

# PEAKS & NULLS



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## NEW NORTH JERSEY SECTION MANAGER

Due to the unfortunate passing of Steve Ostrove K2SO on October 2nd the ARRL Radiosport and Field Services Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, appointed Bob Buus, W2OD, of Holmdel the new North Jersey Section Manager effective immediately. Steve Ostrove had stepped down on September 22 due to failing health and had recommended Buus to be appointed to replace him. Buus had been serving as an Assistant SM and an Emergency Coordinator

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## BRUSH UP YOUR CONTESTING SKILLS

It's fall and Contest Season has started. For those of you that are new to contesting Randy Thompson K5ZD has a YouTube video called "Tips for Being a Better Single Op Contester". It is available at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zKI0Mi1N3e0&feature=youtu.be&t=1>

It runs about 40 minutes and has some good tips for someone that is fairly new to contesting. I have found that for a modest station, accuracy is the biggest contributor to a better score. I know that I will never be one of the leaders so I try to have no errors on the Log Checking Report. Concededly as I am writing this the Log Checking Report for the CQ CW WPX Contest showed up in my email inbox. Unfortunately I busted three calls and four exchanges and that cost me 720 points. The best one was NN4GG. I dropped the first "N" from his call but he busted my exchange so we both lost on that one. I'll try to do better in the CQ WW CW Contest in November. I've had perfect results in that one before.

## 2020 CQ WPX CW RESULTS

The results of the 2020 CQ WPX CW Contest have been posted and Craig WR2G in the Single Assisted High Power All Band division came in 9th in the 2nd call area, 118th in North America and 318th in the world. Bill WA2VQF operated Single Operator Low Power All Band and scored 22nd in the 2nd call area, 368th in North America and 1120th in the world.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All of the club's offices are open for election at the November meeting. Nominations for any of the two year terms of office will be taken at the October meeting. If any of you are interested in serving as an officer please put your hat in the ring at the October meeting.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 19, 2020 Regular business meeting by video

November 16, 2020 Regular business meeting by video

December 14, 2020 December Get-Together Location TBD

## SELECTED UPCOMING CONTESTS

JARTS WW RTTY Contest	0000Z, Oct 17 to 2400Z, Oct 18
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW	0001Z, Oct 17 to 2359Z, Oct 18
New York QSO Party	1400Z, Oct 17 to 0200Z, Oct 18
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Oct 17 to 1500Z, Oct 18
Worked All Germany Contest	1500Z, Oct 17 to 1459Z, Oct 18
Argentina National 7 MHz Contest	2130Z-2230Z, Oct 17
Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 18
Classic Exchange, Phone	1400Z, Oct 18 to 0800Z, Oct 19 and 1400Z, Oct 20 to 0800Z, Oct 21
Illinois QSO Party	1700Z, Oct 18 to 0100Z, Oct 19
ARRL School Club Roundup	1300Z, Oct 19 to 2359Z, Oct 23
Telephone Pioneers QSO Party	1800Z-1900Z, Oct 19 (Digital Only) and 1900Z, Oct 19 to 0300Z, Oct 20 (All Modes)
RSGB FT4 Contest Series	1900Z-2030Z, Oct 19
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Oct 20
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 24 to 2359Z, Oct 25
Kentucky State Parks on the Air	1400Z-2200Z, Oct 24
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest0	100Z-0159Z, Oct 27
North American SSB Sprint Contest	0000Z-0400Z, Nov 1
Classic Exchange, CW	1400Z, Nov 1 to 0800Z, Nov 2 and 1400Z, Nov 3 to 0800Z, Nov 4
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Nov 3
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2000Z, Nov 4
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW	2100Z, Nov 7 to 0300Z, Nov 9
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Nov 10



## PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR NOVEMBER 2020

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

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

**PREDICTED HIGH LOW**

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1.7 11.7 0.0

60.3 69.3 60.0

## SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Morris Radio Club – Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2020

The meeting was held by video teleconferencing

Attendees (17) K2EMJ, K2GG, K2MJF, KA2HZP, KC2OSO, KC2RDX, K2YD, N1NID, NO2EL, W2GM, W3MHL, WA2IMS, WA2VQF, WA2YCI, WR2G, Matt Carmel and Chris W3CJD

A quorum was present.

Opening of Meeting  
President Ed opened the meeting at 8:06 PM

Reports:

Secretary – Bill WA2VQF reported that August minutes were issued in the September Peaks and Nulls Newsletter. Sid K2GDD reported a typo in the spelling of Mark Fletcher's K2MJF name the e and t were reversed.

Craig WR2G moved to accept the Secretary report. Jim KY2D seconded. The report was accepted.

Noel NO2EL presented the treasurers report for September.

The numbers are available from Noel.

Sid K2GG moved that the Treasurers report be accepted. Joe N1mid Seconded. The Treasurers report was accepted.

Old Business

Noel received a note from the Scholarship Winner and showed it to the membership.

New Business:

Mike KC2OSO checked in and reported that he has moved from Morristown to Byram.

Sid reported that he will be holding a VE session on 9/25 at the Sussex Fire Academy.

Noel was wondering if anyone had any ideas of where we could put up a remote station using equipment that we have for use by the members.

Ed brought up the fact that this is the year for officer elections. If anyone is interested in holding an office let Ed know.

Sid K2GG moved that the meeting be closed. Matt W2MHL Seconded

The meeting was closed at 8:42 PM.

WA2VQF  
MRC Secretary

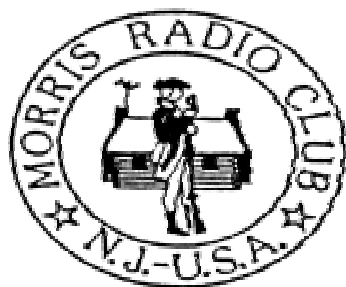


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## HAMFEST CALENDAR

**THERE ARE NO SCHEDULED HAMFESTS**