



PEAKS & NULLS



MORRIS RADIO CLUB

Volume III, Issue III
March 13, 2014

ARRL NNJ CABINET MEETING HELD

Mike Lisenco N2YBB the ARRL Hudson Division Director held a Hudson Division – Northern New Jersey Section Cabinet Meeting on March 1 at the Morris County Police and Fire Academy for representatives of clubs within the ARRL NNJ Section. Since Mike took office last year he has been holding individual Cabinet Meetings after the ARRL Board Meeting for the three Sections instead of one meeting for all three. This reduces the travel for everyone except Mike and Bill Hudzik, W2UDT the Division Vice-Director who was also at the meeting. In attendance for the Morris Radio Club were President Ed Peters K2EMJ, Treasurer Noel Scheffen NO2EL and Secretary Bill Loftus WA2VQF. Including the MRC representatives there were 23 people attending.

Mike began the meeting by presenting the report he presented to the ARRL Board of Directors detailing what the Division worked on during 2013 and looking forward to what he hopes to accomplish in 2014 (Both the Agenda and the report to the BOD are on pages 5 through 7 of this newsletter). He then went over the steps being taken in New York to keep Amateur Radio from being included in the NYS distracted driving law and that at this time we do not have these problems in New Jersey.

He then talked about making connections with the NY 7th and 20th Congressional Districts to get ARRL sponsored bills through Congress.

Mike then detailed how he hopes to make the EC-01 course a ARRL Member Benefit. Because the course was developed outside the ARRL and is hosted on a server owned by the developer there is currently a \$50.00 charge for the course. Mike is looking into forming a not for profit corporation to raise funds to cover the cost of this course for ARRL members.

Mike continued by reporting that he was elected to the ARRL Executive Committee which is odd for a sophomore member of the BOD. The Executive Committee consists of five members and between ARRL Board Meetings the Executive Committee acts as the board. One of the items that they are responsible for is monitoring the tasks assigned by the full board to be completed by the staff.

Another item that the board previously approved was the creation of a Library of PowerPoint and other materials submitted by members for the use of mem-

(Continued on page 3)

Inside this issue:

UPCOMING MEETINGS	2
2014 DUES	2
UPCOMING CONTESTS	2
SOLAR FULX PREDICTION	3
FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES	3
HAMFEST CALENDAR	4
CABINET MEETING AGENDA	5
ARRL BOD REPORT FOR 2013	6
ARRL BOD REPORT PLANNED FOR 2014	7



UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 17, 2014 Regular business meeting

April 28, 2014 Regular business meeting

May 19, 2014 Regular business meeting

June 16, 2014 Regular business meeting & Field Day preparations
(Provided the school is available)

2014 DUES

2014 DUES

Noel NO2EL is now accepting dues payments for 2014. \$15.00 for full membership, \$10.00 for associate.

SELECTED UPCOMING CONTESTS

SARL 80m QSO Party	1700Z-2000Z, Apr 3
LZ Open 40m Sprint Contest	0400Z-0800Z, Apr 5
SP DX Contest	1500Z, Apr 5 to 1500Z, Apr 6
Holyland DX Contest	2100Z, Apr 18 to 2100Z, Apr 19
TARA Skirmish Digital Prefix Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Apr 19
10-10 Int. Spring Contest, Digital	0001Z, Apr 26 to 2359Z, Apr 27
SP DX RTTY Contest	1200Z, Apr 26 to 1200Z, Apr 27
BARTG Sprint 75	1700Z-2100Z, Apr 27



PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR APRIL 2014

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

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

PREDICTED HIGH LOW

PREDICTED HIGH LOW

82.2 91.2 73.2

135.5 143.5 127.5

FEbruary MEETING MINUTES

Morris Radio Club - Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2014

Attendees (7) K2EMJ, KC2KNT, KC2MFL, KD2DRK, KY2D, NO2EL, WA2VQF and two visitors W2TTT and KU9C

A quorum was present.

