



# PEAKS & NULLS



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## SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Regardless of what the groundhog or the weather fools on the TV say or that 7 1/2 inches of white stuff that was in my driveway last Sunday morning we know that Spring is here. All we have to do is look at the list of Hamfests on page 4. Cherryville is always a harbinger of spring. In addition Splitrock will be having theirs on April 22nd in Rox-

bury.

Also the State QSO Parties have begun with three of them listed for next month on page 2. Of course probably the biggest indicator of things to come is the release of the 2018 Field Day packets due on March 1. More to come about that next month.

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## AMATEUR RADIO IN PHILADELPHIA

For too many years to count the Microwave Theory and Techniques Society of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers has held a convention and exhibition in the spring. For many years now it has been held in June. Back in 1963 when I first started going it was held every year at the Coliseum in New York City. After the Coliseum was torn down they started to move it around the country every year and for awhile I was still able to attend but, for the last 15 years or so I only get to go if it is being held close enough for a day trip and definably not when it is held in Hawaii. I always enjoy going. Although my company goes to a number of shows a year this is the biggest in number of people and customers. I get to see people that I haven't seen in awhile and also talk face to face with people I only talk to on the phone or by email. Of course there was the year that I was

scheduled to go and was listed in all the literature as going to be there but, at the last minute had to go to California. A few weeks later I started getting phone calls and letters from people telling me how great it was to see me at the show. It turns out that our head "Sales Weasel" took my badge and presented it at booths of companies that he thought I would like to talk to. This year it is being held in Philadelphia. For the last number of years now I have seen where there has been a Amateur Radio talk included as one of the technical sessions. This year there is a "Amateur Radio Talk and Networking Reception" listed for June 12th. The speaker is going to be Dr. Joe Taylor K1JT the creator of the WSJT software suite and FT8. They haven't listed the time or place yet but I already have it on my work schedule to be at the show on June 12th.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 26, 2018 Regular business meeting

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

March 19, 2018 Regular business meeting

April 16, 2018 Regular business meeting

May 21, 2018 Regular business meeting

## 2018 DUES

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Noel NO2EL is now accepting dues payments for 2018. \$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

ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Mar 3 to 2400Z, Mar 4
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	2000Z-2130Z, Mar 5
AGCW YL-CW Party	1900Z-2100Z, Mar 6
RSGB Commonwealth Contest	1000Z, Mar 10 to 1000Z, Mar 11
South America 10 Meter Contest	1200Z, Mar 10 to 1200Z, Mar 11
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Mar 10 to 1500Z, Mar 11
TESLA Memorial HF CW Contest	1800Z, Mar 10 to 0559Z, Mar 11
QCWA QSO Party	1800Z, Mar 10 to 1800Z, Mar 11
Idaho QSO Party	1900Z, Mar 10 to 1900Z, Mar 11
Wisconsin QSO Party	1800Z, Mar 11 to 0100Z, Mar 12
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	2000Z-2130Z, Mar 14
BARTG HF RTTY Contest	0200Z, Mar 17 to 0200Z, Mar 19
Louisiana QSO Party	1400Z, Mar 17 to 0200Z, Mar 18
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	2000Z-2130Z, Mar 22
CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Mar 24 to 2359Z, Mar 25



## PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR MARCH 2016

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

#### PREDICTED HIGH LOW

26.4 35.4 17.4

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

#### PREDICTED HIGH LOW

84.5 92.5 76.5

## JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Attendees (15) K2EMJ, K2GG, K5PBJ, KA2HJP, KD2NMX, KC2KNT, KC2MFL, KY2D, NO2EL, WR2G, WA2VQF, WS2Q and three visitors W2UDT, K3YAK and N2WM.

A quorum was present.

### Opening of Meeting

President Ed opened the meeting at 7:31 PM

### Reports:

Secretary – Bill WA2VQF reported that the November Minutes were issued in the December Peaks and Nulls Newsletter. There was no December meeting so no minutes were published. There were no corrections received.

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

Noel NO2EL presented the treasurers report for September.

Treasurer – Noel NO2EL reported that the September account balances are:

Checking Account Balance:	\$5392.00
PayPal Account Balance	\$46.37
Cash On Hand:	\$163.33
Club balance:	\$5601.70

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

### Old Business

President Ed K2EMJ reviewed the December Get-Together that was held at the East Hanover Diner.

### New Business:

Noel NO2EL showed the latest application for the Worked New Jersey Award from W6DX in California.

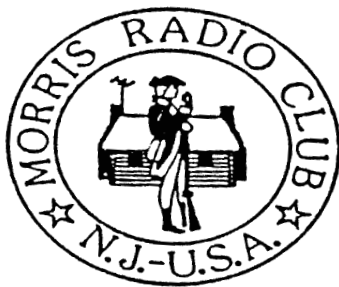


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Before the next meeting Noel will renew the url for the web page.

Noel is setting up another one day licensing class but has not determined a date yet.

Ray KC2KNT moved that the meeting be closed. Craig WR2G Seconded.

President Ed closed the business portion of the meeting at 7:42 PM.

After the meeting was closed Bill Hudzik W2UDT ARRL Hudson Division Vice Director reviewed the ARRL Board meeting held this past weekend in Newington and went over the drama now going on about changes at the ARRL.

WA2VQF  
MRC Secretary

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**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

### New Providence ARC Auction

02/24/2018

**Location:** New Providence High School

35 Pioneer Drive

New Providence, NJ 07974

**Website:** <http://nparc.org>

### Long Island Hamfest and Electronics Fair

02/25/2018

**Location:** Levittown Hall

201 Levittown Parkway

Hicksville, NY 11801

**Website:** <http://www.limarc.org>

### Cherryville Hamfest and Technical Expo

03/10/2018

**Location:** North Hunterdon High School

1445 State Route 31

Annandale, NJ 08801

**Website:** <http://www.qsl.net/w2cra>