

# PEAKS & NULLS



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## HAVE YOU WORKED A PARK YET?

This year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Parks Service and the ARRL is helping them celebrate with the National Parks on the Air (NPOTA) event. The program has two participation tracks, Chasers and Activators. Chasers will attempt to make contact with stations as many of the NPS units as possible. Activators will attempt to activate as many of the units as possible. NPOTA participants may do both roles. It is modeled after the Mixed DXCC award so only one contact with any given NPS unit will be required. NPOTA will be administered through Logbook of The World (LoTW). No paper logs or QSL's will be accepted for credit.

Locally the Tri-County Radio Association W2LI will be doing an activation from Thomas Edison National Historic Park (HP44) in West Orange on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 1400z to 2100z. They will be operating on battery power using QRP (20W) SSB on 20/17/15/12/10 as band conditions dictate.

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## NO JUNE MEETING

Because of unused snow days, the Morris School District has moved the last day of school to June 17th so we will not be able to have a June meeting.

Our next activity will be Field Day on June 25th and 26th. Our August Get-Together instead of a meeting will again be at Atlanta Bread on August

## 43 DAYS TO GO

It's hard to believe but we only have 43 days left until Field Day. We have the permits for the field, the computers are being programmed and linked and we are listed on the ARRL Field Day Locator. Other arrangements have been in the works for some time now. Because there is no June meeting, we'll have to finalize some things at the meeting on Monday

but, it's not too early to start thinking about when you can help out. We always need help getting the antennas up and also for the take down. It's also a good time for you technicians to get your feet wet on the low bands and see what you're missing. Who knows you may even work some DX like our President did last year.





## UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 16, 2016— Regular Business Meeting

June - No Meeting

June 25-26, 2015 Field Day

July - No Meeting

August 15, 2016—Annual Summer Get-together at Atlanta Bread in  
Morris Plains at 6 PM.

## SELECTED UPCOMING CONTESTS

CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	0000Z, May 28 to 2400Z, May 29
10-10 Int. Open Season PSK Contest	0001Z, Jun 4 to 2359Z, Jun 5
ARRL June VHF Contest	1800Z, Jun 11 to 0300Z, Jun 13
All Asian DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Jun 18 to 2400Z, Jun 19
Kid's Day Contest	1800Z-2359Z, Jun 18



## PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR JUNE 2016

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

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

**PREDICTED HIGH LOW**

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43.7 53.7 33.7

98.8 107.8 89.8

## APRIL MEETING MINUTES

Morris Radio Club - Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2016

Attendees (7)

K2EMJ, KC2KNT,

NO2EL, WA2VQF,

W2GM, WR2G, WS2Q

A quorum was present.

Opening of Meeting

President Ed opened the meeting at 7:33 PM

Reports:

Secretary - Bill WA2VQF reported that the March Minutes were issued in the April Peaks and Nulls Newsletter. John KD2HVX reported two discrepancies. The Peaks & Nulls volume date was 2015 instead of 2016 and under the attendees section of the minutes he was listed as KC2HVX instead of KD2HVX. His call was correct in other areas of the minutes.

Ray KC2KNT moved that the Secretary report be accepted. Craig WR2G Seconded. The Secretary report was accepted.

Noel NO2EL presented the treasurers report for April.

Treasurer - Noel NO2EL reported the April account balances. The actual number are available from Noel.

Ray KC2KNT moved that the Treasurers report be accepted. Mark W2GM Seconded. The Treasurers report was accepted.

Old Business:

Noel has not had a chance to update the worked all New Jersey Award

New Business:

Ed reported that the offer for Microsoft

products will cost the club \$2.00 a month per member. It may not be cost effective but will be looked into further.

We were contacted again by the STEM program in Chatham. This time they are looking for a group to give a class. Noel said that it will be possible. Further contact will be made.

Bill WA2VQF reported that he obtained a bigger monitor for the Field Day CW Station at the Splitrock Hamfest on Saturday. The computer and N1MM+ have already been configured. He has also made the Field Day submission a fillable PDF and has already made the group name Morris Radio Club/Hanover Tsp OEM. We will need to appoint a safety officer for 100 Bonus points and Ed will take care of the social media an-

nouncement for another 100 points. Noel and Craig will get permission from the township to use Brickyard Field at Bee Meadow park and the trailer. There was a discussion of the Splitrock Hamfest that was held last Saturday.

Craig WR2G reported on the speech that Rich Moseson W2VU Editorial Director CQ Magazine gave at the Fairlawn ARC meeting.

Ray KC2KNT moved that the meeting be closed. Craig WR2G Seconded.

President Ed closed the meeting at 8:02 PM.

After the meeting Noel NO2EL gave a presentation on the Digital FM Modes.

WA2VQF  
MRC Secretary

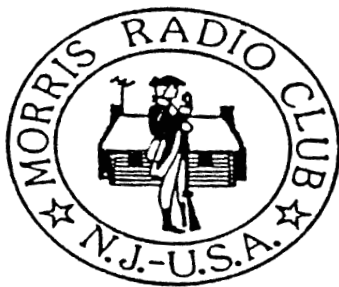


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## HAMFEST CALENDAR

### BARA Spring Hamfest

05/28/2016

**Location:** Westwood Junior/Senior High School  
701 Ridgewood Road  
Township Of Washington, NJ 07676

**Website:** <http://bara.org>

### W2QW Hamfest

06/18/2016

**Location:** Piscataway High School (Lots 11/12)  
110 Behmer Road  
Piscataway, NJ 08854

**Website:** <http://www.w2qw.org>