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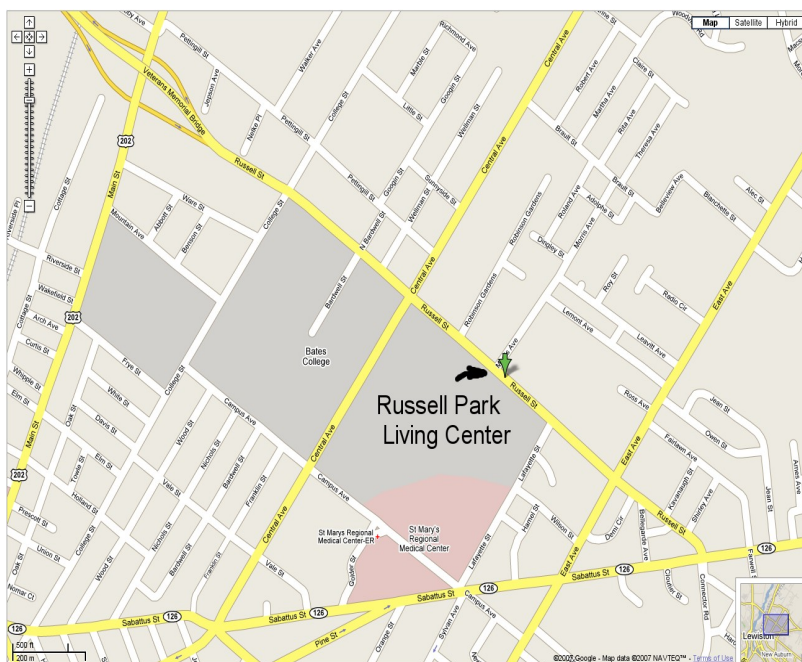
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Andy Club Meetings

November 5th 2008 7:00 pm
Andy Club Meeting
Russell Park Living Center
158 Russell Street, Lewiston, ME

Every Tuesdays 6:30pm
Androscoggin ARES Net
on the Auburn Repeater
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New Time and Place

Androscoggin ARES Meeting

November 5th 2008 6:30 pm

Russell Park Living Center

158 Russell Street, Lewiston, ME

November 26th 2008 7:30am

Monthly Breakfast

Ramada Inn, Pleasant Street

Lewiston, ME

November 26th 2008 7:00pm

Andy Club On-air Meeting and Net

on the Auburn Repeater

146.610MHz no pl. tone

Coming up ...

SKYWARN Recognition Day December 5 2008 7:00pm

Winter Field Day in January 24th 2009

The 2009 Winter Field Day will be held from 1700 UCT (12:00 noon EST) Saturday January 24, 2009 through 1700 UCT (12:00 noon EST) Sunday January 25, 2009.

<http://www.spar-hams.org/contests/winterfd/index.php>

ARRL Kid's Day in January

Secretary's Report by Dick N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held its' monthly meeting Wednesday October first 2008 at Russell Park in Lewiston. In attendance: n1llu, n1wfo, n1avj, kb1doi, n1jd, n1oxa, n1svb, wb1hfy, kb1sud, n1dot, we1u, k1wtx, and n1nyw.

The meeting was called to order by Ivan n1oxa at 703 PM. A motion to approve the Secretarys' report was made by David we1u, and seconded by Harold n1llu. Vote: Approved.

Ivan gave the Treasurers report, Bob kb1sud motioned to accept the report and David we1u seconded the motion. Vote Approved.

John n1jd reported that the Andy Club scored 1078 points and took first place in the state QSO party.

Ivan reports the trailer / tower is now at Cory's house to be readied for the January QSO Party and Field Day in January, yes January. David we1u also reminded us of Kids Day also in January.

The VE session had six people tested, we have three new techs, and two generals. One took the extra but did not pass.

David we1u reports the club web page is being worked on and revised. The latest VE question pool is on the site.

Ivan reports that progress is being made at area hospitals toward getting employees to study for ham exams, and that a study session or two could help them with questions.

David we1u reports that CERT training is no longer required to work in the CART program to run a shelter for pets. The group has its meetings on the last Monday of the month. RACES / ARES meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6 PM RACES / ARES net on the air is at 6:30 PM on the other Tuesdays when there is no eyeball meeting. Work on the October 11 TH. Tri County Full Scale exercise is going well.

