

PEAKS & NULLS



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FIELD DAY 2011

The Field Day results are in and how did we do? Well we did great. We were number 130 out of 387 nationwide entries in class 2A Which is in the top 33%. We were also fourth in the Northern New Jersey Section and tied for fourth in the Hudson Division. Although not a true contest, Field Day is scored by the ARRL Contest Branch. This gives you a chance to see how your emergency set up did compared to others in the same class. Of course where we go out to have fun, some groups go all out to win a class, like W3AO which ran class 25A (We worked them on both Phone and CW). It's easy to be number one in a class when you're the only entry in that class. In fact there 13 classes with only one entry and W3AO it turns out was the top scorer in the country with 38,764 points. We were class 2A which technically means two transmitters using generator power but, there are exceptions. You can run a GOTA (Get On The Air) station or/and a VHF station which do not count towards the 2 transmitter total. N2XJ which is

the New Providence Radio Club ran a GOTA station (W2FMI) and a VHF station (For a real total of 4 stations). They had 37 members participate and had a points total of 6120 whereas we had 8 members and 3006 points. In fact all the stations ahead of us in the standings ran GOTA stations. What we can't tell though is the mix of contacts made. We tied with W2EGB The East Greenbush Radio Club in the ENY section. We both had 3006 total points but they had 1018 "Q's" from 3 stations that we know of (2A + GOTA and 32 members participating) where we only had 699 "Q's". How did we do so much better with the points total? Well either we had more CW contacts or more bonus points. So what is the end result? The Morris Radio Club with its beam and well placed wire antennas did as good if not better than the other stations in the section and division.



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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Page 75 of the Sunday November 6th Daily News was a full page article about Steve Mendelsohn W2ML working his 36th New York City Marathon. He is the only person who has been on the course for every mile of every one of them. This year though he took part while undergoing chemotherapy for Pancreatic Cancer.

TIME TO UPGRADE

This coming Tuesday, November 22 the VEC exam for our Technician Class will be held in the Library of Normandy Park School at 7PM. This will be a walk in exam open to anyone for any class of license. Spread the word among your friends. This is a great chance to upgrade locally.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 21, 2011 Regular business meeting

November 22, 2011 7PM VEC Exam

December 19, 2011 Holiday Get-Together at the Brookside Diner in Whippany at 6PM

January 23, 2011 Regular business meeting

(Note: The meeting will be held on the 4th Monday of the month due to the Martin Luther King Holiday)

February 27, 2011 Regular business meeting

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

2012 DUES

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Noel NO2EL is now accepting dues payments for 2012. \$15.00 for full membership, \$10.00 for associate.

SELECTED UPCOMING CONTESTS

10-Meter RTTY Contest	0000Z—2400Z, Dec 4
ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 10 to 2359Z, Dec 11
ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW	1800Z—2359Z, Dec 18



PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR DECEMBER 2011

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

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

PREDICTED HIGH LOW

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74.0 84.0 64.0

126.7 135.7 117.7

OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Morris Radio Club – Meeting Minutes

There has been no word yet on the Skywarn class.

October 17, 2011

New Business:

Attendees (5) NO2EL, K2EMJ, KC2RDX, WA2VQF, VE9ADM

The ARRL has changed insurance carriers and our insurance is due for renewal. The old carrier will renew our coverage at the same rate. Noel NO2EL presented a comparison between the old and new carriers. The new ARRL carrier if we don't take the auto insurance rider is approximately 30% cheaper. Noel will invest age further tomorrow. Adam VE9ADM moved to change to the new carrier. Rob KC2RDX Seconded.

Opening of Meeting

President Ed Peters K2EMJ opened the meeting at 7:35 PM Reports:

Secretary – Bill WA2VQF reported that the September Minutes were issued in the Peaks and Nulls Newsletter and that no corrections were received. NOEL NO2EL moved that the minutes be accepted. ROB KC2RDX seconded. The minutes were accepted

We will hold the December meeting on the 19th at the Brookside Diner. If anyone would like to hold it at another location we will discuss it at the November meeting.

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

We discussed the pros and cons of changing the meeting location to Morristown High School.

Rob KC2KNT moved that the Treasurers report be accepted. It was seconded by Adam VE2ADM and unanimously accepted.

Motion to Adjourn Noel NO2EL

Seconded by Adam VE9ADM

Old Business:

Ed closed the meeting at 8:14 PM

Ed received the check from Atlanta Bread for \$66.00

Respectively Submitted,

The class is progressing with one student and Adam VE9ADM auditing the class to get his FCC license

Bill WA2VQF

MRC Secretary

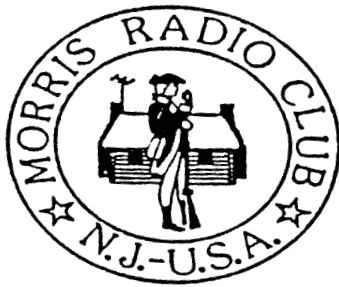


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HAMFEST CALENDAR

NO HAMFESTS SCHEDULED