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NNJ SECTION CABINET MEETING

On February 2, 2013 Mike Lisenco N2YBB the Hudson Division Director and Bill Hudzik W2UDT the Vice Director held a NNJ Section Cabinet Meeting at the Morris County Police and Fire Academy with thanks to Harvey WS2Q for arranging the location. They explained that in the past a Division Cabinet Meeting was held prior to the ARRL Board Meeting in a location that was center to the three sections that make up the Hudson Division. They are going to try separate meetings in each Section after the board meeting so that there is less travel and up to date information about what happened at the board meeting can be presented.

Ed K2EMJ, Rob KC2RDX, and Bill WA2VQF attended for the Morris Radio Club. There were representatives from Splitrock ARA, New Providence ARC, Metroplex ARC, Joyce Birmingham KA2ANF as President of the 10-70 Repeater Association along with NNJ Section Manager Richard Krohn N2SMV and other NNJ Section appointees.

The following is a summation of the meeting:

N2YBB gave a brief of the ARRL Board meeting and the fact that the Board acknowledged that there is a disconnect existing between the ARRL and its members. N2YBB stated he is on a P&SC (Program and Services Committee) subcommittee that will address that issue.

NY2BB then talked about how clubs seem to be having problems recruiting members and ensuring they are League members.

NY2BB then talked about the fact that the FCC still does not want to get involved in CC&R (Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions) issues. Legislative studies have had no effect and we need specific legislation that works to our benefit introduced and passed. The League is still behind in that regard.

He then talked about a State PRB-1 Bill and how Clubs have to be more proactive and use the goodwill they have built up by volunteering for other organizations and how we also need to make use of whatever media

we can. Several comments were made that these opportunities exist but have not been taken advantage of.

N2YBB stated that Spectrum Defense is another important issue. Many of our VHF/UHF/Microwave frequencies are on a shared basis and lightly used. Comments were made that problems may exist for us if we raise too much awareness of our standing.

A discussion was held on hams and distracted driving in New Jersey and comments made were made that, overall, no problems exist in New Jersey and that New Jersey's law seems to be working.

N2YBB stated that the ARRL BoD approved a \$14 Million budget with a deficit of about \$160K for 2013. Recent funding developments include the allowance for conversion of a pension benefits plan and funds to sponsor the upcoming Centennial Convention. A discussion followed about the possibility of raising dues. It was suggested that a distinction must be made of the levels and that a reason should be given outlining determining factors for raising dues. N2YBB gave a breakdown of ARRL members versus the total number of licensed US amateurs.

N2YBB updated those present on the LoTW program and that current issues such as a need for transparency (if a problem exists let the membership know) are being addressed.

N2YBB talked about ARES and stated that no National policy exists for maintaining or starting a database. Also, he believes that the existing EC-01 course should be a member benefit. At the very least, the ARRL should break-even on the cost. A question arose of covering ARES members under the ARRL insurance policy. It was stated that New Jersey participants are covered under an existing "Good Samaritan Law". Several suggestions were made to not have an up-front charge but reward those for successful completion with a credit certificate good for another course or purchase.

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SKYWARN TRAINING WEBINAR

On Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 7 PM Larry Nierenberg of NWS Mt. Holly will be hosting an online Basic Skywarn Training Webinar.

Registration is now open! Here is the link for people to register.

<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/phi/skywarn/training.html>

This class can be accessed via GoToMeeting using any PC.

This is a great opportunity for anyone that may be approaching their 3 year limit to be recertified or anyone who wants to become a spotter for the first time.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 27, 2012 Regular business meeting

(Note: The meeting will be held on the 4th Monday of the month due to the Presidents Day Holiday)

March 19, 2012 Regular business meeting

April 16, 2012 Regular business meeting

2013 DUES

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Noel NO2EL is now accepting dues payments for 2013. \$15.00 for full membership, \$10.00 for associate.