Ivan asked the club to authorize the payment of the ARRL insurance bill for \$351 for the yearly bill. Motion made by Jerry k1wty and seconded by Bob kb1sud. Vote: Approved.

Ivan reports that Kenwood radios have been purchased and are in place at several area hospitals so that hams do not need to take their own radios. A reminder that the SET is scheduled from 8 AM to 2 PM on Saturday October 18 TH. Also Ivan mentioned that there is still work to be done to get the folded dipole antenna up at the Red Cross building, but it can not go on the roof so a spot will have to be found that meets the land lords approval.

Dick n1nyw moved to adjourn the meeting, David we1u seconded the motion. Vote: adjourned at 7:39 PM.

2008 Simulated Emergency Test Cory-N1URA

Thank you to all who participated in the Simulated Emergency Test. I think that we did considerably well given the amount of check ins and amount of traffic that was passed in a relatively short period of time. I was glad to see the many modes and bands that were utilized during this drill; For HF, the Pine Tree Net, a CW National Traffic System net, was established on 3596 kHz, The Maine Emergency Communications Net was established on 3940 kHz and contact was made between stations on the daytime HF frequency of 7262 kHz. Repeaters on 6 meters, 2 meters, 1.25 meters (222 MHz) and 70 centimeters (440 MHz) were used. For digital communications, messages were sent via APRS and Packet. While the United Valley Red Cross experienced problems with their packet station, N1ZRL was able to relay traffic to the Topsham Red Cross via Packet. I sent and received APRS messages to and from Central Maine Medical Center (W1NPP-10, Gray Weather Service (WX1GYX) and Oxford ARES (W1OCA-1). I found the exercise a success since we were able to pass traffic through various means in a communication failure, exercised emergency power in the event of power outages, were able to serve multiple agencies and delegate authority within a structured net.

Tri-County FEMA Exercise Ivan N1OXA

On Oct. 11, 2008 Androscoggin ARES participated in a three county FEMA exercise. We had operators at the following location in Androscoggin County:

CMCC	N1JD, John and N1WFO, Rick
St Mary's	N1OXA, Ivan and KB1DOI, Andy
DFD Russell Ctr	N1KAT, Bill
Red Cross	N1URA, Cory
Andy EMA	WE1U, Dave

We started at 8am and secured at 11:30am, there was no message traffic, but we had copy on all stations that were in the exercise.

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

DX News Earle N1SVB

The past month we made 34 DX contacts representing 22 different countries. The numbers are low this month not necessarily because of conditions but time constraints in playing radio were also a factor. The damaged rotor controller has been returned from Yaesu and installed now and working fine. Countries worked in September were:

JY4, Jordan; 9H3, Malta; LA9, Norway; F4, France; UR5, Ukraine; RV3, Russia; P41, Aruba; SV8, Greece; OU2, Denmark; JW1, Svalbard; LU9, Argentina; OS8, Belgium; IA5, Italy; 9Y4, Trinidad; ED5, Spain; E73, Bosnia-Herz.; OE5, Austria; A35, Botswana; TA3, Turkey; M3, England; DL4, Germany; S53, Slovenia;

There were no real exotic stations worked this month.

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

Nov. 01 to Nov. 08	9H3YL	Malta
Nov. 01 to Nov. 09	ZA/	Albania
Nov. 06 to Nov. 15	FT5YI	Antarctica
Nov. 06 to Nov. 11	XU7/	Cambodia
Nov. 06 to Nov. 14	VU3NLF	India
Nov. 06 to Nov. 14	VU6NLG	India
Nov. 06 to Nov. 25	J3/	Grenada
Nov. 07 to Nov. 17	A5100A	Bhutan
Nov. 08 to Nov. 09	AH0BT	Marianas
Nov. 08 to Nov. 12	K6Y	Guam
Nov. 09 to Nov. 14	S79UH	Seychelles
Nov. 12 to Nov. 16	A35/	Tonga
Nov. 20 to Nov. 30	T31DX	Central Kiribati
Nov. 21 to Nov. 27	3D2YA	Fiji
Nov. 22 to Dec. 03	T8/	Palau
Nov. 25 to Dec. 01	PZ5TT	Suriname
Nov. 25 to Dec. 09	J31	Grenada

Worked All Europe Contest November 8 – 9, 2008

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/>