

# PEAKS & NULLS



MORRIS RADIO CLUB

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## FIELD DAY IS ALMOST HERE

We have the Brickyard Field and Fire permits, so bring on Field Day. Again this year we will be running two stations in the Morris Township OEM Trailer. Phone/Digital and CW. Both stations will have the computers linked so that the logging software will show the operators the mode and operating frequency of both stations. Noel will again be using the trailer that will support the ladder that is being used as a mast for the Beam. If you can, please come out to help raise the beam, it will take at least six people to get it up. The Phone/Digital station will use the Beam for 10/15/20 and a Carolina Windom for 40 and 80. The CW station will use a Carolina Windom for all bands. We will again be using Harvey's Arbor Slingshot to get the lines for the wire antennas over the light stanchions on the football field.

Remember although we get points for each contact we make and bonus points for Emergency Power and other items Field Day is technically not a contest. It is an emergency drill. There are no prizes awarded. We just get to see how we compare with other groups in the division and around the country. There are groups that go all out to be number one nation wide in their class. That's fine but we go just

to have a good time and we always end up in the top quarter of the country.

Again this year everyone will be responsible for their own food and drinks but please remember this is a public park and no alcoholic drinks are allowed. Ed will be bringing his ice chest. We have the Fire permit so if anyone wants to bring a grill to cook, be our guest. Sometimes it gets hot on Field Day so Sunblock, water, a hat and a chair are always good things to have. Like two years ago Field Days can also be rainy so it may pay to pack some wet weather gear just in case.

If you have a favorite pair of headphones bring them along. Both the ICOM and Kenwood take a 1/4" phone jack for the headphones. We will have adapters for other sizes.

We will again be set up at Brickyard Field at Bee Meadow Park in the Whippany section of Hanover Township. If you have GPS the coordinates are 40.835438, -74.410889. Those coordinates also work with Google Maps and MapQuest. If you are com-

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## AUGUST GET-TOGETHER

As you know Atlanta Bread in Morris Plains has closed. We are currently looking for a replacement venue. If

you have any ideas email our president Ed at [K2EMJ@ARRL.NET](mailto:K2EMJ@ARRL.NET) so we can check it out.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

No June Meeting

June 24, 2017 Field Day— Brickyard Field Bee Meadow Park

No July Meeting

August 24, 2017 Get-Together location to be determined . Open to everyone. YL's, XYL's, Harmonics are all invited. Everyone pays their own way.



## SELECTED UPCOMING CONTESTS

ARRL Field Day	1800Z, Jun 24 to 2100Z, Jun 25
RAC Canada Day Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1
DL-DX RTTY Contest	1100Z, Jul 1 to 1059Z, Jul 2
IARU HF World Championship	1200Z, Jul 8 to 1200Z, Jul 9
North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Jul 15 to 0600Z, Jul 16
CQ Worldwide VHF Contest	1800Z, Jul 15 to 2100Z, Jul 16
RSGB IOTA Contest	1200Z, Jul 29 to 1200Z, Jul 30



## PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR JULY 2017

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

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

**PREDICTED HIGH LOW**

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24.9 34.9 14.9

81.5 90.5 72.5

## MAY MEETING MINUTES

Morris Radio Club – Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2017

Attendees (9) K2EMJ, K2GG, KB2GGK, KC2KNT, NO2EL, W2GM, WA2VQF, WR2G, WS2Q and one visitor KD2JGS

A quorum was present.

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

Reports:

Secretary – Bill WA2VQF reported that the April Minutes were issued in the May Peaks and Nulls Newsletter. There were on reported discrepancy Mark W2GM was listed as WR2G on a second.

Ray KC2KNT moved that the Secretary report be accepted. Irma KC2MFL Seconded. The Secretary report was accepted.

Treasurer – Noel NO2EL reported the May account balances.

The actual account balances are available directly from Noel NO2EL

Noel has put up a Google Drive spread sheet just for the officers right now that lists all the information on the members. It will be filled in the near future.

Ray KC2KNT moved that the Treasurers report be accepted. Irma KC2MFL Seconded. The Treasurers report was accepted.

Old Business:

The second Ham-Cram information session was held and this Saturday the course will be held. Noel has received 10 to 15 contacts after the second information session. At this point he is not sure how many will be coming.

Noel is going to check out a pizza place that may give us a donation if we have the August Get-Together there.

New Business:

Noel mentioned that in reading the club history our 70th anniversary is coming up in two years.

Ed will again order Field Day pins for anyone interested. The price is \$6.00

Ray KC2KNT moved that the meeting be closed. Irma KC2MFL Seconded.

President Ed closed the business portion of the meeting at 7:51 PM.

After the meeting Noel NO2EL and Bill WA2VQF gave a description of the Field Day setup and provided training on the logging program and equipment.

WA2VQF  
MRC Secretary

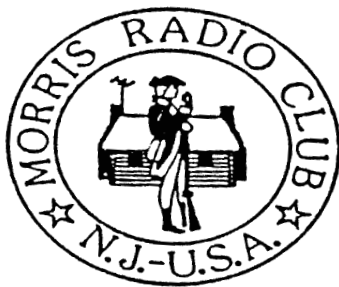


## MORRIS RADIO CLUB

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## HAMFEST CALENDAR

### W2QW Hamfest

06/17/2017

**Location:** Piscataway High School  
110 Behmer Road  
Piscataway, NJ 08854

**Website:** <http://w2qw.org/hamfest.htm>

### SCARC 2017

07/16/2017

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

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

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ing via Route 287 get off at Exit 40 (Northbound) or 40A (Southbound) Parsippany Road. Go south on Parsippany Road toward Whippany. After going through the traffic light at Jefferson Road make the first left onto Bee Meadow Parkway (watch out for the 25 MPH speed limit). Go to the light at Reynolds Ave and make a right. Make the third right onto Pond Road. We will be straight ahead set up on the grass and parking lot of the Municipal Pool. If you have trouble someone will be monitoring the Morris County OEM Repeater 146.895. We should be starting our setup at 10 AM on Saturday The 24th and we will be taking everything down starting at 2 PM on Sunday the 25th. If any of you Traffic

Handlers are available we could use someone to check into NJVN Early on Saturday night with the Section Manager Message.

If this year is anything like past years we will be having many visitors to our operation so be sure to make them feel welcome and even if you can't take an operating shift be sure to stop by for a visit.