



PEAKS & NULLS



MORRIS RADIO CLUB

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WE'RE #2 AGAIN THIS YEAR

Every year we go out just to have fun on Field Day and we usually end up around the top 25% of the country. This year we were at 24.5%. We came in at 69 out of 282 entries in the 2A class (Last year we were at 24% (90 out of 376). We were Fifth in the Hudson Division and Second in the Northern New Jersey Section this year 496 points behind N2XJ the New Providence Radio Club who was First in NNJ and Third in the Hudson Division. They also run a GOTA station that adds to their QSO total. We had 3532 points with 478 contacts compared to their 4286 points and 1072 contacts. The Red Oak Society K2OAK came in third with 1128 points from 300 contacts up from

number 6 last year and Metuchen RC in fourth place in NNJ with 842 points from 194 Q's. In the Hudson Division Albany ARC came in first with 6984 points and Bonac ARC in NLI coming in second with 6412 points. This year there were fourteen 2A entries in the Hudson Division up from thirteen last year. There were four 2A stations in the NNJ Section down from seven last year. Field Day 2019 is on June 22nd and 23rd. Just seven more months until we get to do it again. Unfortunately the ARRL has not posted the searchable results yet so I can't give you the NNJ and Hudson Division listings like last year.

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MRC HISTORY

As announced in last months edition February 2019 is the 70th anniversary of the Morris Radio Club. On pages 5 and 6 of this edition is the club history from 1949 to 1962

as written by Ed Weed K2BO one of the original members. Starting next year we'll have a monthly synopsis of what was going on in the club on that month in 1949.

KEEP THE DATE OPEN

Our Holiday Get-Together will be held on Monday December 17th. This event is open to anyone, members, non-members, YL's,

XYL's, harmonics. Everyone pays their own way. More details to follow in next months Peaks & Nulls.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers will take place at the November meeting on

Monday night November 19th.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 19, 2018 Regular business meeting.

December 17, 2018 December Get-Together Location TBD

January 28, 2018 Regular business meeting

February 25, 2018 Regular business meeting

The January and February meetings are the 4th Monday due to holidays

SELECTED UPCOMING CONTESTS

RSGB 80m Autumn Series, SSB	2000Z-2130Z, Nov 21
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Nov 24 to 2400Z, Nov 25
ARRL EME Contest 0000Z,	Nov 24 to 2359Z, Nov 25
UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Nov 28
RSGB 80m Autumn Series, CW	2000Z-2130Z, Nov 29
ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z, Nov 30 to 1600Z, Dec 2
TOPS Activity Contest	1600Z, Dec 1 to 1559Z, Dec 2
EPC Ukraine DX Contest	2000Z, Dec 1 to 1959Z, Dec 2
Ten-Meter RTTY Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 2
QRP ARCI Topband Sprint	0000Z-0300Z, Dec 6
PODXS 070 Club Triple Play Low Band Sprint	0000Z, Dec 8 to 2359Z, Dec 10
ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 8 to 2400Z, Dec 9
International Naval Contest	1600Z, Dec 8 to 1559Z, Dec 9
QRP ARCI Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint	2000Z-2300Z, Dec 9
CQC Great Colorado Snowshoe Run	2100Z-2259Z, Dec 9
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Dec 10
UN DIGI Contest	1400Z-1559Z, Dec 14 and 1600Z-1759Z, Dec 14
Russian 160-Meter Contest	2000Z-2400Z, Dec 14
OK DX RTTY Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 15
Feld Hell Sprint	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 15
Croatian CW Contest	1400Z, Dec 15 to 1400Z, Dec 16
ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW	1800Z-2359Z, Dec 16



PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR DECEMBER 2016

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

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

PREDICTED HIGH LOW

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19.2 29.2 9.2

76.4 85.4 67.4

OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Morris Radio Club – Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2018

Attendees (12) K3YAK, K5PBJ, KA2HZZ, KB2GGK, KC2KNT, KC2MFL, KY2D, NO2EL, W2GM, WA2VQF, WR2G AND WR2G

A quorum was present

Opening of Meeting

President Ed opened the meeting at 7:33 PM

Reports:

Secretary – Bill WA2VQF reported that the September Minutes were issued in the October Peaks and Nulls Newsletter. Sid K2GG reported an error. Craig WR2G was listed twice as an attendee. There was also a mistake on the date. It should have been September 17th not the 18th. The minutes have been corrected.

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

Noel NO2EL presented the treasurers report for October.

Treasurer – Noel NO2EL reported the September account balances.

The actual numbers are available from Noel.

There was no change from September.

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

Old Business

Noel reviewed the Ham-Cram class that will be held on November 3 at the Morris County Police and Fire Academy.

A lively discussion was held about the upcoming ARRL Hudson Division Director Election.

New Business:

Craig WR2G nominated the current slate of officers for re-election.

