

Mountain Spark Gaps
New Providence Amateur Radio Club
P.O. Box 813
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Nets:

FM Phone	145.750 MHz	Sundays at 8:00 p.m. EST	Bill King, W2LTJ
RTTY	145.750 MHz	Sundays at 8:00 p.m. EST	John Sheetz, K2AGI
CW	28.150 MHz	Wednesdays 9:00 p.m. EST	Floyd Harvey, KA2DDG

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MEETING SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

Monday, January 13:

Regular second-monday business meeting. 1986 dues will be collected by our treasurer John Sheetz, K2AGI. Dues for the calendar year are as follows:

Student \$1.50 Member \$5.00

This meeting will also serve as an idea collecting session. A member interest survey will be taken, and dates for future club events will be set.

Monday, January 27:

There will be no fourth monday meeting due to the auction.

Friday, January 31:

Annual NPARC Members Equipment Exchange: To be held at New Providence Municipal Building starting at 7:00 p.m. Bring your goodies and clear out your cellar! Because of time limitations the priviledge of selling is restricted to current paid-up members of the club. However, anyone may make bids on the items being auctioned off.

NEW SPARK GAPS EDITOR

The new Mountain Spark Gaps editor is now yours truly, Tom Brown KA2UGQ. Let's give a round of applause to the former editor, John Myrick, WA2TKW, for doing an excellent job!

LICENSE EXAM SCHEDULE

The NNJ VE Board is offering Amateur license exams on January 11, February 8, March 8, and dates further into 1986. Exams are conducted at Union College in Cranford, NJ. FCC form 610 applications with copy of existing amateur license and check for \$4.00 payable to "ARRL VEC" should be received at least 30 days prior to exam date. Walk-ins are permitted but are at risk of limited test materials. Novice form 610 applications are exempt of the \$4.00 fee. Please contact Carl Felt, N2XJ, for further information.

PACKET RADIO ANYONE?

There are a few members of the club who have packet radio capability including John Sheetz K2AGI, Bob Willis K2GLS, and myself Tom Brown KA2UGQ. If you can operate packet, you can send mail to any one of them via the WA2SNA-1 packet bulletin board system in Oakland, NJ by addressing your message to: callsign @ WA2SNA-1. The number of members who can operate packet is sure to increase as time goes on. Packet is a lot of fun and there is a wealth of information about amateur radio that can be accessed with it. Packet bulletin boards are also beginning to handle NTS message traffic.

Speaking of packet, the following is part of the packet network map. The first map covers from the New York City area down to Raleigh, NC, and the second map covers from Detroit, MI to the New York City area.

HAPR-MAP.10C
October 15, 1985
by KIHTV

The following is a graphic representation of Packet Radio links which are believed to exist on 145.010 MHz in the eastern part of North America. The area covers from Virginia northward to ND, WV, DE, PA and NJ. Included in these maps are digipeaters, Packet Bulletin Board Stations (PBBS), and host stations usually left on for digipeating. Stations running W8RL1 compatible software for PBBSs, Mailboxes and/or gateways are indicated by the use of the "@" character preceding the call sign. Paths are shown by either the "1" or the "7" as connecting characters. Unless noted, all VHF routes shown are presently on 145.010 MHz.

Those links which are marked with a question mark (?) indicate a link of unknown reliability. If you have any information concerning known reliability, unreliability or non-existence of any links shown on this map please drop me a note. Send the info to me, KIHTV @ W3IWI, via one of the many auto-forwarding PBBSs or via the U.S. mail.

