



PEAKS & NULLS



MORRIS RADIO CLUB

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FIELD DAY 2011

Well Field Day 2011 has come and gone. We enjoyed dry weather (except for the automatic sprinklers), moderate temperatures, and good fellowship. The trailer that Harvey and Rob supplied was perfect for two stations and the refrigerator and stove came in handy. All of us even got a little sleep. Noel was there early and already had the beam assembled and blocking parking spaces when I arrived. Rob showed up a short time later with the trailer and generator. Harvey and a crew went to work getting the lines up in the lights for the Windom and G5RV. When the Township worked on the field they put up new light poles. These don't have the exposed bolts on the bottom where we used to tie off the ropes so we had to use what we could find. An old I beam, a fence even the control box for the lights worked to secure the ropes. They had just put down new sod on the field a day or two before but the sidelines getting to the field were a sea of mud. We also had to dodge the automatic sprinklers that kept coming on in various areas of the field. Except for the coax pulling out of the connector on the 2 meter antenna on the mast, the beam went up without a hitch not counting the rotor box not indicating. All the antennas had great SWR and we were ready to go. How did we do? Well it's hard to make a direct comparison because this year we ran two stations

but the phone station made 83 contacts more than last year and the CW station had 252 more. Where will this put us in the standings? If we plug this years numbers into last years Class 2A results we would be at the 25th percentile nationwide, Number 2 in NNJ and Number 3 in the Hudson Division. We'll have to wait until December to find out for sure. One thing is certain though. It's mighty impressive for a small group of hams just out for a fun weekend.

Every Field Day we come away with some "Lessons Learned". This year we learned two things. Number 1: If Rob has a wireless gateway setup **TURN OFF THE AUTOMATIC UPDATES ON THE COMPUTERS.** Number 2: (Noel told me this up at Sussex) the rotor control box has a calibrate position. If the switch is in this position the box will not indicate.

Well that's it for this year but we better start planning now. Only 48 weeks to Field Day 2012.



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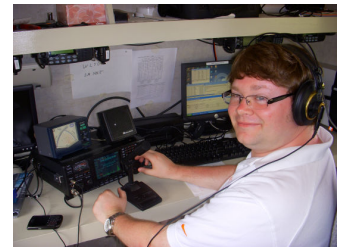
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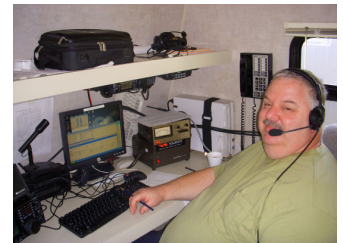
UPCOMING MEETINGS

JULY 2011 NO MEETING

AUGUST 15, 2011 Summer get together 6PM at Atlanta Bread in Morris Plains



Adam VE9ADM tries working Field Day from south of the border.



Rob KC2RDX puts them in the log.

2011 DUES

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Noel NO2EL is now accepting dues payments for 2011. \$15.00 for full membership, \$10.00 for associate.



Our President Ed K2EMJ kept things moving overnight.

SELECTED UPCOMING CONTESTS

European HF Championship	0000Z—2359Z, Aug 6
10-10 Int. Summer contest, SSB	0001Z, Aug 6 to 2359Z, Aug 7
North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Aug 6 to 0600Z, Aug 7
WAE DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Aug 13 to 2359Z, Aug 14
SARTG WW RTTY Contest	0000Z, Aug 20 to 1600Z, Aug 21
New Jersey QSO Party	2000Z, Aug 20 to 0200Z, Aug 22
SCC RTTY Championship	1200Z, Aug 27 to 1159Z, Aug 28



Will I ever stop hearing those dots and dashes?

Many thanks to Mark W2GM for all the pictures in this issue. There will be more in later editions.



PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR AUGUST 2011

SUNSPOT NUMBER

PREDICTED	HIGH	LOW
65.73	75.73	55.7

10.7 RADIO FLUX

PREDICTED	HIGH	LOW
119.0	128.0	110.0

JUNE MEETING MINUTES

Morris Radio Club – Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2011

Attendees (8) NO2EL, K2EMJ, KC2KNT, KC2MFL, W2GM, KC2RDX, WA2VQF, W2ZKE
Opening of Meeting

President Ed Peters K2EMJ opened the meeting at 7:37 PM
Reports:

Secretary – Bill WA2VQF reported that the May Minutes were issued in the Peaks and Nulls Newsletter and that no corrections were received. He also reported that he received an email from Bill Eggers WB2RIS who said that he is looking for a club in Georgia where he can spend Field Day and was hoping to work us. Ray KC2KNT moved that the minutes be accepted. Irma KC2MFL seconded. The minutes were accepted

Treasurer – Noel NO2EL reported the current account balances. The figures are available directly from NO2EL.

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Irma KC2MFL moved that the Treasurers report be accepted. It was seconded by Ray KC2KNT and unanimously accepted.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Noel NO2EL reported that he had received an email from ARRL Headquarters announcing the scholarship winner.

Field Day setup will be at 10AM. BEE Meadow Park has construction to increase the size of the field but, should not interfere with our set up. We have received the fire permit. Rob will contact Harvey to bring the sling shot to shoot the lines for the Windom antenna. We will be using a TA33 this year for the phone station along with a wire antenna for 40 & 80. The CW station will use the Windom from prior years. We will also use a trailer from Morris Township OEM that can support two stations.

Motion to Adjourn Ray
KC2KNT

Second Irma KC2MFL

Ed closed the meeting at 8:03 PM

After the meeting Bill WA2VQF demonstrated the Field Day Phone and RTTY station along with the logging software.

Later it was realized that there were two items that should have been included in New Business. There will be no July meeting and ED K2EMJ will make arrangements for our August get together at Atlanta Bread in Morris Plains on August 15 at 6PM.

Respectively Submitted,

Bill WA2VQF
MRC Secretary

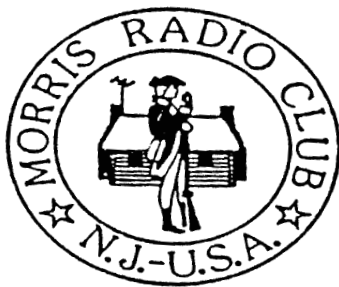


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HAMFEST CALENDAR

August 14

Toms River, NJ - Jersey Shore ARS (JSARS Hamfest by the Shore)
Riverwood Park Riverwood Recreation Building, Riverwood Road & Whiteville Road (Rt 527),
Toms River, NJ

Jersey Shore Amateur Radio Society (JSARS), PO Box 295, Toms River, NJ
08754-0295

Talk-In: 146.910- (PL 127.3)

<http://www.jsars.org>

Matamoras, PA - Tri-State Amateur Radio Association (TSARA)

Matamoras Airport Park, Airport Park Pavilion, 7th Street, I-84 Exit 53,
US 209/US 6 North, right at 7th Street (at the Stewart's Root Beer Stand), follow to end at
airport

Tri State Amateur Radio Association, PO Box 292, Matamoras, PA 18336

Talk-In: 145.350- (PL 100.0), 146.760- (PL 100.0)

<http://www.k3tsa.com>

August 20

(Saturday)

Details TBDHaledon, NJ - Ramapo Mountain ARC, Ham Radio and Computer Flea Market
Camp Veritans, 225 Pompton Road, Haledon, NJ

Ramapo Mountain ARC, PO Box 364, Oakland, NJ 07436

Talk-In: 146.490/+1 MHz (PL 107.2)

<http://www.qsl.net/rmarc>