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JANUARY'S PROGRAM

The Story of the Queen Mary and W6RO
 Amateur Radio station W6RO has enjoyed over 29 years of continuous operation aboard the Queen Mary. Nearly 100 radio amateurs volunteer every month to operate from the station. Since radio was reintroduced to the ship, W6RO has presented a positive image of the Amateur Radio Service to more than four million visitors. Permanently docked at the Port of Long Beach, the Queen Mary is one of

the most popular tourist attractions in Southern California. W6RO is a regular stop for visitors on the self-guided tour, and visiting radio amateurs may log in and get on the air. The former passenger liner is on the National Register of Historic Places. Narrated by Nathan Brightman, K6OSC, Manager of W6RO aboard the Queen Mary. Club Station of the Associated Radio Amateurs of Long Beach, Inc.

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10 METER CONTEST SETS NEW RECORD

The 2011 ARRL 10 Meter Contest set a new record with 5438 logs received. This is the most logs received for any ARRL sponsored contest. The band

was open and there was plenty of DX to be had. It's amazing what a few little sunspots can do.

DO YOU NEED MORE WALLPAPER?

The easiest way to add to your QSL collection is to work a contest. Two weeks ago in the ARRL Rtty RoundUp I worked 33 states, two Canadian Provinces and 11 Countries in seven hours scattered over the 48 hours of the contest. It's easy to join in. Just look up the rules for the contest and find out what the exchange is. Some contests use a signal report and a consecutive serial number, some use your state, a couple use your age (XL's and XYL's can use 0). Then just listen and get a feel for the rhythm of the ex-

change. Then pick a station and give him a call. It's real easy after the first one. Most of the stations in the contest just want to get you in the log as fast as possible so you don't have to spend a lot of time in a QSO. One other tip. Wait until near the end of the contest to work the big contest stations. By that time the big pileups are gone and they are looking for any points they can get to put them over the top. They are more willing to dig out a weak station. Earlier in the contest they only take the easy ones.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 23, 2012 Regular business meeting

Program: Video of W6RO on the Queen Mary

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

February 27, 2012 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

10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB	0001Z, Feb 4 to 2359Z, Feb 5
North American Sprint, CW	0000Z—0400Z, Feb 5
CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	0000Z, Feb 11 to 2400Z, Feb 12
North American Sprint, SSB	0000Z—0400Z, Feb 12
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Feb 18 to 2400Z, Feb 19
CQ 160-Meter contest, SSB	2200Z, Feb 24 to 2159Z, Feb 26
North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Feb 25 to 0600Z, Feb 26



PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR FEBRUARY 2012

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

PREDICTED	HIGH	LOW
80.7	88.7	72.7

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

PREDICTED	HIGH	LOW
133.3	140.3	126.3

DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

There was no business meeting in December. A Holiday Get-Together was held at the Brookside Diner in Whippany on December 19.



Talking about Field Day while waiting for desert.



At least someone got in the holiday spirit.

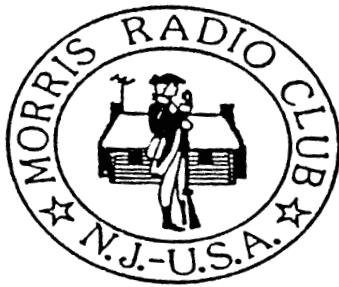


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ALTHOUGH MANY WHO BECOME INTERESTED IN AMATEUR RADIO ARE INVOLVED IN AN ELECTRONICS RELATED FIELD, THE HOBBY APPEALS TO A WIDE VARIETY OF INDIVIDUALS.

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

February 25, 2012

New Providence ARC Annual Auction

New Providence Municipal Gym

Sellers 5:30PM, Buyers 6PM, Auction starts at 7PM

<http://www.nparc.org/auction.htm>