

PEAKS & NULLS



MORRIS RADIO CLUB

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A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

Last year Noel received from the estate of Ed Weed K2BO (SK) a box containing the club minutes from the first meeting on February 23, 1949 to August 21, 1962 along with a club roster from 1965 that includes K2EMJ Senior, pictures and other paperwork. Among the paperwork was the following history of the club written by Ed.

THE EARLY DAYS OF THE MORRIS RADIO CLUB, 1949 – 1962

In the Spring of 1941 several local amateurs formed a disaster communications unit for the Red Cross. Equipment was built for a headquarters control station and for a number of mobile units. Many drills were conducted including a simulated disaster on December 7, 1941. Most of us did not know about Pearl Harbor until we got home and were greeted by weeping wives.

Our group was one of the first in the nation to be activated under the war emergency Service. We had a good friend in Mayor Clyde Potts of Morristown and he had many good friends in Washington. The group not only provided communications for the Red Cross but established and equipped WERS units in Morristown, Morris Plains and Morris Township.

On February 23, 1949 a meeting was held at Red Cross headquarters to consider the formation of a radio club. Twenty-four amateurs were present including Art Lance SK W2ADE, Tom Mc Cann SK W2AFB, Bayman Mc Whan SK W2AGX, Guernsey Day SK W2OYH, Pent Sumner K2BI, Ben Orchard W2WCM, Tom Winternitz W2YTH, Elizabeth Winternitz W2YTI, Frank Walters W2OEW, Jim Troe W0NTP and Ed Weed W2FSR. Harry Dellicker SK W2RPC, Kay Saunders SK W2WCL, Bill Rawson K2AX, Ed Ladd W2IDZ, John Schrage N2WKL and Bill Wadsworth W2ZKE joined later.

Tom Mc Cann was elected as president and Guernsey Day as treasurer.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 16, 2015 Regular business meeting

April 20, 2015 Regular business meeting

May 18, 2015 Regular business meeting

June 15, 2015 Regular business meeting & Field Day preparations
(Provided the school is available)

2015 DUES

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Noel NO2EL is now accepting dues payments for 2015. \$15.00 for full membership, \$10.00 for associate.

SELECTED UPCOMING CONTESTS

RSGB Commonwealth Contest	1000Z, Mar 14 to 1000Z, Mar 15
North American Sprint, RTTY	0000Z-0400Z, Mar 15
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Mar 16
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Mar 18 and 1900Z-2000Z, Mar 18 and 0300Z-0400Z, Mar 19
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	2000Z-2130Z, Mar 19
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Mar 20
BARTG HF RTTY Contest	0200Z, Mar 21 to 0200Z, Mar 23
Russian DX Contest	1200Z, Mar 21 to 1200Z, Mar 22
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Mar 25 and 1900Z-2000Z, Mar 25 and 0300Z-0400Z, Mar 26
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Mar 27
CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Mar 28 to 2359Z, Mar 29



PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR APRIL 2015

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

PREDICTED HIGH LOW

65.9 74.9 56.9

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

PREDICTED HIGH LOW

123.5 131.5 115.5

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

**Morris Radio Club – Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2015**

**Attendees (6) K2EMJ, KC2KNT, KC2MFL, KD2HQU, NO2EL, WA2VQF and Five guests
A quorum was present.**

Opening of Meeting

President Ed opened the meeting at 7:33 PM

Reports:

Secretary – Bill WA2VQF reported that the November Minutes were issued in the December Peaks and Nulls Newsletter. There were no reported discrepancies. There was no December meeting due to the Holiday Get-Together and the January meeting was cancelled because of the snow and the early closing of the Normandy Park School so there are no minutes available.

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

Treasurer – Noel NO2EL reported the February 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:

Ed talked about the Holiday Get-Together

New Business:

Noel reported that he cannot use the postcard to report our status to the IRS. He will need some help in filling out the new form. He will contact some members to see if they know anyone to give us guidance.

Ed reported on the Cabinet Meeting held by N2YBB held on February 14. It was mentioned that the ARRL may have to raise the dues.

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

President Ed closed the meeting at 7:49 PM.

Daryl KD2HQU joined the club at the meeting.

After the meeting a program on Moonbounce and weak signal modes was presented by Woody Peltzer AK2F and Roger Shultz, NJ2R.

Bill WA2VQF

MRC Secretary

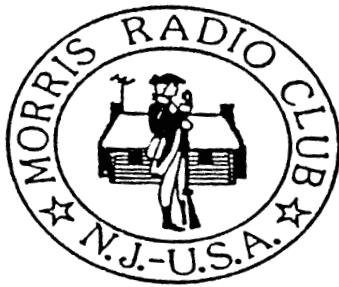


MORRIS RADIO CLUB

K2EMJ	ED PETERS	PRESIDENT
W2GM	MARK SUGARMAN	VP
WA2VQF	BILL LOFTUS	SECRETARY
NO2EL	NOEL SCHEFFEN	TREASURER

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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

BARA Annual Auction

03/15/2015

Location: Westwood Regional High school
701 Ridgewood Road
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Website: <http://bara.org>

North Jersey Hamfest

04/12/2015

Location: Roxbury Senior Center
72 Eyland Avenue
Succasunna, NJ 07876

Website: <http://www.splitrockara.org>

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The following committees were appointed technical, emergency communications and TVI. Dues were set at \$2,00 per year.

Regular meetings got underway twice a month with interesting talks on technical subjects and some movies. In those days TVI was a big issue and the clubs report on its work in eliminating TVI was the subject of a special presentation at the May 5th meeting. The report was given a nice write-up in the Daily Record. At that meeting Ben Orchard passed out cigars for baby boy Harry. The first Christmas party was held on December 21, 1949.

On June 2, 1949 the first draft of the constitution and bylaws was presented by Ed Weed. At the June 14th meeting the draft with some modifications was accepted. At that meeting Tom Mc Cann was honored for receiving the Order of the British Empire for his work as Colonel and Chief of the Signal Information Section prior to the invasion of Normandy.

The following years were busy ones with all sorts of club activities. Field Days were very important operations and for years MRC was right up there with the leaders. There were many social events such as picnics, xyl evenings and the Christmas parties grew from coffee and cake at the Red Cross to sumptuous dinners at some of the area's finest restaurants. But it was not all just fun and games. MRC under the direction of Bayman Mc Whan installed a radio in the control tower of the Morristown Airport. This project was given a six column story in the Daily Record with an eight column heading MORRIS CLUB SAVED TOWN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.

The club was very active with the various Morris County Civil Defense organizations and conducted an air-to-ground evaluation test in conjunction with the Morristown CD. There were several 20 minute flights with sixteen club members participating. Over the years there were assignments for coaster derbies, parades and Halloween patrols. The club took an active part in lobbying for Assembly Bill No. 106 which authorized the issuance of call-letter license plates. Code and theory classes conducted by Carolyn Hull WZYCX introduced many to the world of ham radio.

They were good years and the MRC, I am sure, will make the future as interesting as the past.

Ed Weed K2BO

W2SFR

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