

PEAKS & NULLS



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HOLIDAY GET-TOGETHER

On Monday night December 19th we will meet at the Brookside Diner on Route 10 East in Whippany at 6 PM for our annual Holiday Get-Together that is held in place of a December meeting. This a pay your own way gathering that

is open to anyone (members, spouses, significant others, friends, etc.). If you haven't already done so and plan on coming, please email Noel at no2el@optonline.net so that he can arrange seating with the diner.

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VE SESSION RESULTS

On November 22nd we held a VE Session in the Library of the Normandy Park School. The MRC had five VE's (Ray KC2KNT, Kathy K2TF, Karl

N2OYU, Noel NO2EL and Bill WA2VQF) on hand to help with the exams. There were three test takers. All of them passed their exams.

FIELD DAY SCORING

If you notice in the minutes from the last meeting we talked about the Field Day results. The question was asked about how we could have less QSO's than the others and still have a higher score. Well there are a few reasons. The ARRL doesn't give us a full breakdown of the entries so we don't know how the other groups were configured. Class 2A means two transmitters running full emergency power but, remember the scoring. Each CW and Digital contact is worth two points (one point for copying the exchange and one point for sending it) whereas a Phone contact is only one point. A 2A group running two CW or Digital stations will have double the raw score of a group running two phone stations for the same amount of Q's. The other thing is bonus points. Approximately third of our score was from bonus points. We had 832 CW points, 74 Digital points and 184 Phone points for 1090 total points, times a power multiplier of 2 (less than 150 watts transmitter output) for a Clamed QSO Score of 2180. We added 1150 out of a possible 2050 bonus points. This year we got 100 points each for the Safety Officer and Social Media. This is the first year that these categories were available. Because Field Day is not a contest or have awards, I believe the ARRL doesn't do checking like they do for the true contests. Yes they verify the bonus points from the proofs that we have to submit but, they only get dupe sheets not the full logs so they only know the number of contacts for each mode on each

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

December 19, 2016 Holiday Get-Together 6 PM at the Brookside Diner

January 23, 2017 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, 2017 Regular business meeting

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

2017 DUES

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Noel NO2EL is now accepting dues payments for 2017. \$15.00 for full membership, \$10.00 for associate. If you have a PayPal account, dues can now be paid by using Pay-Pal.

SELECTED UPCOMING CONTESTS

SARTG New Year RTTY Contest	0800Z-1100Z, Jan 1
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Jan 4
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jan 6
Original QRP Contest	1500Z, Jan 7 to 1500Z, Jan 8
ARRL RTTY Roundup	1800Z, Jan 7 to 2400Z, Jan 8
Kid's Day Contest	1800Z-2359Z, Jan 7
DARC 10-Meter Contest	0900Z-1059Z, Jan 8
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jan 13
UBA PSK63 Prefix Contest	1200Z, Jan 14 to 1200Z, Jan 15
North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Jan 14 to 0559Z, Jan 15
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jan 20
LZ Open Contest	1800Z-2200Z, Jan 20
Hungarian DX Contest	1200Z, Jan 21 to 1159Z, Jan 22
North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Jan 21 to 0559Z, Jan 22
ARRL January VHF Contest	1900Z, Jan 21 to 0359Z, Jan 23



PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR JANUARY 2017

*****SUNSPOT NUMBER*****

PREDICTED	HIGH	LOW
32.8	42.8	22.8

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

PREDICTED	HIGH	LOW
88.8	97.8	79.8

NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Morris Radio Club - Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2016

Attendees (7) K2EMJ, KC2KNT, KC2NFL, NO2EL, W2GM, WA2VQF, WS2Q and one visitor KD2DNB

A quorum was present.

Opening of Meeting

President Ed opened the meeting at 7:31 PM

Reports:

Secretary - Bill WA2VQF reported that the October Minutes were issued in the November Peaks and Nulls Newsletter. There were no reported discrepancies. There were no meetings in June, July and August to have minutes to report.

Ray KC2KNT moved that the Secretary report be accepted. Irma KC2MFL Seconded. The Secretary report was accepted.

Noel NO2EL presented the treasurers report for May.

Treasurer - Noel NO2EL reported that the November account balances. The report is available from Noel.

Noel reviewed the problems he encountered getting PayPal to ac-

cept us as a charity. He will now set everything up to be able to pay dues using PayPal and also add a donate button to the web site.

He has also set us up on Amazon. If you by anything on Amazon go to Smile.Amazon.com instead and pick the Morris Radio Club to receive the donation. Your price is the same.

Ray KC2KNT moved that the Treasurers report be accepted. Irma KC2MFL Seconded. The Treasurers report was accepted.

Election of Officers:
The following officers stood for re-election:

President:
Ed Peters K2EMJ

Vice President:
Mark Sugarman W2GM

Secretary:
Bill Loftus WA2VQF

Treasurer:
Noel Scheffen NO2EL

There were no nominations from the floor.
By voice vote the slate was reelected.

Old Business:

Ed notified the ARRL of the passing of Art and Lee

The VE Session will be held tomorrow night the 22nd. Sid will not be able to make it because of back surgery.

It looks like we will have a number of test takers.

New Business:

Noel will make arrangements with the Brookside Diner for the Holiday Get-Together on December 19th.

We went over the Field Day results. We did quite well for having a modest setup coming in first in the NNJ Section and also the Hudson Division.

We got a request from a ham in Denville for help in putting up a roof mounted vertical. Noel referred him to the Splitrock Club.

Ray KC2KNT moved that the meeting be closed. Irma KC2MFL Seconded.

President Ed closed the meeting at 8:20 PM.

After the meeting Ed KD2DNB joined the club.

WA2VQF
MRC Secretary

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band. They have no way of checking to see if we got the exchange right because it is not reported. In a true contest you loose points for not being in the log of the other station or a blown call or bad exchange. Because contest logs are submitted in Cabrillo format, a computer does all the checking against all the other logs. There has been a change in the standings. The Fairlawn group realized that the ARRL had not included their bonus points and GOTA score in the results. The score has been corrected from 1438 to 2598 and that moves them from third place in the NNJ Section to second behind us. Those bonus points do make a big difference.

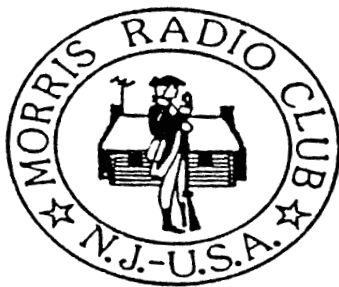


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HAMFEST CALENDAR

New York City/Long Island Section Convention (Ham Radio University 2017)

01/08/2017

**Location: Briarcliffe College
1055 Stewart Avenue
Bethpage, NY 11714**

Website: <http://hamradiouniversity.org/>