Opening of Meeting

President Ed opened the meeting at 7:32 PM

Reports:

Secretary - Bill WA2VQF reported that the January Minutes were issued in the February Peaks and Nulls Newsletter. There were no corrections reported. IRMA KC2MFL moved that the minutes be accepted. Jim KY2D seconded. The minutes were accepted

Noel NO2EL presented the treasurers reports for January.

Treasurer - Noel NO2EL reported the January account balances. The actual numbers are available from Noel.

Ray KC2KNT moved that the Treasurers reports be accepted. It was seconded by IRMA KC2MFL and unanimously accepted.

Old Business:

Noel and Rob are still working on the fillable PDF for the Worked All New Jersey Award

The application to reinstate our 501(C)(3) will be reviewed by the club officers after the meeting.

New Business:

Noel will renew the web page site. If there is a discount for renewing for multiple years he will take advantage of it.

Noel is getting a copy of the Technician course from Gordon W2TTT that can be done in eight hours.

Ray KC2KNT made a motion to close the meeting. Irma KC2MFL seconded.

President Ed K2EMJ closed the meeting at 7:47 PM.

After the meeting guest speaker Gordon Bettie W2TTT gave a presentation on Mesh Networks

Bill WA2VQF
MRC Secretary

(Continued from page 1)

bers and clubs. As of yet this has not been done.

Mike then went over the problem with RM-I 1708 the Petition for Rule Making that was filed by the ARRL with the FCC. It turned into a major public relations problem by not first getting input from members that run the digital modes. Mike moved that the HF Band Plan committee poll the members on their input. The board then ordered that a FAQ on RM-I 1708 be put on the ARRL Home Page.

(Continued on page 4)

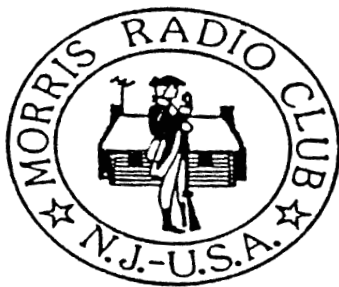


MORRIS RADIO CLUB

K2EMJ ED PETERS PRESIDENT
KC2RDX ROB BRABANDT VP
WA2VQF BILL LOFTUS SECRETARY
NO2EL NOEL SCHEFFEN TREASURER

E-mail: [morriscradioclub@gmail.com](mailto:morrisradioclub@gmail.com)

WWW.MORRISRADIOCLUB.ORG



THE MORRIS RADIO CLUB IS AN ORGANIZATION OF AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS WHICH HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR OVER SIXTY FIVE YEARS. AS A HOBBY, AMATEUR RADIO SERVES AS A PUBLIC RESOURCE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AS WELL AS AN EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE.

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

HAMFest / SpringFling Flea Market

04/05/2014

Location: Conlon Hall
19 North William Street
Bergenfield, NJ 07621

North Jersey Hamfest

04/12/2014

Location: Roxbury Senior Center
72 Eyland Avenue
Succasunna, NJ 07876
Website: <http://www.splitrockara.org>

(Continued from page 3)

Mike then reported that the ARRL had replaced their Lobbyist in Washington. Lobbying by the ARRL costs \$100,000.00 a year.

Mike is looking into holding a general membership meeting where any ARRL member can attend. This may be in a Webinar format to start.

Mike talked about some of the major repeater jamming that is going on around New York City. The jammer has been identified but the FCC has yet to take action. Laura Smith who took over for Riley Hollingsworth as the FCC's chief policeman will only say that it is being investigated.

Mike then talked about the ARRL Centennial being held at the Connecticut Convention Center on July 17-19 in Hartford Connecticut. There will be 65 hours of forums along with an indoor flea market. Tickets are \$75 for all three days and include the forums. A 2 day pass costs \$25 advance sale and \$35 at the door. The dinner on Saturday night with the Director of FEMA as the speaker is \$75 and the Presidents Breakfast on Sunday is \$35.