SELECTED UPCOMING CONTESTS

ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Mar 2 to 2400Z, Mar 3
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z-1700Z, Mar 3
EA PSK63 Contest	1600Z, Mar 9 to 1600Z, Mar 10
North American Sprint, RTTY	0000Z-0400Z, Mar 10
10-10 Int. Mobile Contest	0001Z-2359Z, Mar 16
BARTG HF RTTY Contest	0200Z, Mar 16 to 0200Z, Mar 18
Russian DX Contest	1200Z, Mar 16 to 1200Z, Mar 17
CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Mar 30 to 2400Z, Mar 31



PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR MARCH 2013

*****SUNSPOT NUMBER*****

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

PREDICTED HIGH LOW

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83.0 92.0 74.0

137.0 145.0 129.0

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Morris Radio Club – Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2013

Attendees (8) NO2EL, K2EMJ, KC2KNT, W2GM, KC2RDX and WA2VQF and one visitor Greg KD2DJQ

A quorum was present.

Opening of Meeting
President Ed opened the meeting at 7:33 PM

Reports:

Secretary – Bill WA2VQF reported that the November Minutes were issued in the December Peaks and Nulls Newsletter and that there were no corrections reported. Ray KC2KNT moved that the minutes be accepted. Rob KC2RDX seconded. The minutes were accepted

Treasurer – Noel NO2EL reported that the current account balances. The actual numbers reported are available from Noel.

Ray KC2KNT moved that the Treasurers report be accepted. It was seconded

by Rob KC2RDX and unanimously accepted.

Old Business:

Sometime ago Noel NO2EL talked about putting our meeting on the internet for members that cannot attend in person. He has found a free program that may suit our needs. Mark W2GM will research it further.

As discussed earlier Noel NO2EL has updated the submission form for the Worked All New Jersey Award to allow Logbook of the World contacts and changed the submission address.

Noel NO2EL passed around the thank you note from the scholarship winner.

New Business:

Bill WA2VQF will investigate putting all of the W2YD Field Day Logs up on Logbook of the World.

President Ed closed the meeting at 8:16 PM after a motion by Ray KC2KNT and seconded by Rob KC2RDX.

After the meeting Greg KD2DJQ became a club member.

Bill WA2VQF
MRC Secretary

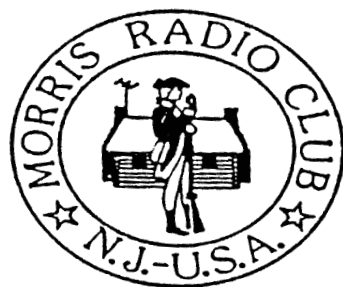


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N2YBB stated that there appeared to be little NTS participation in the Division. He also talked about updating NTS to be an integral part of the ARRL EmComm program. This led to various comments about using digital technology better, how the Eastern NTS Division is seeking to include NTS in its work, and the stopping of "SPAM" messages. Changes have to come from the Section level and will be part of a discussion at the BoD level in the future.

N2YBB stated that there is a lack of understanding among ARRL members of what the League does which has led to dissatisfaction among the membership. With this in mind N2YBB would like to see at least one open meeting a year where the membership can present items of interest and ideas. It was stated that everyone is equal and no one person is more important than another. This is why open meetings throughout the Division are important. The annual Awards luncheon/dinner will be held in ENY later this year. Also, there is a need to promote term limits at the Board level. This may be a problem in the future to institute.

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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

NPARC Annual Auction

02/22/2013

Location: New Providence Municipal Center

360 Elkwood Avenue

New Providence, NJ 07974

Website: <http://www.nparc.org/auction.htm>

Sponsor: New Providence ARC

Talk-In: 147.255 (PL 141.3)

BARA Annual Auction

03/03/2013

Location: Westwood Regional High

School

701 Ridgewood Road

Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Website: <http://bara.org>

Sponsor: Bergen Amateur Radio Association

Talk-In: 146.19/79 (PL 141.3)