



PEAKS & NULLS



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THE FIELD DAY PACKETS ARE OUT

The 2018 Field Day Packets were released on March 1. I have not noticed any changes from last year. The entry forms are partially filled out just waiting for the number of "Q's" to be added, Believe it or not Field Day is only 96 days away from this months meeting.

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HOW ARE THOSE ANTENNAS DOING?

During the Wednesday snow storm, I was looking at the long run end of my Carolina Windom about five feet off the ground being pulled down by the branches of the pine tree that it goes through. Luckily after the snow melted the branches went back up and took the wire back up with them. I have a lot of counterbalance on the other end so I was not worried about the wire breaking. Another piece of good fortune was that the big limbs that broke off that tree were on the other side from the antenna. Right now I have to wait until the snow melts to get those limbs out of there. They are frozen to the ground and impossible to move. I'll have to take a chain saw to them in place. Sunday as I was driving west on Route 80 I looked at the tower on the south side just before the Rockaway Mall. The elements on the beam are no longer parallel to the ground. It's not only the power grid that takes a beating in this kind of weather.

YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHERE WE'LL SHOW UP

Someone gave me a copy of the January 2018 issue of the MENSA Bulletin because on page 16 was an article titled "How Ya Gonna Call? During disasters it helps to know the alpha, bravo, charlies of amateur radio" by John Blinke. After a short search in the FCC Amateur Database, I'm pretty sure that John's call is KI8Y in Rochester Michigan. Although it's a short article he goes over disaster communications and the difference between low band and VHF/UHF and even mentions Field Day. He also gives web sites to learn more about our hobby (ARRL, AMSAT etc.) He also gives the ARRL Field Day web site



UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 19, 2018 Regular business meeting

April 16, 2018 Regular business meeting

May 21, 2018 Regular business meeting

June 18, 2018 Regular business meeting & Field Day preparations

(Right now the school is scheduled for an all day session so it should be available for a meeting. As in years past, subject to change.)

2018 DUES

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Noel NO2EL is now accepting dues payments for 2018. \$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 WW WPX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Mar 24 to 2359Z, Mar 25
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Mar 30
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Mar 30
Feld Hell Sprint	0000Z-2359Z, Mar 31
UK/EI DX Contest, CW	1200Z, Mar 31 to 1200Z, Apr 1
Russian WW MultiMode Contest	1200Z, Mar 31 to 1159Z, Apr 1
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	1900Z-2030Z, Apr 2
SARL 80m QSO Party	1700Z-2000Z, Apr 5
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Apr 6
Florida State Parks on the Air	1400Z-2200Z, Apr 7 and 1400Z-2200Z, Apr 8
Texas State Parks on the Air	1400Z, Apr 7 to 0200Z, Apr 8 and 1400Z-2000Z, Apr 8
Missouri QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 7 to 0400Z, Apr 8 and 1400Z-2000Z, Apr 8
Mississippi QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 7 to 0200Z, Apr 8
SP DX Contest	1500Z, Apr 7 to 1500Z, Apr 8
EA RTTY Contest	1600Z, Apr 7 to 1600Z, Apr 8
North American SSB Sprint Contest	0000Z-0400Z, Apr 8



PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR APRIL 2016

SUNSPOT NUMBER

PREDICTED HIGH LOW

26.3 35.3 17.3

10.7 RADIO FLUX

PREDICTED HIGH LOW

83.9 91.9 75.9

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Morris Radio Club - Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2018

Attendees (10) K2EMJ, K5PBJ, KA2HZP, KC2KNT, KY2D, NO2EL, W2GM, WA2VQF, WR2G and one visitor K3YAK

A quorum was present.

Opening of Meeting

President Ed opened the meeting at 7:33 PM

Reports:

Secretary - Bill WA2VQF reported that the January Minutes were issued in the February Peaks and Nulls Newsletter. There were no corrections received.

Ray KC2KNT moved that the Secretary report be accepted. Scott K5PBJ Seconded. The Secretary report was accepted.

Noel NO2EL presented the treasurers report for September.

Treasurer - Noel NO2EL reported that the September account balances.

The actual numbers are available from Noel.

Ray KC2KNT moved that the Treasurers report be accepted. Jim KY2D Seconded. The Treasurers report was accepted.

Old Business

Noel reported that he issued the Worked New Jersey Award against the application that was received last month. He has redone the certificate to look good when printed out by the recipients on a normal printer.

New Business:

Because of the changes mandated by the school district requiring the entry door be locked at all times Noel and

Craig are looking for a possible new meeting location.

Ed reported that NJ ARES is having a 5 watt challenge on April 7th 1500 to 2100 hrs.

Bill reported that Fred NA2U is back in Hawaii for the ARRL Phone DX Contest this coming weekend. He will be using the call KH7M and will be looking for Q's.

Ray KC2KNT moved that the meeting be closed. Craig WR2G Seconded.

President Ed closed the business portion of the meeting at 7:55 PM.

After the meeting Ed played two podcasts that he listens to Amateur Radio Newsline and "The Doctor is In" from the ARRL. The episode was on Vacuum Tubes.

WA2VQF

MRC Secretary

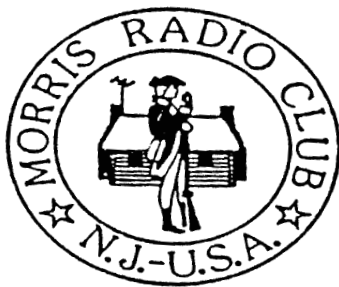


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HAMFEST CALENDAR

North Jersey Hamfest

04/22/2018

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

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