



PEAKS & NULLS



MORRIS RADIO CLUB

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WE'RE ON LOGBOOK

We received the Certificate from the ARRL to enable us to post contacts on Logbook of the World and on Friday March 8, 2013 we uploaded 8277 Field Day contacts to Logbook. In 227.887 seconds the log had been checked with no errors and we had 759 confirmations.

Logs from 1997, 1998, 2001, 2003, 2004 and 2006 through 2012 were uploaded. If anyone has any W2YD logs after June 1997 in electronic or manual format please get them to WA2VQF so that they can be added to LoTW.

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FIELD DAY IS COMING

The Field Day packets are out and these is only one rule change this year. Class A or B stations can now begin setting up at 0000 UTC on Friday (8:00 PM Thursday). They can start and stop their set up but, can only

spend a maximum of 24 hours cumulative time for setting up their sites. We're so good we don't need the extra time. Field Day this year is on June 22nd and 23rd. Better start getting some extra sleep now.

WHY NOT BUILD SOMETHING?

In the beginning all Ham Rigs were homebrew even down to making electrolytic capacitors in your wife's Mason Jars. Then kits began to appear and after WWII with all the military surplus parts available companies like Heathkit began operation. In the 60's with companies like Heath, Allied and Knight you could pretty much build whatever you needed. Even E.F. Johnson had Novice transmitter kits to go along with their big transmitters and tuners. Now with technology the way it is, building a transceiver from scratch is almost impossible. Elecraft does sell kits but, these are high performance high priced rigs with the

boards all assembled and tested. It is just a mechanical assembly. But, there are a ton of low power QRP and station accessory kits on the market. Vendors like Ramsey Electronics and Small Wonder Labs have web sites where you can check out the products. Just Google "Amateur Radio Kits" and see what you can come up with. These are simple to assemble with regular tools so why not fire up your soldering iron and build something. Nothing can beat the feeling of building something from scratch, with your own hands and then having it work.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 18, 2013 Regular business meeting

April 15, 2013 Regular business meeting

May 20, 2013 Regular business meeting

June 17, 2013 Regular business meeting & Field Day preparations
(Provided the school is available)

2013 DUES

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Noel NO2EL is now accepting dues payments for 2013. \$15.00 for full membership, \$10.00 for associate.

SELECTED UPCOMING CONTESTS

SARL 80m QSO Party	1700Z-2000Z, Apr 4
LZ Open 40m Sprint Contest	0400Z-0800Z, Apr 6
SP DX Contest	1500Z, Apr 6 to 1500Z, Apr 7
Holyland DX Contest	2100Z, Apr 19 to 2100Z, Apr 20
TARA Skirmish Digital Prefix Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Apr 20
10-10 Int. Spring Contest, Digital	0001Z, Apr 27 to 2359Z, Apr 28
SP DX RTTY Contest	1200Z, Apr 27 to 1200Z, Apr 28



PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR APRIL 2013

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

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

PREDICTED HIGH LOW

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85.6 94.6 76.6

138.4 146.4 130.4

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Morris Radio Club -
Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2013

Attendees (8) NO2EL,
K2EMJ, KC2KNT, KC2MFL,
KD2DJQ, W2GM, WA2VQF
AND W2ZKE

A quorum was present.

Opening of Meeting
President Ed opened
the meeting at 7:36 PM

Reports:

Secretary - Bill
WA2VQF reported that
the January Minutes
were issued in the
February Peaks and
Nulls Newsletter and
that there were no
corrections reported.
Ray KC2KNT moved that
the minutes be ac-
cepted. Irma KC2MFL
seconded. The minutes
were accepted

Treasurer - Noel NO2EL
reported the current
account balances.
Contact Noel if you
are interested in the
actual numbers.

Noel brought the new
members up to date on
the various accounts.

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

Old Business:

Mark W2GM reported on
the software he was go-
ing to check out to al-
low us to put the meet-
ings live on the Inter-
net, so that members who
cannot physically come
to the meetings will be
able to attend. The
software he was review-
ing is no longer avail-
able but he is checking
out another package.

Ed K2EMJ congregated
Noel NO2EL on his ob-
taining the Worked New
Jersey Award.

Bill WA2VQF reported
that he has merged all
the Field Day logs that
he has into a log con-
taining 8277 Q's. He
will apply for a LoTW
account for the club and
post those contacts.

New Business:

Noel NO2EL reported that
former member Ed
Kubliski KB2FSK had
passed away.

Noel received a letter
from Bill WB2CEI who is
now living in Morris-
town where he can't
have a station and has
equipment for sale.
Noel has the list if
anyone is interested.

Ed K2EMJ reported on
the Hudson Division
Cabinet Meeting for the
North Jersey Section.

The Field Day package
is out and there are no
changes that affect us.

President Ed closed the
meeting at 8:25 PM af-
ter a motion by Ray
KC2KNT and seconded by
Irma KC2MFL.

Bill WA2VQF
MRC Secretary

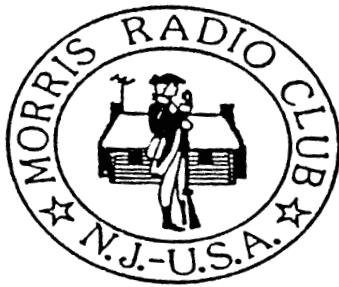


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ALTHOUGH MANY WHO BECOME INTERESTED IN AMATEUR RADIO ARE INVOLVED IN AN ELECTRONICS RELATED FIELD, THE HOBBY APPEALS TO A WIDE VARIETY OF INDIVIDUALS.

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

2013 North Jersey Hamfest

04/20/2013

Location: Roxbury Senior Center
72 Eyland Avenue
Succasunna, NJ 07876

Website: <http://www.splitrockara.org>

Sponsor: Splitrock Amateur Radio Association