



# PEAKS & NULLS



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## FIELD DAY WRAP UP

Well another Field Day is in the books. It didn't rain and the hot weather waited a few days to show up. Everything went fairly smooth during the setup. The crew shooting the ropes over the lights did well this year. They got the first pole on the third shot after I evoked the name of Paul KC2ITU who had the magic touch last year. That technique also worked on the second pole. Nothing worked on the third so we didn't use it and tied both Windom's to the second pole. Murphy made his presence known later that night when the hard drive crashed on the VHF computer. Noel got it back up but it reloaded all the Q's that it had made into the other two logging computers causing dupes. That was no problem as the contacts were not counted. It was a problem later when the drive died for good so, we shut down the VHF station and just ran the other two. On Sunday we re-configured the TS2000 to run as the phone station to give the phone operators a chance to use it as it may be the phone station rig next year.

The phone station Q's were up by 46 this year while the CW station was down by 70. Most of this was due to the bands being dead on Saturday. Sunday was better and 10 meters opened up enough so that the CW station could work 10 Q's and the Phone station 8. This is three years in a row now that 10 has been dead.

The 2014 bonus points total was 750 while it was 970 for 2013. We lost points because of three things. No elected official visited, no youth element this year and no media publicity.

The log was uploaded to LoTW. When it was processed we already had over 80 confirmations including ones from the WIAW centennial stations.

Thanks again to everyone who helped with the setup and takedown along with manning the stations. A special thanks to our friends at the Morris Township OEM for their help with the trailer, generator and transporting the tower.

## AUGUST GET TOGETHER

Again this year we will be having a get together for all members and their fiends and families at the Atlanta Bread in Morris Plains instead of a meeting in August. Details in the August issue of Peaks & Nulls.

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 2013 — No Meeting

August 18, 2014 — Get Together at Atlanta Bread in Morris Plains

September 15, 2014 — Regular Business Meeting

## SELECTED UPCOMING CONTESTS

10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB	0001Z, Aug 2 to 2359Z, Aug 3
European HF Championship	1200Z-2359Z, Aug 2
ARRL August UHF Contest	1800Z, Aug 2 to 1800Z, Aug 3
North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Aug 2 to 0559Z, Aug 3
SARL HF Phone Contest	1300Z-1630Z, Aug 3
WAE DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Aug 9 to 2359Z, Aug 10
SARTG WW RTTY Contest	0000Z, Aug 16 to 1600Z, Aug 17
ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	0600 local, Aug 16 to 2400 local, Aug 17
North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Aug 16 to 0559Z, Aug 17
SCC RTTY Championship	1200Z, Aug 30 to 1159Z, Aug 31
SARL HF CW Contest	1400Z-1600Z, Aug 31



## PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR AUGUST 2014

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

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

**PREDICTED HIGH LOW**

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78.9 88.9 68.9

131.2 140.2 122.2

## JUNE MEETING MINUTES

<p>Morris Radio Club - Meeting Minutes June 16, 2014</p> <p>Attendees (7) KC2EMG, KC2KNT, NO2EL, W2GM, W2LEE, WA2VQF and one visitor KB2FVG</p> <p>A quorum was present.</p> <p>Opening of Meeting President Ed opened the meeting at 7:34 PM</p> <p>Reports:</p> <p>Secretary - Bill WA2VQF reported that the May Minutes were issued in the June Peaks and Nulls Newsletter. There were no corrections reported. Ray KC2KNTL moved that the minutes be accepted. Irma KC2MFL seconded. The minutes were accepted</p>	<p>Noel NO2EL presented the treasurers reports for June.</p> <p>The actual account balances are available by contacting Noel directly.</p> <p>Ray KC2KNT moved that the Treasurers reports be accepted. It was seconded by Irma KC2MF and unanimously accepted.</p> <p>Old Business:</p> <p>Noel has not heard anything on the 501© (3) reinstatement yet.</p> <p>New Business:</p> <p>There is no meeting in July</p> <p>We will again have a get-together at Atlanta Bread in August.</p> <p>Noel had a tower problem and will be selling the antennas that came off the tower. He will need</p>	<p>help to get the sections apart to repair the tower.</p> <p>Noel has received a thank you note from the recipient of this years scholarship. He also received notification from the ARRL that the scholarship had been awarded.</p> <p>We talked about how well the remote checkin via Skype worked when Ed was in Pennsylvania last month. This may be a way for some of our members that cannot make the meeting in person to attend.</p> <p>Harvey WS2Q moved that the meeting be closed. It was seconded by Ray KC2KNTL and unanimously accepted.</p> <p>President Ed K2EMJ closed the meeting at 8:10 PM.</p> <p>After the meeting we had a discussion</p>	<p>about our Field Day setup and operation.</p> <p>Bill WA2VQF MRC Secretary</p>
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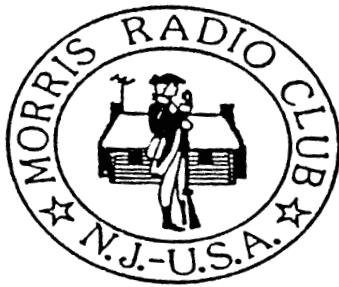


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## HAMFEST CALENDAR

### Ramapo Mountain ARC Hamfest

08/23/2014

**Location:** Camp Veritans  
225 Pompton Road  
Haledon, NJ 07508

**Website:** <http://qsl.net/rmarc>