



# PEAKS & NULLS

MORRIS RADIO CLUB

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## Random Radio Ramblings

Since January is a time for the State of the Union, State of the State and assorted other State of messages, I thought I'd write up a little State of the Club. Financially our club is doing okay; we have money, not a lot but enough for the bills and other expenses. Just a reminder, it is a new year and I haven't paid my dues yet, I will pay mine at our January 24th meeting. So remember to get your dues paid to our Treasurer, Noel NO2EL too.

My biggest concern about our club is membership. I do not believe this is unique to us; in general, many social or fraternal type clubs seem to be dwindling in membership. Some have speculated that the online social applications like Facebook are today's answer to allow social interaction and will further reduce membership in clubs. This may be but I have not ventured onto Facebook and personally I like the actual physical interaction among people with a common interest. Our common interest is ham radio, I have valued the years of my club membership, the gathering on the third Monday of the month. I have tried to bring in new members by sending out letters to new hams with little response. The license classes lately have

been small and I do not believe we have gotten any new members through the class in a number of years. So I am not expecting any great turn around on our membership. We are dwindling. Our Secretary Bill Eggers WB2RIS just left the area to relocate to Atlanta. Bill has been one of our more active members and this will be a loss to the club. Bill Loftus WA2VQF has volunteered to become our new Secretary.

My other concern, which is related, is programs for our monthly meetings. I welcome suggestions or any leads on potential programs and speakers. Mark NI2O had offered a suggestion of doing a club project, which we could do on our meeting nights. This would be good for when I don't have a program for the month. However there was no consensus on what would be a good project. If there is some radio project that might draw you and others to our meetings, let me know what it might be. I am also going to work on a list of topics for our 2011 meetings, for which those of us who come to meetings can discuss to make our own program of discussion for that month.

As to club events for 2011, I



Holiday Dinner 2010

hope enough of us will be able to participate and hold a Field Day this year, I would expect our August dinner gathering will happen at the Atlanta Bread Café. I've always wanted to go tour the Battleship New Jersey and have a look at the ham radio station there too. I am going to look into a possible club trip in July, if there is an interest, since we do not usually have a meeting in July.

So to conclude, the state of our club is surviving. Since my term of President is 2011/2012, I'll do my best to find programs and to continue to meet and socialize for another 2 years.

73,  
Ed K2EMJ

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## K2DEU PARADE GRAND MARSHAL

Henry K2DEU was this year's Grand Marshall of the Denville Holiday Parade. The parade, held the Sunday after Thanksgiving, is to welcome Santa Claus to Denville for the holiday season. For the last 50 years Santa has been in residence at Denville Rotary Santa Land located between the Chase Bank and the Denville Post Office, to greet

children from Thanksgiving to Christmas. K2DEU led the parade with Santa arriving at the end aboard a Denville Fire Truck. It has also been reported that Henry made a very nice speech at the Veterans Day observance at Lakeview School in Denville.





## UPCOMING MEETINGS

JANUARY 24, 2011

AGENDA: ELECTION OF NEW SECRETARY

PROGRAM: VIDEO "1935 TOUR OF ARRL HQ"

FEBRUARY 28, 2011

MARCH 21, 2011

APRIL 18, 2011

MAY 16, 2011

JUNE 20, 2011

## 2011 DUES

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Noel NO2EL is now accepting dues payments for 2011. \$15.00 for full membership, \$10.00 for associate.

*SHOW US YOUR  
SHACK*

*If you have a JPEG of  
your shack, antenna  
farm or mobile send it to  
WA2VQF@ARRL.NET  
and we'll publish it in  
future issues in the order  
that they are received.*

## SELECTED UPCOMING CONTESTS

BARTG RTTY SPRINT	122Z, JAN 22 TO 1200Z, JAN 23
CQ 160-METER CONTEST, CW	2200Z, JAN 28 TO 2200Z, JAN 30
10-10 INTERNATIONAL WINTER CONTEST, SSB	0001Z, FEB 5 TO 2359Z, FEB 6
NORTH AMERICAN SPRINT, CW	0000Z—0400Z, FEB 6
CQ WW RTTY WPX CONTEST	0000Z, FEB 12 TO 2400Z, FEB 13
NORTH AMERICAN SPRINT, SSB	0000Z—0400Z, FEB 13
ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST, CW	0000Z, FEB 19 TO 2400Z, FEB 20
CQ 160-METER CONTEST, SSB	2200Z, FEB 25 TO 2159Z, FEB 27
NORTH AMERICAN QSO PARTY, RTTY	1800Z, FEB 26 TO 0600Z, FEB 27



## PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR FEBRUARY 2011

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

**PREDICTED HIGH LOW**  
45.7 53.7 37.7

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

**PREDICTED HIGH LOW**  
101.2 108.2 94.2

## NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Morris Radio Club – Meeting Minutes

November, 2010

Attendees (7)

NO2EL, K2EMJ, KC2KNT, N1ZO, WB2RIS, WA2VQF, W2ZKE. A quorum was present.

