

# PEAKS & NULLS



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## ARRL Announces Free Exam Review Website

The following is a May 14, 2014 news release from the ARRL:

ARRL has launched a new online resource that allows users to take randomly generated practice exams using questions from the actual examination question pool. Known as [ARRL Exam Review for Ham Radio](http://www.arrl.org/examreview), the service is now available at <http://www.arrl.org/examreview>.

The new service is *free*; users are only required setup a site login. (Note that this is a different and separate login than the ARRL website user registration.) Users do *not* need to be ARRL members.

The “ARRL’s online [Exam Review](http://www.arrl.org/examreview) is designed to help license examination candidates review their progress as they study,” said Marketing Manager Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R. “As you complete a chapter or section of an ARRL license

manual, you can turn to the online program to review all of the related questions taken directly from the examination question pool. After answering each question--right or wrong--the correct answer is shown, and a page reference to the license manual is displayed for further review. When you’re close to completing your study, you can take practice exams—as many as you like. The practice exams can be taken on-screen or printed. You won’t have any surprises on exam day!”

Inderbitzen added, “As with any new online resource—there will almost certainly be suggestions for improving the site. Users are encouraged to share feedback with the development team.” An online feedback form is linked from the site, or visit <http://www.arrl.org/exam-review-for->

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## BILL WADSWORTH W2ZKE, SK

Long time MRC member and Field Day VHF operator Bill Wadsworth W2ZKE became a Silent Key on Wednesday

May 7, 2014. Bill was also a member of the New Providence Radio Club and the North Jersey DX Association.

## 43 DAYS TO GO

It’s hard to believe but we only have 43 days left until Field Day. We have the permits for the field, the computers are programmed and linked and we are listed on the ARRL Field Day Locator. Other arrangements have been in the works for some time now. We’ll have a lot more at the June

meeting but it’s not too early to start thinking about when you can help out. We always need help getting the antennas up and also for the take down. It’s also a good time for you technicians to get your feet wet on the low bands and see what you’re missing.





## UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 19, 2014— Regular Business Meeting

June 16, 2014—Regular Business Meeting

Field Day Presentation

July—No Meeting

August 18, 2014—Annual Summer Get-together at Atlanta Bread in  
Morris Plains at 6 PM.

September 15, 2014—Regular Business Meeting

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**ham-radio. [ARRL Exam Review](#)** was designed for ARRL by DHF Systems, the creator of ARRL's *TravelPlus for Repeaters*™ software.

Education Services Manager Debra Johnson, K1DMJ, highlighted some of the features of [ARRL Exam Review](#) intended to help Amateur Radio instructors and schoolteachers. "Instructors have a new online resource at their fingertips. They can print practice exams anytime and encourage students to review between classes. The site is also mobile browser friendly, so it can be used on a laptop, tablet, or smartphone, at home or in the classroom," said Johnson.

While [ARRL Exam Review](#) is being introduced with the new, third edition of the popular Technician study guide, [The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual](#), the site also supports practice examinations for General and Amateur Extra.

## SELECTED UPCOMING CONTESTS

10-10 Int. Open Season PSK Contest	0001Z, Jun 7 to 2359Z, Jun 8
Kid's Day Contest	1800Z-2359Z, Jun 14
ARRL June VHF Contest	1800Z, Jun 14 to 0300Z, Jun 16
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB	1200Z, Jun 28 to 1200Z, Jun 29
ARRL Field Day	1800Z, Jun 28 to 2100Z, Jun 29



## PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR JUNE 2014

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

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

**PREDICTED HIGH LOW**

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81.0 91.0 71.0

133.1 142.1 124.1

## APRIL MEETING MINUTES

Morris Radio Club - Meeting Minutes

APRIL 21, 2014

Attendees (8)  
K2EMJ, KC2KNT, KY2D, NO2EL, W2GM, WA2VQF, KU9C, WS2Q and one visitor AG6SN

A quorum was present.

Opening of Meeting  
President Ed opened the meeting at 7:34 PM

Reports:

Secretary - Bill WA2VQF reported that the March Minutes were issued in the April Peaks and Nulls Newsletter. There were no corrections reported. Ray KC2KNTL moved that the minutes be accepted. Steve KU9C seconded. The

minutes were accepted

Bill also reported that we were contacted by a group in Chatham that will be running a science camp for high school students. They said that they were looking for an Amateur Radio demonstration but after talking to them it appears that they are really interested in a satellite contact. He contacted the New Providence Radio Club to see if they had anyone that could help them. He has not heard anything back yet.

Noel NO2EL presented the treasurers reports for March. For the actual account balances contact Noel.

Ray KC2KNT moved that the Treasurers reports be accepted. It was seconded by Mark W2GM and unanimously accepted.

Noel updated the group about the ongoing process of getting our 501©(3) reinstated.

Old Business:

There was no old business

New Business:

Harvey reported on the changes he has made to the Zelo system being used by the Morristown CERT group.

He also reported that all three Morris OEM repeaters are working.

Bill WA2VQF reported that Allen KD2FVG upgraded to General at the Splitrock Hamfest. He has built a SDR Transceiver and has a 40 meter G5RV up.

Noel reported a good VE session at the Splitrock Hamfest but there was very poor attendance.

Noel has applied to Hanover for use of Brickyard Field at Bee Meadow Park for Field Day. Bill has the computers for configuration. We will consider a VHF or GOTA station. Ed took orders for Field Day Pins. If anyone not at the meeting would like a pin contact Ed. We outlined our usual Field Day operation for anyone that has never been with us. Bill will put the site on the ARRL Field Day locator when we get the approval.

Ed has had no luck at getting a bus to the ARRL Centennial. He may drive up. If anyone is interested talk to Ed at Field Day.

Mark reported on a magazine story about the communication network set up by the drug cartels in Mexico.

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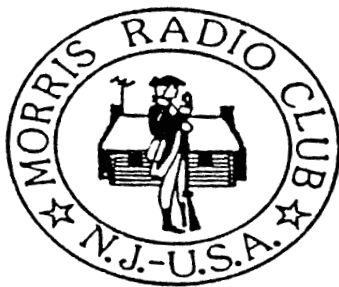


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Mark is awaiting delivery of a SDR dongle to experiment with as a receiver.

Ray KC2KNT made a motion to close the meeting.

President Ed K2EMJ closed the meeting at 8:15 PM.

After the meeting a video on the ARRL 100 years was shown.

Bill WA2VQF

## HAMFEST CALENDAR

### JSARS "Hamfest by the Shore"

05/18/2014

**Location:** Riverwood Park  
Riverwood Drive  
Toms River, NJ 08753

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

### BARA Spring Hamfest

05/24/2014

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

**Website:** <http://www.bara.org>