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MORRIS RADIO CLUB

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Random contacts from the President

This month I don't have a program lined up but come to our April meeting with an open mind for a little ham radio fun. I have found an idea for a game and I'll even provide some fabulous prizes, including a new car. Sorry, that's a late April fool's day joke, I don't have the budget for a new car but prizes will be awarded.

Field Day is June 22-23 and due to my poor planning I will not be at our May and June meeting but I will be at FD 2013. I usually order Field Day Pins, this year they are round and the description says they are 1 1/4 inches in size. They are still \$5, so if you want a FD pin, please tell me at the April meeting or send me an email by the May meeting. This year I promise to order and have them for delivery at Field Day.

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IN THE NEWS

The Wednesday, April 3, 2013 issue of "The Citizen of Morris County" carried a front page article titled "Radio buffs 'ham' it up in Denville Twp". Although the article contains some factual errors (including one real big one) it presents a fairly accurate representation of local RACES operations.

Along with the RACES article was the related editorial written by Mike Condon and Michelle Walbaum (Michelle also did the RACES story)

Below is that editorial reprinted complete with grammatical and word errors:

Reflecting on radio, HAM style

When it comes to communication these days, we're all involved in a rat race. It all started with telephones, and then we bumped up to fax machines, pagers, then to cell phones, the Internet, social media and sending cat pictures to each other over email.

We're surrounded by it.

We can't get away from communication, whether it's sending a late-night email to your boss or sending off a text to your friend about a cup of coffee tomorrow.

We take it for granted.

But, sometimes, that's not such a good idea. And some recent examples show the reason why. Despite our thoughts it's not always going to be there when we need it the most. And during Hurricane Sandy that became even more

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 15, 2013 Regular Business Meeting

May 20, 2013 Regular Business Meeting

June 17, 2013 Regular Business Meeting—Field Day Discussion

2013 DUES

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Noel NO2EL is now accepting dues payments for 2013. \$15.00 for full membership, \$10.00 for associate.

SELECTED UPCOMING CONTESTS

10-10 Int. Spring Contest, CW	0001Z, May 4 to 2359Z, May 5
CQ-M International DX Contest	1200Z, May 11 to 1159Z, May 12
VOLTA WW RTTY Contest	1200Z, May 11 to 1200Z, May 12
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW	1200Z, May 18 to 1200Z, May 19
CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	0000Z, May 25 to 2400Z, May 26



PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR MAY 2013

SUNSPOT NUMBER

PREDICTED	HIGH	LOW
88.2	98.2	78.2

10.7 RADIO FLUX

PREDICTED	HIGH	LOW
139.9	148.9	130.9

MARCH MEETING MINUTES

The March 2013 meeting of the Morris Radio Club was cancelled due to the winter weather and poor driving conditions on March 18.

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evident, with cable, telephone, and computers and in many cases, cell phone signals going dead.

That's why it's important to keep other modes of communication around in case the worst befalls us.

Instituting a Radio Amateur Civil Service is one way some towns are allowing for that to happen.

The RACES groups are generally made up of dedicated volunteers that train to communicate over amateur radio bands.

They serve as a secondary backup for police and other emergency services in case other modes of communication fail.

There's a group in Denville, in Rockaway, and in other municipalities in the area.

Ham radio is still very much alive and well, with over 764,189 operators in the United States. The FCC-allocated frequencies are used by operators divided into three classes: Technician, general and extra.

Each class has a different set of technical know-how.

In order to get a license for any of these classes, an exam is required – and the operator has to learn strict FCC requirements, regulations and a gamut of technical terms.

Ham radio operators lend a helping hand to emergency services operating within the township.

Although they're no longer the primary means of communication over long distances, operators have found a well-needed niche for themselves.

And in cast the worst befalls us, we'll always have radio to back us up.



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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

2013 North Jersey Hamfest

04/20/2013

Location: Roxbury Senior Center
 72 Eyland Avenue
 Succasunna, NJ 07876

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

Cherryville Repeater Assn II Hamfest

05/11/2013

Location: North Hunterdon Regional High School
 1445 Route 31 South
 Clinton Township, NJ

Website: <http://www.qsl.net/w2cra/>

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We have discussed having a way for members to attend our meetings remotely. I will be interested in any updates on this topic anyone has at our April meeting because I may be able to do this for the May meeting. I was looking at some Iphone apps but didn't get to try them and see what is needed on the desktop side to use them. One that looked interesting to me was called Zoom.

Finally, I may be going up to the Spiltrock hamfest with a few items to sell but I'll mention them here if anyone is interested, get in touch with me.

Icom 746 pro

Kenwood TM-V7A 2m / 440 mobile transiver with a separation cable

This is provided I can find the actual radio control head.

A Dstar mini hotspot board from NI2O

Hope to see you at our April meeting or at Field Day.

73, Ed K2EMJ email: k2emj@arrl.net