



# PEAKS & NULLS



**MORRIS RADIO CLUB**

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## HOLIDAY GET-TOGETHER

This coming Monday, December 19 we will hold our annual Holiday Get-Together at the Brookside Diner on Route 10 East in Whippany at 6PM. Everyone is welcome to join us and bring as many guests as you like. If you

haven't already done so, please email Noel at [no2el@optonline.net](mailto:no2el@optonline.net) with the number of people that will be attending so seating arrangements can be made.

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## VE SESSION A SUCCESS

Our VEC session held on November 22 was a success. We got two new Generals, our Technician Class student and Adam VE9ADM who is now KD2BEO. We also had a walk in who got a new Technician Class License.

Remember if you or a friend want to upgrade Sid K2GG gives the exams on the second Monday of every month at 7PM in the private room of the McDonald's on route 15 in Jefferson.

## DO YOU USE LOTW?

Logbook of the World is a free QSL system from the ARRL. You do not have to be an ARRL member to use it, but you must be a member if you want to apply any of the QSL's to an ARRL award (DXCC, WAS, etc.). Sending QSL's can be expensive and take time especially if the station is overseas. Now, if you want to add to your wall-paper collection, have worked a real rare one, or the other station does not participate in LoTW you still have to go direct but, if you just want to QSL or collect contacts for awards then LoTW is the way to go. Currently there are over 386 million contacts in LoTW resulting in over 48 million QSL's. There are over 46 thousand registered users of LoTW includ-

ing some of the big overseas contest stations and many DXPeditions. LoTW uses free software called TQSL. If you are using a logging program TQSL can take the ADI or Cabrillo file output of the logger and convert it for submission. Some of the logging programs will even generate the submission file (.tq8) directly. If you don't do that much operating and only have a few contacts it will let you generate a log that will then be converted for submission. It generates a secure signed file that is then uploaded to LoTW through the LoTW web site. If you're interested, check out the FAQ page at <https://p1k.arrl.org/lotw/faq>. There

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

December 19, 2011 Holiday Get-Together at the Brookside Diner in Whippany at 6PM

January 23, 2012 Regular business meeting

(Note: The meeting will be held on the 4th Monday of the month due to the Martin Luther King Holiday)

February 27, 2012 Regular business meeting

(Note: The meeting will be held on the 4th Monday of the month due to the Presidents Day Holiday)

## 2012 DUES

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Noel NO2EL is now accepting dues payments for 2012. \$15.00 for full membership, \$10.00 for associate.

## SELECTED UPCOMING CONTESTS

SARTG New Year RTTY Contest	0800Z—1100Z, Jan 1
ARRL RTTY Roundup	1800Z, Jan 7 to 2400Z, Jan 8
North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Jan 14 to 0600Z, Jan 15
North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Jan 21 to 0600Z, Jan 22
CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW	2200Z, Jan 27 to 2159Z, Jan 29
BARTG RTTY Sprint	1200Z, Jan 28 to 1200Z, Jan 29



## PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR JANUARY 2012

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

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

**PREDICTED HIGH LOW**

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75.9 85.9 65.9

128.4 137.4 119.4

## NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Morris Radio Club - Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2011

Attendees (6) VE9ADM, NO2EL, K2EMJ, KC2KNT, W2GM, WA2VQF

Opening of Meeting

President Ed Peters K2EMJ opened the meeting at 7:40 PM

Reports:

Secretary - Bill WA2VQF reported that the October Minutes were issued in the Peaks and Nulls Newsletter and that no corrections were received. RAY KC2KNT moved that the minutes be accepted. MARK W2GM seconded. The minutes were accepted

Treasurer - Noel NO2EL reported the current account balances. The numbers are available from Noel. RAY KC2KNT moved that the Treasurers report be accepted. It was seconded by Adam VE2ADM and unanimously accepted.

Old Business:

The insurance has been changed to the new ARRL carrier effective December 1 and Noel has received the new certificates and supplied them to the Morris School District.

The exam is on schedule for tomorrow November 22.

The December Holiday get-together will be held on December 19 at 6PM.

Our Field Day results were discussed.

New Business:

Ed is going to try to get a speaker for some of the coming meetings. He will ask Joyce Birmingham and Bill Hudzik. He also has a video of the radio operation on the Queen Mary that he will show if we don't have a speaker.

Ed had a flyer for the Fairlawn Radio Club auction to be held the day after Thanksgiving.

Noel is working on the web page. It can't find the links to the other

pages.

Noel reported that during the phone sweepstakes he only heard four New Jersey counties. He is trying for our Worked All New Jersey Award.

We looked at the Daily News article on Steve Mendelsohn W2ML.

We also looked at the NY Times article about Leeds Radio in Brooklyn.

Motion to Adjourn Ray KC2KNT. Seconded by Adam VE9ADM

President Ed Peters closed the meeting at 8:37 PM

Respectively Submitted,

Bill WA2VQF  
MRC Secretary

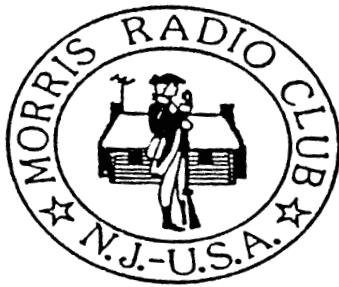


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## HAMFEST CALENDAR

There are no Hamfests scheduled for January.