www.wx1gyx.org/manuals/ops2008.pdf>

Saturday September 6th 2008 Winsor Hamfest

Saturday, September 20th 2008 Loon Echo Hike and Bike Trek

<http://loonecholandtrust.org/> Contact Gary, N1ZNJ, at n1znj@yahoo.com or by phone, 207-671-3114 and please include your t-shirt size.

September 27th 2008 10:00 am EDT VE Exams at Auburn Library

This is **rescheduled** from September 13th 2008.

Location: Auburn Library Corner of Spring and Court Streets Conference Room

Contact: Ivan Lazure, N1OXA, 207-784-0350 or n1oxa@arrl.net. VEC: ARRL/VEC

If special testing assistance or needs are required, contact us in advance.

You will need: **\$14.00(CASH ONLY)**, Photo ID or two other forms of ID, Original License and CSCEs.

October 10th and 11th 2008 Near Fest <http://near-fest.com/>

October 11th 2008 Tri-County Exercise

October 18th 2008 0800 - 1400L SET Simulated Emergency Test

<http://www.w1npp.org/ares/SET2008.pdf>

Secretary's Report by Dick N1NYW

A meeting of the Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club was held Wednesday August 6, 2008 at Russell Park in Lewiston. First to sign the attendance list as always, was Harold n1llu, followed by w1scm and son Charles, n1nyv, n1nyw, kb1qhr, kb1doi, n1svb, wa1scq, n1dot, n1jd, n1oxa, n1kat, kb1iec, n1avj, we1u, k1wtx, aa4ak, and n1bkd.

The meeting was called to order by club President Bill Woodhead n1kat at 7:00 PM sharp. Earle n1svb moved to accept the Secretary's report as printed in the ACORN. Motion was seconded by David we1u.

Ivan n1oxa gave the Treasurer's report. Al wa1scq moved to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Andy kb1doi.

Bill reminds us that the VHF Contest is the second weekend in September.

David we1u reports that the August ARES meeting will be a drill at Thorncrag Sanctuary in Lewiston instead of at the EMA. It is located behind the Hannaford store off Sabattus street.

Visiting from the Brunswick club was aa4ak looking for some help from the Andy club with a bike race on August 23rd. Contact Bruce Randall w1ze to sign up.

Ivan was one of our club members who worked communications at the Beach to Beacon road race last weekend. Ivan detailed some interference troubles when transmitting runner numbers from the medical tents. Howie says there is a UHF repeater in Cape Elizabeth that should help out. Howie also announced that he is working on putting up a repeater that will receive on 442 MHz and transmit on 447 MHz.

Bill reported on the UHF contest and the club only made three contacts.

David we1u tells us that there will be a CERT Jamboree on September 13th and 14th at the Bogg Brook training center.

David we1u moved to adjourn and Earle n1svb seconded the motion. Vote: approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

2008 Beach to Beacon 10K by David WE1U

The 11th annual Beach to Beacon 10k run in Cape Elizabeth had a addition this year, us. Ivan N1OXA organized a team to cover the Medical operation of the event. N1URA, KB1QHR, N1WFO, KB1OKC, WE1U, and one additional ham from the Portland area work the event. We used the Blackstrap 147.090 machine, 146.460(Androscoggin ARES Primary Simplex) and 446.100 simplex. The traffic included supply request, statements for the information station to put out on the Public Address System and runners bib numbers/locations of runners. The Medical crew wants us back next year!

We discovered that the Command Post and other Public Service radios desensed many of our Hand-held radios and the ambient noise was also a challenge. We plan to use mobiles and Ham-band-only with better front-end filtering next year. Next year,headsets or at least earpieces to hear will be in our ready packs along with the battery packs to switch in seconds. We hope to place double net control station away from the crowds and noise one on 2m and the other on 440 MHz.

We hope to have more involvement next year and more ham too. Wake up calls worked well. Not bad Ivan for short notice.

Packet Mailboxes by David WE1U

Packet frequency **145.010**

Androscoggin County Emergency Operations Center Oak and Bates Streets, Lewiston **W1NPP-1**

United Valley Red Cross 1187 Lisbon Street, Lewiston **W1MFJ-1**

Topsham Red Cross 16 Community Way, Topsham **N1TRC-1**

Brunswick Node **KS1R-1**

Kendell KB1IJD Poland **KB1IJD-1**

Maybe soon National Weather Service -GYX State Route 231 and Weather Lane, Gray WX1GYX-1

Annual Maine Hospice Bike Event by Ivan N1OXA

On Saturday August 23, 2008 The Maine Hospice Bike Event was being run in Brunswick, ME. The MARA Club was providing communication for the event and needed more ham operators. Pete, N1ZRL, and myself went to help. The event started at 8:30am and was done by 12:30pm. They had two loops, one was 50 miles and the other was 13 miles. They had 22 riders doing the 50 mile, and around 25 for the 13 mile race. No riders got lost so it was a good day. The weather was great, sunny and temperatures in the low 80's. The MARA club thanked us for our support. The was GREAT!

