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Coming up ...

SKYWARN(tm) Recognition Day December <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/mtr/hamradio/>
 December 4th 0000-2400UTC(Friday 8:00pm EST to Saturday 8:00pm EST)

ARRL 160m Contest December 3rd to 5th <http://www.arrl.org/160-meter>
 ARRL 10m Contest December 11th and 12th <http://www.arrl.org/10-meter>
 ARRL Rookie Roundup Dember 19th <http://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup>

Straight Key Night January 1st 2011 <http://www.arrl.org/straight-key-night>

ARRL Kid's Day Sunday, January 2nd 2011 1800 UTC to 2359 UTC <http://www.arrl.org/kids-day>

2011 SPAR Winter Field Day January 29th 1700UTC(Noon EST) to January 30th 1700UTC(Noon EST) <http://www.spar-hams.org/contests/winterfd/index.php>

Crystal Falls Hamfest February Saturday, February 6th at 1280 Eastern Ave, Chelsea

Andy Club Meetings

Wednesday December 1st 2010 7:00 pm EST
 Andy Club Meeting
 Russel Park Living Center
 158 Russell Street, Lewiston, ME

No Androscoggin ARES/RACES Meeting
 for December 2010
 Androscoggin Unified EMA Office
 Basement of Central Fire Station
 2 College Street Lewiston

Wednesday 29th 2010 7:30am EST
 Monthly Andy Breakfast
 Ramada Inn, Pleasant Street
 Lewiston, ME

Wednesday 29th 2010 7:00pm EST
 Andy Club On-air Meeting and Net
 on the Auburn Repeater
 146.610MHz no pl. tone

ARES/RACES Comments by Ivan N1OXA Androscoggin EC

We are having a tough time getting members to check in the ARES/RACES net on Monday night at 1900. So, I want to know if changing the net night to Thursday at the same time would be better? Email me with your choice either Monday or Thursday.

We had our monthly ARES/RACES meeting at the County EMA office at 1800 on Wednesday 11/17/10, only five members were there. We still don't have a date for the CERT training yet. No events are scheduled for December, so it was decided that we would have no December meeting, so the next meeting will be on Jan 19, 2011.

We need to do work in the radio room at the United Valley Red Cross Chapter, I think early next year should be the time to work on this project. The equipment in the room needs to be set up so there will be three radio position, HF, VHF, and Red Cross.

I hope everyone has a great holiday season.



Secretary's Report by Dick N1NYW

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a monthly meeting on Wednesday November 3, 2010 at Russell Park in Lewiston. In attendance: N1LLU, N1JD, N1NYV, N1NYW, W1SCM and son Charles, KB1CDU, N1OXA, KB1DOI, W1LWT, N1DOT, N1SVB, W1LTX, K1WTX, W1SAB.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Earle Gilmore N1SVB at 7:00 PM. Andy KB1DOI made a motion to accept the Secretary's' report as printed in the ACORN. A second was heard from Bob W1LTX. Vote: Approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers' report, Harold N1LLU made a motion to approve the report and Bob W1LTX seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Harold N1LLU reports that he will be leaving the state in April but instead of having to find a new place for the clubs meetings as we first thought, Harold has arranged it so we can continue to have meetings at Russell Park. Earle made a motion to give a donation from the club to Russell Park Resident Council for hosting the meetings. After some discussion it was decided \$150 would be a good number to give them. Shawn W1SAB seconded the motion. Vote: Approved.

Andy KB1DOI reports that Marion Meyer K2ZKM is now a silent key. She will be missed by all the members.

Looking ahead to the 2011 ARRL State Convention Ivan reports that the Ramada has been reserved. There has not been a price increase on the rent for about 6 years so it is possible that there will be an increase. In case the increase is more than the club wants to pay alternate sites were discussed.

Field Day results are finally out. W1NPP competed in the 2AB QRP category and took first in the state, first in New England and tenth in the nation!

Next month the meeting will be held on December first, as usual we will be bringing food to share for a Christmas party. So far we have Harold N1LLU supplying plates, cups, silverware and napkins, Jerry K1WTX will bring an entrée, Bob W1LTX bringing jambalaya, Earle N1SVB will bring his special meatballs, N1NYW chips, Andy KB1DOI diet soda, and KB1CDU bringing regular soda. While we are eating Lee W1LWT is planning to give his talk about how modern wireless technology (cell phone) works.

Dick N1NYW made a motion to adjourn and Jerry K1WTX seconded the motion. Vote: Approved at 7:19 PM.

DX News by Earle N1SVB

During the past month we made 51 DX contacts representing 38 different countries. This month we are going to try something a little different, we are going to type in the complete call sign of the station that we contacted. May not do this every month, it will depend how much more time it takes me to type with my hunt and peck typing skills. Countries contacted were:

OK1BN, Czech Republic; CT1EHI, Portugal; LA7VSA, Norway; VK7ZE, Tasmania; ZS6TO, South Africa; ZD7VC, St. Helena Is.; PB5X, Netherlands; OE50XRM, Austria; SV3JZT, Greece; 4B1B, Mexico; TO7ZG St. Barthelemy Is.; PR7AR, Brazil; CE4UJU, Chile; PJ7E, St. Maartins Is. PJ4D, Bonaire Is.: PJ5/AH6HY, St. Eustatus Is. PJ6A, Saba; P43E, Aruba; GB2HLS, Scotland; 5V7TT, Togo; MI3IQD, No. Ireland; A25DF, Botswana; SM6ZDN; Sweden; XM7CPR, B. C. Canada; TM0RDF, France; 8P6QA, Barbados; HK1T, Columbia; D44AC, Cape Verse; VP8DLB Faulkland Is.; PJ2/DL5RDP, Curacao; HA3NU, Hungary; CR2X, Azores; V47JA, St. Kitts; JA7YRR, Japan; OH2L, Finland; OX2A, Greenland; EI2CN, Ireland; JW7E, Svalbard; DK1QH, Germany

We had two Pacific contacts this month. We contacted VK7ZE in Australia and we also contacted several stations from Japan. JA&YRR was the first one we made contact with.

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

Dec. 01 to Dec. 07 6W/ Senegal

Dec. 02 to Dec. 09 ZL7/ Chatham Is.

Dec. 03 to Dec. 13 9Q50ON D. R. Congo

Dec. 05 to Dec. 13 J6/ St. Lucia

Dec. 05 to Dec. 19 VK9NN Norfolk Is.

Dec. 06 to Dec. 13 CY0/ Sable Is.

Dec. 06 to Jan. 13 TG9/ Guatemala

Dec. 19 to Jan. 07 9L/ Sierra Leone

Dec. 21 to Jan. 23 H40/ Temotu

Dec. 24 to Jan. 03 JD1BLY Ogasawara

Dec. 30 to Jan. 08 JD1BMH Ogasawara

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/>