

PEAKS & NULLS



MORRIS RADIO CLUB

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IT'S BEEN SOME YEAR

February 2020 is the last time we had an in person meeting. No in person Field Day, August Get-Together or Holiday Get-Together in December. The hurricane took out two of my antennas. One I could fix, the other I had to replace. It turned out to be an upgrade. I didn't get to see my daughter N2ZRS for two months. Next month I'll have been working from home for a year only going in to the plant when I had to. It really worked out a lot better than I thought it would. I got a lot of outside painting and other work done on the house. Some of us were able to get on the air more. I only worked the major contests but I was able to upgrade the station

computer and make a few other improvements. Luckily we had Noel who was able to set up the video meetings through his son Garry N2UDZ. That way we were able to keep things going and even got to see some old friends who are no longer able to physically come to the meetings. Who knows what this year will bring. I had already written the question asking would Field Day be the same as last year or like years past when this afternoon February 10th the ARRL announced that the 2020 rules would be carried over to this year including the Club Aggregate score. So that answers that.

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VE TESTING

The Fair Lawn ARC will be holding test sessions on February 13, March 13 and April 10. All of the instructions are on page 5 of this issue. Please note that pre-registration is required and no walk

in's will be permitted and there are other requirements due to COVID. Please pass this along to anyone that you know who may be interested.

FT8 PART 2

Noel will be giving the second part of his FT8 program on Monday night. If you haven't heard there is a new version of WSJT-X out. Ver-

sion 2.3.0 adds two new protocols FS4T and FS4TW designed particularly for the LF and MF bands.

CQ 160 METERS

It looks like Craig WR2G was the only one to work the CQ 160 meter

contest. It must be nice to have those big antennas.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 15, 2021 Virtual Regular business meeting

March 15, 2021 Virtual Regular business meeting

April 19, 2021 Virtual Regular business meeting

May 17, 2021 Virtual Regular business meeting

2021 DUES

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Noel NO2EL is now accepting dues payments for 2021. \$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

CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	0000Z, Feb 13 to 2359Z, Feb 14
YLRL YL-OM Contest	1400Z, Feb 13 to 0200Z, Feb 15
HamCation QSO Party	1500Z, Feb 13 to 0300Z, Feb 14
RSGB FT4 Contest Series	2000Z-2130Z, Feb 15
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Feb 20 to 2400Z, Feb 21
Russian PSK WW Contest	1200Z, Feb 20 to 1159Z, Feb 21
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	2000Z-2130Z, Feb 25
CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB	2200Z, Feb 26 to 2200Z, Feb 28
REF Contest, SSB	0600Z, Feb 27 to 1800Z, Feb 28
FTn DX Contest	1200Z, Feb 27 to 1200Z, Feb 28
South Carolina QSO Party	1500Z, Feb 27 to 0159Z, Feb 28
NA Collegiate Championship, RTTY	1800Z, Feb 27 to 0559Z, Feb 28
North Carolina QSO Party	1500Z, Feb 28 to 0059Z, Mar 1
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2000Z, Mar 3
Novice Rig Roundup	0000Z, Mar 6 to 2359Z, Mar 14
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Mar 6 to 2400Z, Mar 7



PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR MARCH 2021

SUNSPOT NUMBER

PREDICTED HIGH LOW

14.3 22.3 6.3

10.7 RADIO FLUX

PREDICTED HIGH LOW

75.2 84.2 67.7

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Morris Radio Club – Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2021

The meeting was held by video teleconferencing

Attendees (15) K2DEU, K2EMJ, K2MJF, KC2RDX, K2YD, N1MID, NO2EL, W2GM, W2MHL, WA2IMS, WA2VQF, WA2YCI, WR2G, WS2Q, W3CJD

A quorum was present.

Opening of Meeting

President Ed opened the meeting at 8:01 PM

Reports:

Secretary – Bill WA2VQF reported that December minutes were issued in the January 2021 Peaks and Nulls Newsletter.

Craig WR2G moved to accept the Secretary report. Harvey WS2Q seconded. The report was accepted.

Noel NO2EL presented the treasurers report for January. The actual numbers are available from Noel.

Noel will be sending out PayPal Invoices to members who have not paid their 2021 dues but have paid by PayPal in the past.

Joe N1MID moved that the Treasurers report be accepted. Matthew W2MHL Seconded. The Treasurers report was accepted.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business:

Noel has modified the web page to update the requirements for getting a license to the current FCC requirements.

Noel will do the second part of his FT8 program next month.

A discussion ensued over the report that "Ham Radio" was used during the trouble in Washington.

Ed brought up the new FCC \$35.00 fee to get or renew a license.

No one attended the On Line Ham Radio University.

Some members participated in contests (NAQP & VHF) over the weekend.

Henry K2DEU was looking to get active in Denville RACES. Chris W3CJD will check into it for him.

Noel listed the donated equipment that is available for use.

Jim KY2D moved that the meeting be closed. Matthew W2MHL Seconded

The meeting was closed at 8:45 PM.

WA2VQF
MRC Secretary

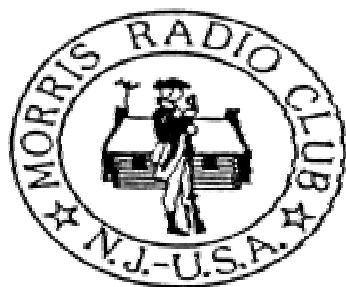


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ALTHOUGH MANY WHO BECOME INTERESTED IN AMATEUR RADIO ARE INVOLVED IN AN ELECTRONICS RELATED FIELD, THE HOBBY APPEALS TO A WIDE VARIETY OF INDIVIDUALS.

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

Online - Long Island Virtual Hamfest- via ZOOM

02/28/2021

Location: Virtual- Sponsored by LIMARC

P.O. Box 392

Levittown, NY 11756

Website: <http://limarc.org>



AMATEUR RADIO TESTING BY THE FAIR LAWN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

On February 13, 2021 the Fair Lawn Amateur Radio Club will continue amateur radio test sessions on a modified basis.

These sessions will be held at the **Ridgewood Masonic Lodge.**
The location is at **99 South Maple Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ**

The session starts at 9:15 AM.

A document will be provided to you prior to the date to indicate the time assigned to you. You must have it with you to take the test.

Prior to Testing:

Send an email to wo2w@arrl.net requesting to book your spot.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED - NO WALK-INS ACCEPTED.

Upon Arrival:

You must have a government issued ID such as a valid driver's license or passport, a filled out Form 605, and **3 filled out copies of the FCC CSCE form.**

Please Bring With You:

- You **MUST** bring and **WEAR** personal PPE items including a face mask.
- **2 pens and 2 pencils.** None will be provided to you, due to possible virus transmission.
- Your FRN number, and (if licensed) a copy of your ham license or a valid CSCE (Certificate of Successful Completion Exam).
- Additionally, the **\$15.00 exam fee.** This is payable in cash (exact amount is a must).

- For information and scheduling, please contact:
- Gene/WO2W
- WO2W@arrl.net

- Visit our website at www.FairLawnARC.org and <http://bit.ly/FLARC-Testing>

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