The BARA Hamfest was postponed to this weekend because of the rain. Of course rain is also forecast for this Saturday.

Craig WR2G moved that the meeting be closed. Jim KY2D Seconded.

President Ed closed the business portion of the meeting at 8:05 PM.

After the business section of the meeting was closed the members viewed a portion of the N2RJ interview on Ham Radio Now recorded on September 2, 2018.

WA2VQF
MRC Secretary

THE EARLY DAYS OF THE MORRIS RADIO CLUB, 1949 - 1962

In the Spring of 1941 several local amateurs formed a disaster communications unit for the Red Cross. Equipment was built for a headquarters control station and for a number of mobile units. Many drills were conducted including a simulated disaster on December 7, 1941. Most of us did not know about Pearl Harbor until we got home and were greeted by weeping wives.

Our group was one of the first in the nation to be activated under the War Emergency Service. We had a good friend in Mayor Clyde Potts of Morristown and he had many good friends in Washington. The group not only provided communications for the Red Cross but established and equipped WERS units in Morristown, Morris Plains and Morris Township.

On February 23, 1949 a meeting was held at Red Cross headquarters to consider the formation of a radio club. Twenty-four amateurs were present including Art Lince SK W2DAE, Tom Mc Cann SK W2AFB, Bayman Mc Whan SK W2GAX, Guernsey Day SK W2OYH, Pent Sumner K2BI, Ben Orchard W2WCM, Tom Winternitz W2YTH, Elizabeth Winternitz W2YTI, Frank Walters W2OEW, Jim Troe WØNTP and Ed Weed W2FSR. Harry Dellicker SK W2RPC, Kay Saunders SK W2WCL, Bill Rawson K2AX, Ed Ladd W2IDZ, John Schrage W2WKL and Bill Wadsworth W2ZKE joined later.

Tom Mc Cann was elected as president and Guernsey Day as treasurer. The following committees were appointed technical, emergency communications and TVI. Dues were set at \$2,00 per year.

Regular meetings got underway twice a month with interesting talks on technical subjects and some movies. In those days TVI was a big issue and the club's report on its work in eliminating TVI was the subject of a special presentation at the May 5th meeting. The report was given a nice write-up in the Daily Record. At that meeting Ben Orchard passed out cigars for baby boy Harry. The first Christmas party was held on December 21, 1949.

On June 2, 1949 the first draft of the constitution and bylaws was presented by Ed Weed. At the June 14th meeting the draft with some modifications was accepted. At that meeting Tom Mc Cann was honored for receiving the Order of the British Empire for his work as Colonel and Chief of the Signal Information Section prior to the invasion of Normandy.

The following years were busy ones with all sorts of club activities. Field days were very important operations and for years MRC was right up there with the leaders. There were many social events such as picnics, xyl evenings and the Christmas parties grew from coffee and cake at the Red Cross to sumptuous dinners at some of the area's finest restaurants.

But it was not all just fun and games. MRC under the direction of Bayman Mc Whan installed a radio in the control tower of the Morristown Airport. This project was given a six column story in the Daily Record with an eight column heading MORRIS CLUB SAVED TOWN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.

The club was very active with the various Morris County Civil Defense organizations and conducted an air-to-ground evaluation test in conjunction with the Morristown CD. There were several 20 minute flights with sixteen club members participating. Over the years there were communications assignments for coaster derbies, parades and Halloween patrols. The club took an active part in lobbying for Assembly Bill No.106 which authorized the issuance of call-letter license plates. Code and theory classes conducted by Carolyn Hull W2YCX introduced many to the world of ham radio.

They were good years and the MRC, I am sure, will make the future as interesting as the past.

Ed Weed K2BO
 W2FSR
 3JF (1922)

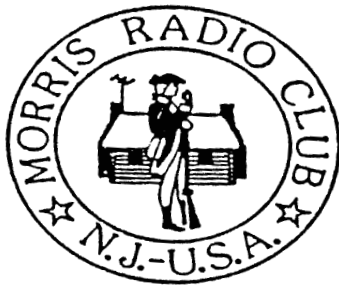


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THE MORRIS RADIO CLUB IS AN ORGANIZATION OF AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS WHICH HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR OVER SIXTY FIVE YEARS. AS A HOBBY, AMATEUR RADIO SERVES AS A PUBLIC RESOURCE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AS WELL AS AN EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE.

ALTHOUGH MANY WHO BECOME INTERESTED IN AMATEUR RADIO ARE INVOLVED IN AN ELECTRONICS RELATED FIELD, THE HOBBY APPEALS TO A WIDE VARIETY OF INDIVIDUALS.

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.

HAMFEST CALENDAR

Ham Radio Auction

11/23/2018

Location: Fair Lawn Senior Citizen Center
11-05 Gardiner Road
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

Website: <http://www.fairlawnarc.org>

Sponsor: Fair Lawn Amateur Radio Club