



## **PEAKS & NULLS**



#### **MORRIS RADIO CLUB**

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#### AND THE FIELD DAY RESULTS ARE IN

Every year we go out just to have fun on Field Day and we usually end up around the top 25% of the country. This year we were at 29%. We came in at 113 out of 391 entries in the 2A class (Last year we were at 33%. 113 out of 392). We were First in the Hudson Division and First in the Northern New Jersey Section this year ahead of N2XJ the New Providence Radio Club who was second in NNJ and third in the Hudson Division. We had 3198 points with 693 contacts compared to their 1814 points and 462 contacts. Of course they had 40 members at Field Day compared to our 16 and they also ran a GOTA station that increased their QSO count. The Metuchen RC came in Third in NNJ with 1806 points from 462 Q's and Ramapo Mountain came in Fourth in NNJ with 1402

points and 346 Q's. In the Hudson Division WB2QBP running a GOTA station came in Second and East Greenbush ARA came in Fifth. Ramapo Mountain ARC came in Sixth with Larkfield ARC in NLI Seventh and W2TMC in ENY at Eighth place. Word had it that some of these stations packed it in early because of the rain while we worked the whole time from our nice dry trailer. I know that we had more fun. Maybe next year I'll get up the courage to run stations over night, not just do search and pounce. A very reliable source told me that running stations is the only way to get the high scores. Field Day 2016 is on June 25th and 26th. In the meantime I'll be working on the logging program. Just seven more months until Field Day.

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## **NOVEMBER PROGRAM**

At the November meeting President Ed, K2EMJ will present a program

on "Radios and computers in synchronized Christmas Lightshows

### IT'S EXAMTIME AGAIN

The Morris Radio Club will again be sponsoring a ARRL VE Exam Session on Tuesday November 17th at 7 PM in the Library of the Nor-

mandy Park School in Morris Township. The session is open to anyone and walk-ins are welcome. Be sure to spread the word.

#### **KEEPTHE DATE OPEN**

Our Holiday Get-Together will be held on Monday December 21th. This event is open to anyone, members, non-members, YL's,

XYL's, harmonics. Everyone pays their own way. More details to follow in next months Peaks & Nulls.



#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

November 16, 2015 Regular business meeting.

Program: Radios and computers in synchronized Christmas Lightshows

November 17, 2015 FCC Exams. 7 PM in the Normandy Park School

Library

December 21, 2015 December Get-Together Brookside Diner

January 25, 2016 Regular business meeting

February 22, 2015 Regular business meeting

#### **SELECTED UPCOMING CONTESTS**

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Nov 28 to 2400Z, Nov 29
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NRAU 10m Activity Contest 1800Z-1900Z, Dec 3 (CW) and

1900Z-2000Z, Dec 3 (SSB) and

000Z-2100Z, Dec 3 (FM) and

2100Z-2200Z, Dec 3 (Dig)

ARRL 160-Meter Contest 2200Z, Dec 4 to 1600Z, Dec 6

TARA RTTY Melee 0000Z-2400Z, Dec 5

Ten-Meter RTTY Contest 0000Z-2400Z, Dec 6

ARRL 10-Meter Contest 0000Z, Dec 12 to 2400Z, Dec 13

Russian 160-Meter Contest 2000Z-2400Z, Dec 18

ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW 1800Z-2359Z, Dec 20



## PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO **FLUX FOR DECEMBER 2015**

\*\*\*SUNSPOT NUMBER\*\*\* PREDICTED HIGH LOW

> 53.6 63.6 43.6

\*\*\*10.7 RADIO FLUX\*\*\* PREDICTED HIGH LOW 107.9 116.9 98.9

#### OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Morris Radio Club -Meeting Minutes October 19, 2015

Attendees (8) K2EMJ, KC2KNT, KD2HQU, KD2HVX, NO2EL, W2GM, WA2VQF, WR2G

A quorum was present.

Opening of Meeting President Ed opened the meeting at 7:32 PM

Reports:

Secretary - Bill WA2VQF reported that the September Minutes were issued in the October Peaks and Nulls Newsletter. There were no reported discrepancies.

Ray KC2KNT moved that the Secretary report be accepted. Mark W2GM Seconded. The Secretary report was accepted.

Noel NO2EL presented the treasurers reports for September.

The actual balances are available from Noel.

Ray KC2KNT moved that the Treasurers report be accepted. It was seconded by John KD2HVX and digital mode. unanimously accepted.

Old Business:

A vote was taken on the Constitutional change that was published in the October Peaks & Nulls. There was one email vote by Sister Irma KC2MFL in the affirmative. All eight members present voted in the affirmative.

New Business:

It was decided to again have the holiday get together at the Brookside Diner.

The subject of the FCC Exam was brought up. We will change the date to Tuesday November 17 to enable a greater turnout MRC Secretary of test takers. The Tuesday before Thanksgiving was used in the past as the last date of the class. We are not running a class this year so we have no problem changing the date to increase turnout.

A discussion of the major hamfests especially Dayton.

We will see if we can get a program together on the Yaesu Fusion

President Ed asked for input on what programs the members would like to see.

Ed will see if he can get Bill Hudzik for the February 2016 program.

The idea of running a class for people that have just gotten their licenses was discussed.

Ray KC2KNT moved that the meeting be closed. It was seconded by Craig WR2G and unanimously accepted

President Ed closed the meeting at 8:19 PM

Bill WA2VQF

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#### **MORRIS RADIO CLUB**

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Field Day 2016 proposed operating positions

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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.

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#### **HAMFEST CALENDAR**

Amateur Radio Auction

11/27/2015

Location: Fair Lawn Senior Center

11-05 Gardiner Road Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

Website: http://www.flarc.net

Sponsor: Fair Lawn Amateur Radio Club