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Coming up ...

Dempsey Challenge Saturday and Sunday October 2nd and 3rd 2010

<http://dempseychallenge.org/>

Simulated Emergency Test Saturday October 9th 2010 0800 to 1400EDT

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

<http://www.arrl.org/news/get-ready-for-the-2010-simulated-emergency-test>

Near Fest Friday and Saturday October 15th and 16th 2010 <http://near-fest.com/>

Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday November 7th 2010 2am EDT becomes 1am EST

<http://www.nist.gov/physlab/div847/dst.cfm>

Andy Club Meetings

Wednesday October 6th 2010 7:00pm
 Andy Club Meeting
 Russel Park Living Center
 158 Russell Street, Lewiston, ME

Wednesday October 20th 2010 1800EDT
 Androscoggin ARES/RACES Meeting
 Androscoggin Unified EMA Office
 Basement of Central Fire Station
 2 College Street Lewiston

Wednesday October 27th 2010 7:30am
 Monthly Andy Breakfast
 Ramada Inn, Pleasant Street
 Lewiston, ME

Wednesday October 27th 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

First of all I want to Thank all the members who helped out with Beach to Beacon last month. We are not having a good attendance on the radio nets. It is hard to do training with only 4 or 5 on the net. Please make an effort to be there on Monday nights at 7pm on the 146.610. Two big events coming up, Sunday Oct 3, 2010 the Dempsey Challenge, we still need volunteers, as well on Saturday Oct. 9, 2010 is the annual SET that is state wide. This event will be mostly participation from home. Mark your calenders for the SET on 10/9/10 at 8am. The more people we have the more things we will be able to do. See you on the air.



New Scholarship at ARRL for Maine Hams by Ivan N1OXA

On Sept. 9, 2010 our club President, Bill, N1KAT, was in Newington, CT. to present a contribution to establish a college scholarship for Maine Hams. the details are below:

ANDROSCOGGIN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Award Amount: \$1000 for a 4 year college or two awards of \$500 each for a 2-year college

Number of awards: 1 or 2 each year

License Requirement: Active Technician Class Amateur Radio License or higher

Regional Preference: Maine or New England Division (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Massachusetts or Connecticut)

Curricular Preference: Computer Science, TV/Radio electronics or Electrical Engineering

Institution: 4-year or 2-year college

So spread the word, the first award will be in 2011, open application starts on Oct. 1, 2010.

You must go the the ARRL web site to download the application and then submit back to the

ARRL: <http://www.arrl.org/grant-application>

Secretary's Report by Dick N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held its monthly meeting Wednesday September 1st 2010 at Russell Park in Lewiston. In attendance: N1LLU, KB1DOI, N1JD, N1OXA, N1NYW, N1AVJ, KB1QHR, W1LTX, K1WTX, N1SVB, W1SAB, N1OXE, W1LWT, W1SCM and son Charles.

President Bill Woodhead was absent so Vice President Earle Gilmore called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Dave N1OXE made a motion to approve the Secretary's report and Harold N1LLU seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Ivan N1OXA gave the Treasurers' report, Dave N1OXE made a motion to accept the report and Bob W1LTX seconded the motion. Vote: approved. Next Ivan explained that the balance will go down because sometime in the next couple of weeks he and Bill will be going to ARRL headquarters to present \$5000 to go toward the Androscoggin Amateur Radio Scholarship. Ivan told us that in October applications will open and for the scholarship. A person going to a four year school would get \$1000 or two persons going to a two year school would get \$500 each. Arrangements will be made to include the details on the clubs website.

Ivan mentioned that the new technician study manuals came out. When he went to the Auburn and Lewiston public libraries to replace the old books with new ones he found the old ones were well worn and ragged from use. It looks like a lot of study was going on.

Another step toward a bylaw change happened at this meeting. There was discussion about the proposal to change the dates that dues are payable. The present bylaw reads: "yearly membership dues shall be paid upon acceptance for membership and yearly there after during the anniversary month of such acceptance." The proposed wording reads: " Membership dues are payable by March 31, 2011 and each March after." The vote on this will be held at the October meeting.

