



PEAKS & NULLS



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HOLIDAY GET-TOGETHER

On Monday night December 18th we will meet at the East Hanover Diner at 275 NJ-10, East Hanover, NJ 07936 at 6 PM for our annual Holiday Get-Together that is held in place of a December meeting. The diner is located in the east bound lanes of Rt. 10. Go past the AMC East Hanover 12 theaters and it is approximately 2000 ft

past the exit for Mt. Pleasant Ave. This a pay your own way gathering that is open to anyone (members, spouses, significant others, friends, etc.). If you haven't already done so and plan on coming, please email Noel at no2el@optonline.net so that he can arrange seating with the diner.

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DANCING WITH THE FCC

A while back I got a letter from the W5YI group reminding me that it was time to renew my license. Seeing that they were six weeks early and wanted me to pay them for the privilege of renewing my license I did what I always do with their letters. I threw it out. Two weeks ago I got my reminder from the ARRL. They will renew my license for free. Of course I decided to skip the paperwork and renew it directly with the FCC on line. You can renew up to 90 days before your license expires. 89 days before I went on line. First problem, did I even have a password from the last time I renewed ten years ago. Even if I did, now they want a Personal Security Question. So after picking the PSQ and resetting the password (even if I had one to begin with) 1,2,3 I was renewed. Now the problem. As the ARRL tells us on their reminder letter, the FCC has gone Paperless. The default is to get a copy of your license in PDF form. I downloaded it, cut it up and went to replace the one in the frame in the shack. Guess what. It's

not the same size. It's wider and shorter than the old printed one. Being that it's a secured PDF (which I agree with) it's impossible to change the size along with the aspect ratio to make it the same as the old one. Also the marking "Cut Along This" on the right side is on the inside of the line so it is not cut off and shows when the license is cut to size. Not wanting to go out and buy a bigger frame that would hold an undersized piece of paper, I logged back in to the FCC and changed my paper preference to yes. I then requested a duplicate because I didn't know if I would receive one by just changing the preference. It's been over a week. I did get a letter telling me that my PSQ had been reset. But no sign of a license yet. Of course I may be getting two of them. LATE UPDATE: I got my license from the FCC. It must be the duplicate because it says "Official Copy". It is on regular bond paper but it is the right size and the cut instructions are in the right place, outside the lines.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

December 18, 2017 Holiday Get-Together 6 PM at the East Hanover
Diner 275 NJ-10, East

January 22, 2018 Regular business meeting

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

February 26, 2018 Regular business meeting

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

2018 DUES

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Noel NO2EL is now accepting dues payments for 2018. \$15.00 for full membership, \$10.00 for associate. If you have a PayPal account, dues can now be paid by using Pay-Pal.

SELECTED UPCOMING CONTESTS

Russian 160-Meter Contest	2000Z-2400Z, Dec 15
ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW	1800Z-2359Z, Dec 17
DARC Christmas Contest	0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 29
RAC Winter Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 30
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Dec 30 to 1500Z, Dec 31
SARTG New Year RTTY Contest	0800Z-1100Z, Jan 1
ARRL RTTY Roundup	1800Z, Jan 6 to 2400Z, Jan 7
Kid's Day Contest	1800Z-2359Z, Jan 6
North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Jan 13 to 0559Z, Jan 14
NRAU-Baltic Contest, SSB	0630Z-0830Z, Jan 14
DARC 10-Meter Contest	0900Z-1059Z, Jan 14
ARRL January VHF Contest	1900Z, Jan 20 to 0359Z, Jan 22



PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR JANUARY 2017

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

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

PREDICTED HIGH LOW
18.2 28.2 8.2

PREDICTED HIGH LOW
75.4 84.4 66.4

NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Morris Radio Club – Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2017

Attendees (10) K2EMJ, KC2KNT, KC2MFL, NO2EL, W2GM, WR2G, WA2VQF, KD2JGS, KB2GGK and K5PBJ

A quorum was present.

Opening of Meeting
President Ed opened the meeting at 7:33 PM

Reports:

Secretary – Bill WA2VQF reported that the October Minutes were issued in the November Peaks and Nulls Newsletter. There is one correction. In the attendance section KD2NMX was listed as KD2MNX.

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

Noel NO2EL presented the treasurers report for September.

Treasurer – Noel NO2EL reported the November account balances. The actual numbers are available from Noel.

Craig WR2G moved that the Treasurers report be accepted. Ray KC2KNTL Seconded. The Treasurers report was accepted.

Old Business

A discussion was held about the location for the December Get-Together. It was decided to go to the East Hanover Diner this year.

New Business:

Ed started a conversation on the Field Day results and commented that our second place result was a very good showing.

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

President Ed closed the business portion of the meeting at 7:56 PM.

After the meeting Noel demonstrated the go kit he built that contains a dual band radio along with power supply. It also has external antenna connectors and USB ports along with a battery that can power the rig in low power.

WA2VQF
MRC Secretary

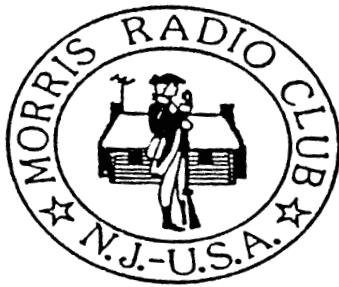


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ALTHOUGH MANY WHO BECOME INTERESTED IN AMATEUR RADIO ARE INVOLVED IN AN ELECTRONICS RELATED FIELD, THE HOBBY APPEALS TO A WIDE VARIETY OF INDIVIDUALS.

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

New York/Long Island Section Convention (Ham Radio University)

01/06/2018

Location: LIU - CW Post Campus, Hillwood Commons Student Center
720 Northern Blvd.
Brookville, NY

Website: <http://hamradiouniversity.org>

New Providence ARC Auction

02/24/2018

Location: New Providence High School
35 Pioneer Drive
New Providence, NJ 07974

Website: <http://nparc.org>