Nets by David WE1U

HF Nets 75m	
Maine Public Service Net 9:00am Sunday 3940 khz. Maine Emergency Net 4:30pm Sunday 3940 kHz Seagull Net 5:00pm Monday - Saturday 3940 kHz New England Weather Net 5:30am Daily 3905 kHz http://newn.org/ New Hampshire ARES Net 8:30am Saturdays 3943 MHz http://ares.arrlnh.org/	Green Mountain Net 5:00pm Monday – Saturday 3933 kHz LSB http://www.hamelectronics.com/gmn/ Vermont Net 7:30pm daily 3857 kHz http://www.vermontnet.net/ Cumberland County Emergency Net Sunday 7:30pm 147.090+ 100Hz pl Franklin County Emergency Net Wednesday 7:00pm 147.180+ no-pl Mid-Coast ARES Net Monday 7:30pm 147.210+ 100 Hz pl
6m Nets	
Androscoggin Ragchew 7:30pm Tuesday and Thursdays 50.2MHz USB	Slow CW Net 7pm Wednesdays 50.2 MHz USB/CW NCS: N1URA

Nets on the KQ1L Linked Repeater System http://www.kq1l.com/	
12 County Net	Sunday 0930EDT
Swap Net	Sunday 1900EDT
28/88 VHF TRAFFIC NET (formerly Tri-County ARES Net)	Sunday 2000 EDT
Oxford County ARES Net	Monday 1930 EDT
Maine Elmer Net	Tuesday 1900 EDT
WAWA Net	Wednesday 1930 EDT
SKYWARN Training Net	Wednesday 2030 EDT
YL and OM Net	Thursday 2000 EDT
Slow Scan TV Net	Friday 1900 EDT
SKYWARN Training Net http://www.wx1gyx.org/	Saturday 1930 EDT

Installation of Radios in Hospitals by Ivan N1OXA

On August 11, Bill, N1KAT and I met with Stephen Weymouth of Central Maine Regional Resource Center, at his office. Bill and I inspected the new radios, and helped Steve get the ready to take the radios to the Hospitals. We went to both hospitals in LA and installed them and did a quick radio check, and both were fine. Than Friday August 15, Gary, N1ZNJ, did the installation at Stephens Memorial and also did a radio check, and it worked fine.

This week on Wednesday August 27, we will preform a communication test with the following Hospitals:

Central Maine Medical Center, St. Mary's Regional, Stephens Memorial, and Franklin Memorial. Also, The Androscoggin EMA office will be Net Control for the test. We will report on the results at the club meeting.

DX News Earle N1SVB

The past month we made 30 DX contacts representing 18 different countries. The numbers are low this month not necessarily because of conditions but electrical problems. Mid month we had an electrical storm go through. No rain, just lightening and thunder. At one point there was a terribly loud clap of thunder and I ran to the window to see if the tower had been hit. It was OK. Later in the day I came down to the ham shack and noticed that the beam was headed East. I like to have the beam headed South because our prevailing winds are out of the West. I turned on the rotator control box and pushed the button to turn the beam and all I got was a humming sound from the control box. I unplugged the cables to the rotor and tried again and the same thing. I have sent the control box to Yaesu for service. A few days later I discovered that my Alinco 2 Meter base station wasn't working. It appears that it transmits but doesn't receive. My only 2 meter communications for the present is my HT. Countries contacted were:

I3, Italy; 7X4, Algeria; PP5, Brazil; CQ35, Maderia Is.; JE1, Japan; UA2, Kaliningrad; CO6, Cuba; DL2, Germany; GX4, England; LY7, Lithuania; OY/, Faroe Is.; F4, France; EA1, Spain; LU7, Argentina; ON7, Belgium; HR2, Honduras; CU1, Azores; UR0, Ukraine;

There were no real exotic stations worked this month. We did make contact with a few nice stations. We did make contact with JE1LET, Japan, for a Pacific contact this month.

DXpeditions by Earle N1SVB

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

Sep. 01 to Sep.15	V31HC	Belize
Sep. 01 to May 01 (9)	ZS8T	Marion I.
Sep. 03 to Sep.12	P41USA	Aruba
Sep. 04 to Sep.18	PJ2/	Bonaire, Curaco
Sep. 05 to Sep 26	ZK3/	Tokelou Is
Sep. 12 to Sep 18	JW4LN	Svalbard
Sep. 15 to Sep. 20	KL7/	Alaska
Sep. 15 to Oct. 11	E51NOU	So. Cook Is.
Sep. 19 to Sep. 26	JW7WCA	Svalbard
Sep. 20 to Sep. 25	5R8/	Madagascar
Sep. 20 to Oct. 15	FR1G	Glorioso .
Sep. 21 to Oct. 05	CN21PA	Morocco
Sep. 23 to Oct. 06	A25/	Botswana

Worked All Europe DX Contest, SSB SEPT. 13 – 14, 2008

Cq ww dv Contest, RTTY Sept. 27 – 28, 2008

The above DXpeditions are correct to the 10th of the month prior to the 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/>

Web pages of Note by David WE1U

New DX Summit <http://www.dxsummit.fi/>

DX Hunting and Spotting

Web Page Archive <http://www.archive.org/web/web.php>

Find those 404ed pages you thought were gone forever...Not with the Wayback Machine

Here is Tim AA1UT Field Day article from 2005:

<http://web.archive.org/web/20050114095624/www.mainearrl.org/w1npp/fieldday.htm>

Central Maine Regional Resource Center (CMRRC) <http://www.cmrrc.org/>

Hospital Disaster Support Communications System <http://www.w1npp.org/ares.html#hospitals>