Ivan reminded us that September is Emergency Preparedness Month. It is a good time to get prepared for the fall and winter storms.

Events coming up: Windsor Hamfest - Loon Echo - Dempsey Challenge. Apparently the website to sign up for the Dempsey Challenge has been a challenge for some hams so how to sign up was discussed.

Andy KB1DOI talked about the Dempsey Challenge special events station N1D. Club members can help with this even from home. Contact Andy for details.

Ivan asked Lee W1LWT to do a talk in the future about the technical side of how cell phones work. Lee said the October meeting looks like a good time for him because he will have just given a talk on this and will be prepared, his talk will include parts about Echolink.

John N1JD made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Jerry K1WTX. Vote: approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM

DX News by Earle N1SVB

During the past month we made 38 DX contacts representing 30 different countries. Countries contacted were:

PB6, Netherlands; S52, Slovenia; YO4/MM, Gulf of Mexico; OK1, Czech Republic; 7Z1, Saudi Arabia; OM3, Slovak Republic; EA3, Spain; DJ1, Germany; RD3, European Russia; YT3, Serbia-Montenegro; GB2, Shetland Is.; G5, England; OE3, Austria; SO200, Sweden; EA6, Balearic Is.; E77, Bosnia-Herzovignia; JY4, Jordan; OS8, Belgium; TM400, France; EM75, Ukraine; A41, Oman; TN1, Congo; SV1, Greece; 9A3, Croatia; 5B4, Cyprus; Z33, Macedonia; LZ2, Bulgaria; TA3, Turkey; SP3, Poland; ZD7, St. Helena Is.;

We had no Pacific contacts this month. We had a few contacts from countries not heard that frequently. We contacted 7Z1 Saudi Arabia, JY4 Jordan, A41 Oman and TA3 Turkey.

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

Oct. 04 to Oct. 29 5R8RJ Madagascar
 Oct. 05 to Oct. 19 KG4AS Guantanamo Bay
 Oct. 06 to Oct. 15 PJ5/ St. Eustatius & Saba
 Oct. 06 to Oct. 19 ZD8ZZ Ascension Is.
 Oct. 06 to Oct. 20 TO7ZG St. Barthelemy Is.
 Oct. 07 to Oct. 09 MJ/ Jersey
 Oct. 07 to Oct. 22 H40KJ Temotu
 Oct. 08 to Oct. 18 PJ2/ Curacao
 Oct. 09 to Oct. 15 PJ5 St. Eustatius & Saba
 Oct. 09 to Oct. 16 MU/ Guernsey
 Oct. 10 to Oct. 14 JW/ Svalbard
 Oct. 10 to Oct. 20 PJ7/ St. Maarten Is.
 Oct. 10 to Oct. 20 PJ7E St. Maarten Is.
 Oct. 10 to Oct. 23 5V7TT Togo
 Oct. 10 to Nov. 02 PJ4/ Bonaire Is.
 Oct. 12 to Nov. 12 ZD9GI Tristan da Cunha Is.
 Oct. 15 to Oct. 18 PJ7/ St. Maarten Is.
 Oct. 15 to Oct. 22 PJ7/ St. Maarten Is.
 Oct. 15 to Oct. 31 C91/ Mozambique
 Oct. 18 to Nov. 13 E51NOV So. Cook Is.
 Oct. 20 to Oct. 30 OX/ Greenland
 Oct. 20 to Nov. 10 V47JA St. Kitts & Nevis
 Oct. 21 to Oct. 30 CY0/ Sable Is.
 Oct. 21 to Nov. 03 A25/ Botswana
 Oct. 21 to Nov. 11 C56FR Gambia
 Oct. 26 to Nov. 01 6V7T Senegal
 Oct. 26 to Nov. 02 FP/ St. Pierre & Miquelon
 Oct. 27 to Nov. 02 9X0SP Rwanda
 CCWW DX Contest, SSB (Oct. 30 – 31 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/>