

### W2OWS, SILENT KEY

We are saddened to hear that Bob Paskouskas, W2OWS, who rejoined our club in January 1989 after a 20 year absence, died Thursday March 15th. Bob was on the air from the hospital and also from a nursing home several months ago and was looking forward to more ham activity. Bob had moved to New Providence in 1967 from Queens, NY and joined our club in March 1968. He was active in the club for two years and then had to give up ham radio activity. We wish to extend our sympathy to his family.

### MEMORIAL DAY PARADE MONDAY MAY 28TH

Our club will again be participating in the annual Memorial Day Parade. Rick, WB2QOQ, will have his pickup truck with the Club Banners on the side. All club members are welcome to join in the march. If you have a club shoulder patch please try to display it. If you have an HT you might like to carry it also. Gathering time will be 9:30 AM on Central Avenue near Pearl Street. If you have any questions or suggestions please call Rick at 464-8911.

### ABBREVIATED ISSUE

This issue of the Spark Gaps is going to be smaller than has been the custom in the past. It seems that everything has piled up on your editor at one time. We had a granddaughter born in Maryland on March 19th and then another one in Memphis on April 3rd! Not having started working on the income tax yet it has been a busy time. I keep thinking I see light at the end of the tunnel but the tunnel seems to keep getting longer. Thanks for your patience. K2AGI

### SWAP AND SHOP FOR SALE:

Kenwood TR-9130 all mode two-meter Transceiver with KPS-12 Power Supply, BO-9A System Base and YD-148 Microphone for sale as a package deal. This is a 40 watt/5 watt rig. Asking \$400. This is from the estate of John DeFeo, WA2UTE. Please call Bill Kaminski at 537-2385 for details.

### WANTED:

A kilowatt matchbox (or antenna tuner) to go between a Heathkit SB-220 and a balanced tuned feeder antenna system. (this is like the antennas we use on field day) Please call Jim Kern, KB2FCV, at 635-1892 if you have such an item or know where he might find one.

### COUNTY MAP AVAILABLE

This possibly might be of interest to some of our club members, especially those living in Morris County. An official four color map of Morris County has been published by the Chosen Freeholders, outlining highways, major connector roads and municipal streets, plus significant points of interest. It shows county, state, and federal parklands and refuges, municipal buildings, historic structures, bodies of water, swamp and wetlands, schools, golf clubs, churches, and railroads in the county's 39 municipalities. It makes an Ideal map to hang on your shack wall if you are short of QSL cards! Single copies are available without charge by writing to the Morris County Office of Public Information, Courthouse, Morristown, N.J. 07960.

### NEW SPARK GAPS SCHEDULE

In view of the fact that our main club program, often featuring an outside speaker, occurs on the fourth Monday of the month it has been suggested that the members might be better reminded of that program by receiving the Spark Gaps about the middle of the month. As a matter of fact it also turns out that often we do not know what the program subject is going to be in time to get the information in the Spark Gaps when it has a closing date of about the first of the month. After giving consideration to this proposal I also realized that it would be possible to try to get the newsletter printed up in time to distribute copies directly to those who attend our regular business meeting on the second Monday of the month. This saves in several ways. Obviously we will save 25 cents postage (more in the future) on each copy that is picked up at the meeting and also it will make less work folding, sealing, stamping, and labeling those copies. It takes quite a while to do a hundred of these! We will try this arrangement with this issue and see how it works. If you want to get your Spark Gaps early be sure to attend the meeting the second Monday of each month.

K2AGI

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Bob Latter W2YFM 2nd  
Les Cooper WA2KXT 4th  
Gerry Miller KD2PQ 7th  
Jim Kern KB2FCV 10th  
John Sheetz K2AGI 15th

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Bob Willis K2GLS 1st  
Tony Lockhart KB2BBP 16th