



# **PEAKS & NULLS**



### **MORRIS RADIO CLUB**

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### **FIELD DAY IS HERE**

We have the Brickyard Field and Fire permits, so bring on Field Day. Again this year we will be running two stations in the Morris Township OEM Trailer. Phone and CW/Digital. Both stations will have the computers linked so that the logging software will show the operators the mode and operating frequency of both stations. Noel's trailer will again be supporting the tower for the Beam. The Phone station will use the Beam for 10/15/20 and a Carolina Windom for 40 and 80. The CW/Digital station will use a Carolina Windom for all bands. We will again be using Harvey's Arbor Slingshot to get the lines for the wire antennas over the light stanchions on the football field.

Remember although we get points for each contact we make and bonus points for Emergency Power and other items Field Day is technically not a contest. It is an emergency drill. There are no prizes awarded. We just get to see how we compare with other groups in the division and around the country. There are groups that go all out to be number one nation wide in their class. That's fine but we go just to have a good time and we always end up in the top quarter of the country.

Again this year everyone will be responsible for their own food and drinks but please remember this is a public park and no alcoholic drinks are allowed. There is a refrigerator in the

trailer and there may be an ice chest available. We have the Fire permit so if anyone wants to bring a grill to cook, be our guest. Sometimes it gets hot on Field Day so Sunblock, water, a hat and a chair are always good things to have. Field Days can also be rainy so it may pay to pack some wet weather gear just in case.

If you have a favorite pair of headphones or a boom mike bring them along. The ICOM takes a '4" phone jack for the headphones and the standard 8 pin connector for the Mic.

We will again be set up at Brickyard Field at Bee Meadow Park in the Whippany section of Hanover Township. If you have GPS the coordinates are 40.835438, -74.410889. Those coordinates also work with Google Maps and MapQuest. If you are coming via Route 287 get off at Exit 40 (Northbound) or 40A (Southbound) Parsippany Road. Go south on Parsippany Road toward Whippany. After going through the traffic light at lefferson Road make the first left onto Bee Meadow Parkway (watch out for the 25 MPH speed limit). Go to the light at Reynolds Ave and make a right. Make the third right onto Pond Road. We will be straight ahead set up on the grass and parking lot of the Municipal Pool. If you have trouble someone will be monitoring the Morris County OEM Repeater

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### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

June 16, 2014 Regular Business Meeting— Field Day Review June 23, 2014 Field Day— Brickyard Field Bee Meadow Park No July Meeting

August 18, 2014 Get-Together at Atlanta Bread in Morris Plains. Open to everyone. YL's, XYL's, Harmonics are all invited. Everyone pays their own way.



# **SELECTED UPCOMING CONTESTS**

RAC Canada Day Contest
DL-DX RTTY Contest
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest
IARU HF World Championship
DMC RTTY Contest
North American QSO Party, RTTY
CQ Worldwide VHF Contest
RSGB IOTA Contest

0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1 1100Z, Jul 5 to 1059Z, Jul 6 1100Z-1700Z, Jul 6 1200Z, Jul 12 to 1200Z, Jul 13 1200Z, Jul 19 to 1200Z, Jul 20 1800Z, Jul 19 to 0559Z, Jul 20 1800Z, Jul 19 to 2100Z, Jul 20 1200Z, Jul 26 to 1200Z, Jul 27



# PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR JULY 2014

\*\*\*SUNSPOT NUMBER\*\*\*

\*\*\*10.7 RADIO FLUX\*\*\*

PREDICTED HIGH LOW

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80.2

90.2 70.2

132.3 141.3 123.3

### **MAY MEETING MINUTES**

Morris Radio Club – Meeting Minutes May 19, 2014

Attendees (7) K2EMJ (By Video Teleconference), KC2KNT, NO2EL, W2GM, W2LEE (By Video Teleconference), WA2VQF and one visitor KB2FVG

A quorum was present.

Opening of Meeting President Ed opened the meeting by video conference at 7:35 PM

Reports:

Secretary – Bill WA2VQF reported that the April Minutes were issued in the May Peaks and Nulls Newsletter. There were no corrections reported. Ray KC2KNTL moved that the minutes be accepted. Mark W2GM seconded. The minutes were accepted

Noel NO2EL presented the treasurers reports for May.

The May account balances are available directly from Noel.

Ray KC2KNT moved that the Treasurers reports be

accepted. It was seconded by Mark W2GM and unanimously accepted.

Old Business:

There was no business

**New Business:** 

Mark reported that we have received permission to use the Morris Township OEM trailer and Utility truck for Field Day

Ed gave a report on the Dayton Hamfest from a Campground in Hanover, PA by teleconference. It was cold and raining. He believed that attendance was down and the flea market area was smaller than in previous years. He also picked up the Field Day pins out there and will not order more.

Mark reported that Rob's generator may or not be available for Field Day but a backup is available.

Bill reported that the Field Day computers are programmed and linked.

Noel got a Carolina Windom to replace the G5RV that is

used on the Field Day Phone Station.

Noel's trailer is ready to go for Field Day.

We have received the ball field permit and fire permit from Hanover Township.

We talked about the passing of Bill W2ZKE.

Ray KC2KNT moved that the meeting be closed. It was seconded by Mark W2GM and unanimously accepted.

President Ed K2EMJ closed the meeting by teleconference at 8:10 PM.

Bill WA2VQF

MRC Secretary



### **MORRIS RADIO CLUB**

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146.895. We should be starting our setup at 10 AM on Saturday The 28th and we will be taking everything down at 2 PM on Sunday the 29th. If any of you Traffic Handlers are available we could use someone to check into NJVN Early with the Section Manager Message.

If this year is anything like last year we will be having many visitors to our operation so be sure to make them feel welcome and even if you can't take an operating shift be sure to stop by for a visit. THE MORRIS RADIO CLUB IS AN ORGANIZATION OF AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS WHICH HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR OVER SIXTY FIVE YEARS. AS A HOBBY, AMATEUR RADIO SERVES AS A PUBLIC RESOURCE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AS WELL AS AN EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE.

ALTHOUGH MANY WHO BECOME INTERESTED IN AMATEUR RADIO ARE INVOLVED IN AN ELECTRONICS RELATED FIELD, THE HOBBY APPEALS TO A WIDE VARIETY OF INDIVIDUALS.

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE MORRIS RADIO CLUB IS A DIVERSE GROUP MADE UP OF MEDICAL, BUSINESS, EDUCATION, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS, AMONG OTHERS, WHOSE COMMON INTERESTS ARE COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION, AND PUBLIC SERVICE.

### HAMFEST CALENDAR

## **W2QW Hamfest**

06/21/2014

**Location:** Piscataway High School (Lots 11/12)

I I 0 Behmer Road Piscataway, NJ 08854

Website: http://www.w2qw.org

# **Sussex County ARC Hamfest**

07/13/2014

Location: Sussex County Fairgrounds

37 Plaines Road Augusta, NJ 07822

Website: <a href="http://sussexhamfest.org">http://sussexhamfest.org</a>