Hudson Division – Northern New Jersey Section Cabinet Meeting

March 1, 2014

AGENDA

Introduction

Review of 2013

Wish-list for 2014

Discussion of January ARRL Board Meeting

- Election to Executive Committee
 - What the EC is and why it's important
- Transparency and accountability.
 - Motion responding to lack of communication
 - RM-11708 FAQ

Legislative Action

- Grass-Roots Action
 - Meeting with District Director for Rep. Tonko

ARRL Centennial Celebration

- July 2014 in Hartford, CT
- Celebrate by Operating On-The-Air all year long!
 - W100AW, W1AW/x, and QSO Party

Comments, Questions, Suggestions, and What Did I Miss?

Hudson Division Report to the ARRL Board of Directors
A look back at 2013, a look forward to 2014

2013

- ❖ Began my tenure as Director and was appointed to the PSC Committee.
 - Joined Clubs subcommittee.
 - Joined Educational subcommittee.
 - ◆ Participated in many hours of teleconferences conducting committee business.
- ❖ Joined ARRL Centennial Steering Committee.
 - Attended monthly meetings at ARRL HQ.
- ❖ Brought the Hudson Division Cabinet meetings to each Section.
 - Less travel for members.
 - More participation per meeting.
 - ◆ 10 times more members attended over six meetings than the one and only meeting held the prior year.
- ❖ Solicited and obtained written documentation from New York State Department of Motor Vehicles Counsel regarding cell phone and distracted driving laws. I posted the document on the Hudson Division website and it is available for download.
 - Amateur Radio mobile communications in New York is not in violation of Cell Phone law.
 - Amateur Radio mobile communications in New York is not in violation of distracted driving law as long as radio is used for talking only.*
 - *No texting or typing of messages.
 - *No transmission of pictures.
 - *No usage of radio for anything else that may be in violation.
- ❖ Made changes to the Annual Hudson Division Awards.
 - Moved location away from venue that had been used for the prior 10 years.
 - Increased participation nearly 50%.
 - Raised almost \$5,000 for Spectrum Defense Fund.
 - ◆ A record \$2,000 more than prior year.
- ❖ Travelled nearly 9,000 miles attending meetings and hamfests.
 - 600 miles alone on Field Day.
- ❖ Developed Grass-Roots action team in NY 20th Congressional District
 - My pilot program green-lighted at the July 2013 Board meeting.
 - Met with District Director.
 - ◆ Working to get ARRL Bill sponsored in 2014 legislative calendar.
 - Coordinating efforts with ARRL Counsel.
- ❖ Developing grass-roots action team in NJ 7th Congressional District.
 - Working to get ARRL Bill sponsored in 2014 legislative calendar.
- ❖ I was the Keynote speaker at Ham Radio University.
 - NLI Section Convention.
 - Live-streamed on the Internet.

2014

- ❖ Continue Grass-Roots pilot program/legislative effort.
 - Follow up in NY 20th District.
 - Continue efforts in NJ 7th District.
 - Begin development of relationships in other Districts.

- ❖ Begin a program to reimburse members who successfully complete EC-01.
 - Form not-for-profit, tax-exempt corporation.
 - Raise funds.
 - ◆ Division awards program.
 - ◆ Donations.

- ❖ Develop contest within Division to increase ARRL membership.
 - In each Section, the club bringing in most new members wins prize.
 - ◆ Certificate, plaque, ARRL gift certificate.

- ❖ Hold general membership meeting for Hudson Division.
 - First time ever in Division.
 - Webinar format.

- ❖ Centennial Celebration.
 - Continue efforts to make event a success.
 - ◆ Encourage participation.
 - ◆ Get volunteers.
 - ◆ On-the-air activities.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Lisenco, N2YBB
Director, Hudson Division