

# PEAKS & NULLS



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## FIELD DAY REVIEW

This Field Day featured rain at the beginning, a generator failure and a torrential downpour just as field Day ended. In between we had good weather and three high performing stations. If you missed Pat K2SCH and Joe N1MID running stations you missed something special. I haven't seen our phone station running contacts like that in many years. I know that some others participated but, I didn't get a chance to get down there and see them. Pat was able to get a 12 X 12 tent and I think that things did pick up after Ed K2EMJ brought them a rug. They had a nice looking operation down there.

After a few startup problems FT8 picked up nicely and did very well. All three stations were within 23 Q's of each other. Here's the breakdown:

CW	DIGITAL	PHONE
511	518	495

That comes up to 5106 QSO points and adding 1390 Bonus points we should have a score of 6496. Looking at last years scores that would have put us at 26th in the country in the 3A class.

This year New Providence bailed out and did not operate because of the weather forecast.

I know some of you are interested in Splitrock. It turns out that last year they ran 3A-Commerical. That means they got their power from JCP&L not from a generator like us. Even so they had a score of 1974.

The phone station gets the DX award working three Australian stations. I worked Bosnia and a couple of Puerto Rican stations on CW.

Even with the great solar flux 10 Meters was dead again. I worked 1 station on 10 CW. The Digital station worked three on 6 Meters.

All and all it was a good weekend. Thanks to Rob for driving all the way up from Virginia to help out and to everyone else that came out and enjoyed themselves.

Field Day 2024 is on June 22nd and 23rd

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## VE EXAMS

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 17, 2023 — In Person & Regular Business Meeting

August 21, 2023 — In Person & Regular Business Meeting

September 18, 2023 — In Person & Regular Business Meeting

### SELECTED UPCOMING CONTESTS

4 States QRP Group Second Sunday	0000Z-0200Z, Jul 10
CQ Worldwide VHF Contest	1800Z, Jul 15 to 2100Z, Jul 16
Batavia FT8 Contest	0000Z, Aug 5 to 2359Z, Aug 6
10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB	0001Z, Aug 5 to 2359Z, Aug 6
ARRL 222 MHz and Up Distance	1800Z, Aug 5 to 1800Z, Aug 6
WAE DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Aug 12 to 2359Z, Aug 13
Maryland-DC QSO Party	1400Z, Aug 12 to 0400Z, Aug 13

### Mount Arlington NJ 07856-9999

#### EXAM SESSION

08/14/2023

**Sponsor:** Split Rock  
ARA

**Date:** Aug 14 2023

**Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

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1 Fern Place

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## PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR AUGUST 2023

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

PREDICTED	HIGH	LOW
82.8	92.8	72.8

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

PREDICTED	HIGH	LOW
111.3	122.3	104.3

## JUNE MEETING MINUTES

Morris Radio Club – Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2023

The meeting was held both in person and by video teleconferencing

Attendees (14) In Person: K2EMJ, KA2HZP, N1MID, NO2EL, W2GM, WA2VQF, WA2YCI, WR2G, W3CJD, ex AC2CQ Virtual: K2SCH, KB2ESE, KC2RDX, KE2MM

A quorum was present.

Opening of Meeting

President Noel opened the meeting at 7:30 PM

Reports:

Secretary – Bill WA2VQF reported that the May minutes were issued in the June issue of Peaks & Nulls. No errors were reported.

Craig WR2G moved to accept the Secretary report. Chris W3CJD seconded. The report was accepted.

Treasurer – Mark W2GM reported the May account balances:

Activity: Confirmed Amazon Web and PayPal fees. Amazon Smile Donation. WANJ Award. Transfer of PayPal balance and cash to checking account.

The actual numbers are available from Mark.

Joe N1MID moved that the Treasurers report be accepted. Carl WA2YCI Seconded. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Old Business:

ED K2EMJ will take orders for badges.

New Business:

There was a Worked All New Jersey Award number 364 issued to Jacques Corbu in France.

The ARRL notified us that the scholarship was awarded.

The Sussex Hamfest will be held the day before our next meeting.

The new business section of the meeting then transferred to Field Day reports.

Craig WR2G reported on the arrangements with the town for the site and trailer along with the requirements for parking and cleaning up.

Noel NO2EL reported on the problems with the Yeasu FT-450 antenna tuning. The IC-7300 will now be used on the phone station. He is now using his Flex for the digital station. You will have to change the bands manually because he could not get the Flex to work with the Dunestar Filter.

A diagram of the site was presented.

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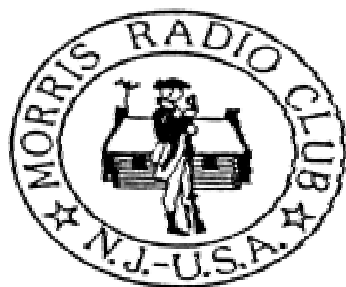


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Pat K2SCH is working on getting a 12 X 12 with sides for the Phone Station. A video about using N1MM+ for logging at Field Day was shown. Ed K2EMJ will bring the sign and a cooler with ice and water.

Joe N1MID made a motion to close the meeting Carl WA2YCI seconded  
The meeting was closed at 8:46 PM

WA2VQF  
MRC Secretary

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## HAMFEST CALENDAR

### NJARC Hamfest Tailgate Show

07/22/2023

**Location:** InFoAge Science & Museums Field  
2201 Marconi Road  
Wall, NJ

**Website:** <http://www.njarc.org>

### RMARC Hamfest

08/19/2023

**Location:** Christ the King Lutheran Church  
50 Erskine Road  
Ringwood, NJ 07456

**Website:** <http://www.gsl.net/rmarc>