

# PEAKS & NULLS



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## FIELD DAY WRAP UP

Well Field Day 2017 is in the books. Our checking the computer networking earlier in the week paid off and everything worked first shot at the setup. We used the Hanover Township OEM Communications Van that had plenty of room and nice operating positions along with its own generator. We also used Noel's trailer with the ladder mounted to act as a mast for the beam that was also assembled earlier in the week. The winch problem that prevented it from being raised at Field Day has been repaired and will be ready to go next year although there are some other mast ideas floating around right now. We also used Noel's modified the tri-bander to also work on 6. The slingshot crew got the windoms up with two incidents. Ed and Bill are both adding hockey goalie masks to their Field Day kits for next year. 10 Meters was dead on Saturday but, we got 31 CW, 7 Phone and 9 Digital Q's on Sunday. It looks like a lot of stations didn't even try 10. Fifteen was only a little better and all the bands were pretty dead overnight. We had 43 more total Q's than last year but our score is 13% higher because of the higher number of Digital contacts and the 10 bonus point messages that were sent. The CW station had 469 Q's an increase of 53 over last year. There were 94 Digital contacts up by 57 from 37 last year and 137 Phone contacts, down by 47 from the 184 worked last year. This was because of the time spent making the Digital contacts which are 2 points instead of the 1 point for a phone contact.

Our submission has been received and logged in by the ARRL and you should have received a copy. Currently the only other class 2A stations that have submitted a report along with us are New Providence, Metuchen and Fair Lawn . New Providence and Fair Lawn both ran a GOTA station. Fair Lawn submitted a score of 3022 compared to our score of 3776. The others have 12 days left to file their reports. The results will be published in the December issue of QST.

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The pictures of this years setup are courtesy of our President Ed, K2EMJ and were originally posted to the MRC Twitter account.

## AUGUST GET TOGETHER

We are still looking for a replacement venue for Atlanta Bread. If you have any ideas please email Ed K2EMJ so we can check it out. Details will be in the August issue of Peaks & Nulls.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 2017 — No Meeting

August 21, 2017 — Get Together. Venue to be determined.

September 18, 2017 — Regular Business Meeting



## SELECTED UPCOMING CONTESTS

TARA Grid Dip Shindig	0000Z-2400Z, Aug 5
10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB	0001Z, Aug 5 to 2359Z, Aug 6
European HF Championship	1200Z-2359Z, Aug 5
North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Aug 5 to 0600Z, Aug 6
WAE DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Aug 12 to 2359Z, Aug 13
Maryland-DC QSO Party	1600Z, Aug 12 to 2400Z, Aug 13
SARTG WW RTTY Contest	0000Z, Aug 19 to 1600Z, Aug 20
North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Aug 19 to 0600Z, Aug 20
Hawaii QSO Party	0700Z, Aug 26 to 2200Z, Aug 27
Ohio QSO Party	1600Z, Aug 26 to 0400Z, Aug 27
SARL HF CW Contest	1400Z-1600Z, Aug 27



## PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR AUGUST 2016

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

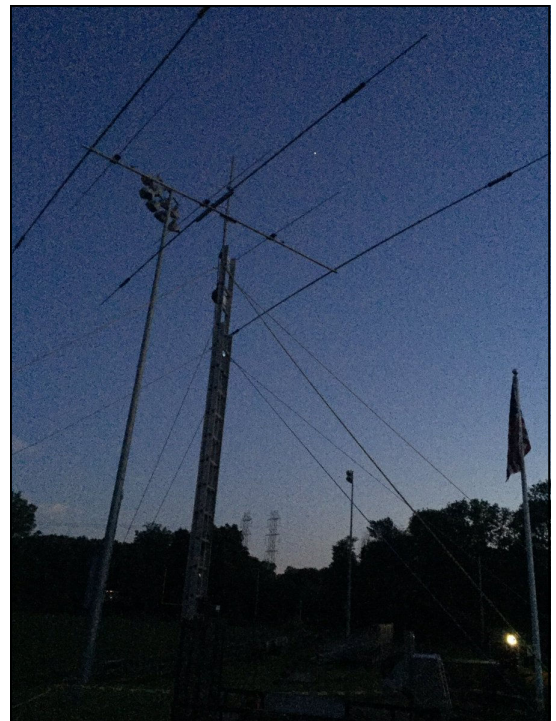
PREDICTED	HIGH	LOW
23.7	33.7	13.7

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

PREDICTED	HIGH	LOW
80.4	89.4	71.4

## JUNE MEETING MINUTES

There was no June meeting because of the end of school schedule.



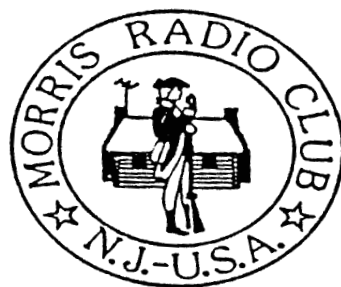


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Our log was also uploaded to LoTW and we currently have 130 confirmed contacts.

I can't close without again thanking Ed for the Pizza that he supplied for dinner on Saturday night along with Craig WR2G and Jim Kutsch KY2D for passing the messages that got us 200 bonus points.

Thanks again to everyone who came out for the setup/takedown and operated or just came for moral support

## HAMFEST CALENDAR

### SCARC 2017

07/16/2017

**Location:** Sussex County Fairgrounds  
37 Plains Road  
Augusta, NJ 07822

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

### NJARC Summer Tailgate Swapmeet

07/22/2017

**Location:** InFo Age / Camp Evans  
2201 Marconi Road  
Wall Township, NJ

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