Opening of Meeting:

President Ed Peters K2EMJ opened the meeting at 7:33 PM.

Reports:

Secretary – Bill WB2RIS reported that the October Minutes were issued and that no corrections were received. The Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer – Noel NO2EL reported that the account balances are:

Club balance: \$3,610.26  
Expense: \$116.15  
Parts to fix IC-736

Scout balance: \$ 962.18

Scout Camp – Mark N1ZO reports the LCD monitor he donated for the shack doesn't work. Noel offers a CRT monitor, Mark will let Noel know if

he can use it. Noel's son may have flat screen monitor. Mark reports the online Youth Protection Training (YPT) is required for shack operators, as well as filling out some forms and being vetted by the Scouts. If we choose to do this, we will be considered merit badge counselors. There is a \$25 fee, the Scouts may pay for it. Mark has also suggested we teach a merit badge course at the Scout Camp; maybe we organize it to take 1 day. Mark also reports there is also a new station being built at Winnebago Scout Camp, Jack Rueckel N2NHN asked for us to take a look.

Tech License Class – our student gets 80% on the practice exam and seems well prepared for next Tuesday' testing session.

Old Business:

Noel reports the PO Box address is gone on web page. Noel also reports the W2YD station Trustee is in his name, and it is listed as such on QRZ.com

The Holiday Dinner is scheduled for December 20 @6PM at the Brookside Diner; let Noel know if you are going.

Ed K2EMJ asked for any new names to be considered for

MRC Officers, and none were offered. The MRC officers for 2011-2012 were elected as follows:

Ed Peters K2EMJ  
President  
Rob Brabandt KC2RDX  
Vice President  
Bill Eggers WB2RIS  
Secretary  
Noel Scheffen NO2EL  
Treasurer

Noel reports one of the finals is blown on Hank's transceiver; a replacement was paid for from the current treasurer's report, the rig will eventually be repaired by Woody AK2F. Also, the rig's antenna tuner doesn't work, that will be taken care of later; it should be ready by Field Day.

New Business:

Mark N1ZO asked if we can have a club project to try and build something. Any suggestions are welcome.

Bill WB2RIS asked if we can try to get a call for Scout shack, Hank's call W2LOP was suggested. Noel recommends we contact Pat Cooke for permission to get around the 2 year waiting period. We may also

Contest Period	Contest Clock	Log 1 QSOs	Run Total
1	18:00	26	26
2	19:00	19	45
3	20:00	16	61
4	21:00	10	71
5	22:00	10	81
6	23:00	5	86
7	00:00	10	96
8	01:00	28	124
9	02:00	18	142
10	03:00	13	155
11	04:00	19	174
12	05:00	14	188
13	06:00	7	195
14	07:00	10	205
15	08:00	28	233
16	09:00	20	253
17	10:00	21	274
18	11:00	9	283
19	12:00	8	291
20	13:00	28	319
21	14:00	24	343
22	15:00	13	356
23	16:00	17	373
24	17:00	14	387
25	18:00		387
26	19:00		387
27	20:00		387
Over	21:00		
<b>Total:</b>		<b>387</b>	

FIELD DAY 2010 RUN RATES

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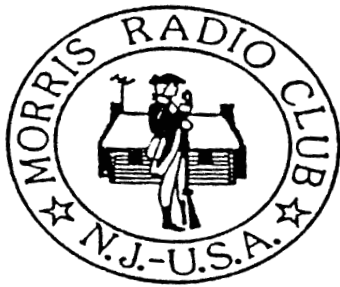


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**THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE MORRIS RADIO CLUB IS A DIVERSE GROUP MADE UP OF MEDICAL, BUSINESS, EDUCATION, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS, AMONG OTHERS, WHOSE COMMON INTERESTS ARE COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION, AND PUBLIC SERVICE.**

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consider forming a separate radio club in the future for the Allamuchy Scout camp.

Noel has received all insurance liability paperwork for the club and Field Day activities.  
 Close of Meeting:

Meeting closed at 8:07 PM. The Holiday Dinner is scheduled for December 20 @6PM at the Brookside Diner.

After the meeting, Bill WB2RIS gave a presentation on the W2 Incoming QSL bureau, run by the North Jersey DX Association (NJDXA).

73, Bill WB2RIS

MRC – Secretary

## HAMFEST CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 9, 2011

GLOUCESTER CITY HAMFEST  
 GLOUCESTER CITY, NJ  
<http://nj2gc.org>

FEBRUARY 25, 2011

NEW PROVIDENCE ARC AUCTION  
 NEW PROVIDENCE MUNICIPAL CENTER  
 360 ELKWOOD AVE  
[www.nparc.org/auction.htm](http://www.nparc.org/auction.htm)