



# PEAKS & NULLS

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## HOLIDAY GET-TOGETHER

On Monday night December 18th we will meet at the East Hanover Diner at 275 NJ-10, East Hanover, NJ 07936 at 6 PM for our annual Holiday Get-Together that is held in place of a December meeting. The diner is located in the east bound lanes of Rt. 10. Go past the AMC East Hanover 12 theaters and it is approximately 2000 ft past the exit

for Mt. Pleasant Ave. This a pay your own way gathering that is open to anyone (members, spouses, significant others, friends, etc.). If you haven't already done so and plan on coming, please email Noel at [no2el@morrisradioclub.org](mailto:no2el@morrisradioclub.org) so that he can arrange seating with the diner.

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## 10 METERS IS BACK

10 has been pretty quiet the last couple of solar cycles but, it was hopping during the CQ World Wide CW contest the weekend after Thanksgiving. There was no problem working all of Europe, the Mediterranean, the Islands off the coast of Africa, South America, the Caribbean along with Hawaii and Alaska using 100 watts and a Windom. I only got to enjoy the contest for a few hours over the two day period but, had no problem working 42 countries and 11 zones in that time frame. I wasn't on 10 the whole time. I also spent a little time on 15 Meters and worked 20 countries there.

For the 10 Meter contest this past weekend, I only got to operate for two hours but, the first contact was with France followed by the Cayman Islands. I ended up with only 53 QSO's but, had 11 countries, 18 states and 4 Canadian Provinces.

Technicians remember you have privileges on 10 Meters. From 28 to 28.3 MHz you can work CW and from 28.3 to 28.5 MHz you are allowed to operate Phone. Both modes are limited to 200 watts power. Borrow one of the club's rigs and see what you can work.

## THE NTS LETTER

For you traffic handlers (and I know that there are a few of you) the ARRL has started a new monthly newsletter. The NTS Letter is now available to all ARRL members free

of charge. You can subscribe by going to [www.arrl.org/opt-in-out](http://www.arrl.org/opt-in-out) and selecting EDIT. You must be logged into your ARRL account to complete the action.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

December 18, 2023 No meeting. Holiday Get-Together at 6 PM at the East Hanover Diner.

January 15, 2024 In Person & Virtual Regular business meeting

February 19, 2024 In Person & Virtual Regular business meeting

March 18, 2024 In Person Virtual Regular Business meeting

## 2024 DUES

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Mark W2GM is now accepting dues payments for 2024. \$20.00 for full membership, \$15.00 for associate. If you have a PayPal account, dues can now be paid by using Pay-Pal.

## SELECTED UPCOMING CONTESTS

ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW	1800Z-2359Z, Dec 17
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2100Z, Dec 20
NCCC FT4 Sprint	0100Z-0130Z, Dec 22
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Dec 22
NCCC FT4 Sprint	0100Z-0130Z, Dec 29
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Dec 29
YOTA Contest	1200Z-2359Z, Dec 30
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Dec 30 to 1500Z, Dec 31
PODXS 070 Club PSKFest	0000Z-2359Z, Jan 6
Marconi Club ARI Loano QSO Party Day	0700Z-2100Z, Jan 6
ARRL Kids Day	1800Z-2359Z, Jan 6
ARRL RTTY Roundup	1800Z, Jan 6 to 2400Z, Jan 7
EUCW 160m Contest	2000Z, Jan 6 to 0700Z, Jan 7

## VE EXAMS

**There are no local exams scheduled between now and the next edition of this newsletter**



## PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR JANUARY 2024

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

#### PREDICTED HIGH LOW

94.7 104.7 84.7

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

#### PREDICTED HIGH LOW

121.5 130.5 112.5

## NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Morris Radio Club – Meeting Minutes  
November 20, 2023

The meeting was held both in person and by video teleconferencing

Attendees (12) In Person: K2EMJ, K2SCH, KA2HZP, N1MID, NO2EL, W2GM, WA2LAN, WA2VQF, WA2YCI, WR2G, W3CJD

Virtual: KB2ESE, KC2RDX, KB2EXM

Visitor: Paul Resch KC2ITU

A quorum was present.

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

### Reports:

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

Craig WR2G moved to accept the Secretary report. Carl WA2YCI seconded. The report was accepted.

Treasurer –  
Activity: Confirmed Amazon Web, PayPal fees, Insurance Premium, Membership dues

The actual numbers are available from Mark

Joe N1MID moved that the Treasurers report be accepted. Pat K2SCH Seconded. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Old Business:  
On December 18th at 6PM the Holiday Get-Together will be held at the East Hanover Diner.

The membership application has not be updated yet to the on line fill in type.

There was a problem with the Field Day submission and the ARRL has no record of the submission so we are not listed.

New Business:  
Chris W3CJD is the new ARES training officer

Craig WR2G mentioned that this weekend is the CQ Worldwide CW contest.

Patrick brought up the subject of generators that he saw at the Sussex Hamfest.

The Fair Lawn auction will be held this coming Friday.

Joe N1MID commented on the new table layout that seems to work out better.

Joe N1MID moved that the meeting be closed. Pat K2SCH Seconded

The meeting was closed at 7:52 PM

After the meeting was closed Noel NO2EL presented the second part of his series on the Flex Radio

WA2VQF  
MRC Secretary

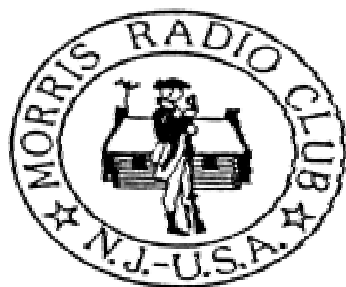


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**ALTHOUGH MANY WHO BECOME INTERESTED IN AMATEUR RADIO ARE INVOLVED IN AN ELECTRONICS RELATED FIELD, THE HOBBY APPEALS TO A WIDE VARIETY OF INDIVIDUALS.**

**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

There are no Hamfests scheduled for the rest of the year.