



# PEAKS & NULLS



MORRIS RADIO CLUB

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## A HISTORY OF THE WANJ AWARD

As most of you know next month is the 70th anniversary of the reactivation of the Morris Radio Club so it came as quite a surprise when around December 1st Noel received a membership application from W3HDH in Seymour IL. At the bottom Doug had written that he was a member from 1953 to 1965 when he was K2GLQ and was one of the founders of the NANJ award. Noel recognized the call immediately as the holder of the NANJ certificate #1. The call was also familiar to Noel because before he moved to Morris County he was active and held offices in the Nutley Amateur Radio society which has held the call W2GLQ for many years. Noel asked Doug if he could supply us with a history of the award and here is Doug's reply:

Hi Noel

Thanks for the note. It has been awhile since I was a member (1953-1960) while in Morristown High School, U of Delaware, Carnegie Mellon although attendance during college was minimal - usually just field day.

Yes, I remember operating portable on field day while teaching at Middlebury College in Vermont and constantly getting "Worked before" - obviously from W2GLQ.

WANJ started as kind of an informal contest among radio club members. At the time, I was one of the net control stations for the NJ Phone and Traffic net and mentioned that we sometimes almost had all counties check into the net. Someone said their should be an award. So Ed W2IDZ and I were chatting on six meters one night and decided to go ahead. We were overheard by several other stations and the race was on. I got to Ed first with my 21 cards. Surprised that it is still offered and thanks for keeping it going.

Speaking of field day, my very first FD was with the Morris Radio Club. At the time, meetings were held at the Morristown Armory on Western Ave. The National Guard offered their building for us to use on FD. It was a great setup as we had tables, chairs, lots of space to setup in dif-

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 28, 2019

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

February 25, 2019 Regular business meeting

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

March 18, 2019 Regular business meeting

## 2019 DUES

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Noel NO2EL is now accepting dues payments for 2019. \$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

CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW	2200Z, Jan 25 to 2200Z, Jan 27
Winter Field Day	1900Z, Jan 26 to 1900Z, Jan 27
Vermont QSO Party	0000Z, Feb 2 to 2400Z, Feb 3
10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB	0001Z, Feb 2 to 2359Z, Feb 3
Mexico RTTY International Contest	1200Z, Feb 3 to 2359Z, Feb 4
Minnesota QSO Party	1400Z-2400Z, Feb 2
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	2000Z-2130Z, Feb 4
CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	0000Z, Feb 9 to 2359Z, Feb 10
SARL Field Day Contest	1000Z, Feb 9 to 1000Z, Feb 10
Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, CW	1100Z-1300Z, Feb 9
YLRL YL-OM Contest	1400Z, Feb 9 to 0200Z, Feb 11
ARRL School Club Roundup	1300Z, Feb 11 to 2359Z, Feb 15
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	2000Z-2130Z, Feb 13
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Feb 16 to 2400Z, Feb 17



## PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR FEBRUARY 2016

\*\*\*SUNSPOT NUMBER\*\*\*

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

PREDICTED HIGH LOW

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26.9 34.9 18.9

85.1 92.1 78.1

## DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

There was no business meeting in December. A Holiday Get-Together was held at the East Hanover Diner on December 17. Thirteen members and one guest were in attendance.

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ferent rooms, flat roof provided easy antenna erection including several yagis. In addition, the National Guard offered use of their 50 KW portable generator powered by a Ford V8 engine, as I remember. 5pm (starting time then) came and off went W20YH – old yellow house. About 5:30 a racket like you have never heard followed by total loss of power. The generator had blown a connecting rod and we were off the air.

Now, this was an emergency! So what did the club do - indeed it was an emergency so we switched to the best solution at hand – plug everything into the existing wiring in the armory and operate off our new "emergency" power! I really don't know what category we entered under but problem was solved.

Except the next morning, a major roar was again heard throughout the building. The Sherman tank unit was holding it's monthly drill outside our operating positions. Tanks are not quiet machines! Memorable field day, indeed.

Hello to the club and hope you and everyone have a great Christmas and New Years. See you on the bands (mostly in contests).

73, Doug Maddox, W3HDH (ex K2GLQ;, W1FJN)

Thanks Doug this really answers the questions we had about the history of the award and welcome back.

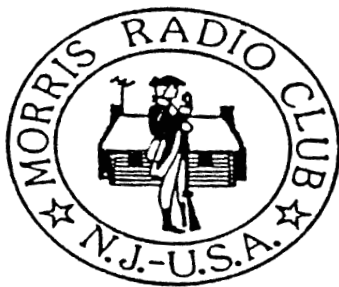


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## HAMFEST CALENDAR

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

01/05/2019

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

**Website:** <http://hamradiouniversity.org>

### **Long Island Hamfest and Electronics Fair**

02/24/2019

**Location:** Levittown Hall  
201 Levittown Parkway  
Hicksville, NY 11801

**Website:** <https://limarc.org/>