

MOUNTAIN SPARK GAPS



NPARC - The Radio Club for the Watchung Mountain Area

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Club Callsign

Last Regular Meeting Before Summer

Monday June 13th, at the Salt Brook School

From: The Prez

A Busy Month



Another cool day in June.... I think we are getting weather that was meant for Dayton! Unfortunately, I had to cancel my trip there, this year. Reports are that it was a great Hamvention, with good weather (for a change) and lots of activities. Congratulations to club member Jerry Sevick, W2FMI, for the Technical Achievement Award he received.

We did have great weather for the Memorial Day Parade. The Salt Brook Statics Radio Club joined us in the festivities this year. Some of the kids marched with us and others helped with parade communications. I think all who were there would agree that it was a special day. Thanks to Rick, WB2QOQ, for coordinating the club's participation and to Frank, K2EZR, for being net control of the Communications team.

NPARC Field Day '05 is starting to shape up. We have had several planning meetings and will have our final meeting before the fall on June 13th. It will be a very important meeting, so if you are coming to Field Day, please attend. Both the "Classic" Field Day and the "Class F" station operations are falling into place nicely. all you Star Wars fans! So tune in on June 13th.

Each year, the club sponsors a team in the New Providence Recreation Softball League. This year we are represented by a fantastic group of 4th and 5th grade girls. I watched them play a few times and they are an enthusiastic bunch who play great and look great in their Amateur Radio jerseys.

And do not forget Kid's Day at the New Providence Gazebo on Saturday, June 18. We will discuss details at the next club meeting.

Field Day

The BIG Event of the Summer

This year as every year, Field Day is the Big Event for members and friends of NPARC. The contest will be held on the weekend of June 25/26 starting at 1400 local time on Saturday, and ending 24 hours later.

As we've done for the past two years, there will be a general Field Day Station located at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, and a Class F station associated with one of our "served agencies." This year the Class F station will be at the Summit Chapter of the American Red Cross, on Springfield Avenue in Summit NJ.

All members of NPARC are invited to attend the activities at either or both stations. For those who want to sign on as operators, it's best to make a reservation in advance with the Station Managers. The station at Governor Livingston is managed by Rich N2AUG, the Class F station at the Red Cross is managed by Lou, WK2I. If you intend to do any operating, be sure you have your Ham License or a copy of it in your possession.

Girls Softball Team sponsored by NPARC



Meeting Schedule

Regular Meeting: 7:30 - 10:00 PM
2nd Monday of each month at the
Salt Brook School Cafeteria
Springfield Ave. and Maple St.
New Providence.

4th Monday each month: 7:30 - 9:00
Informal Project Meeting, at the
Salt Brook School Cafeteria
Springfield Ave. and Maple St.
New Providence.

Everyone is Welcome

If a normal meeting night is a holiday
we usually meet the following night.
Call the contacts below.

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On the Air Activities

Club Operating Frequency

145.750 MHz FM Simplex

Sunday Night Phone Net

Whippany Repeater at 9:00 PM
Transmit on 147.63 MHz
Receive on 147.03 MHz
Net Control: KB2IKC

K2AGI Memorial Digital Net

Various evenings 8:00 to 9:00 PM
Various Modes 145.75 MHz
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Climatological Data for the Watchung Mountain Area Provided by WB2QOQ, Month of May



	2005	2004
Maximum Temp.. °F:	83	87
Minimum Temp. °F:	37	39
Average Temp. °F:	58.8	64.7
Total Precip Rain (in.):	1.31	5.38

The above information was provided by WB2QOQ, who has been recording daily weather events at his station for the past 23 years.

Calendar of Coming Events

June 13th: **REGULAR MEETING**. Last Regular Meeting at Salt Brook School until autumn. Program to be determined.

June 18th: **SATURDAY - KID'S DAY** in New Providence. See Flyer!

June 25/26: **FIELD DAY**: Class A and Class F again this year

July 19-20-21 **HAM RADIO at SUMMER CAMP** Program in Berkeley Heights, at Columbia Park. See Flyer!

Sept 12th: **REGULAR MEETING** at Salt Brook School. Exciting technical program TBA

***MORE EVENTS???** Send info to k2jv@arrl.net!!*

Salt Brook Statics March with NPARC in Memorial Day Parade

Memorial Day, this year, turned out to be a nice day, with great weather. As in numerous prior years, our club participated in parade activities, both in the parade line up, as well as providing communications assistance. This year, it was a treat to have 7 Members of the Salt Brook Statics Radio Club join in the parade. There were a total of 16 marchers in the club parade unit. The students carried the club banner, while communicating with each other, via 2 meter handie talkies. All in all, it was a very successful club activity. Thanks to the following Statics who participated in the parade unit:(left to right) Dominique Paredes-Rupp, Alexa Hughes, Robin D'Amico, David Colby, John Esposito, Alexandra Esposito, and Chris Aman. Also marching were Eric Russell, Al,K2AL, Harry,AB2CM, Andy,WA2DKJ, Bob,K2GLS, Steve,K0LBY, John,KC2MTN, Jim,N2TSJ, Rick,WB2QOQ, Harry,W2YEZ.



This Years Hamvention One of the Best!

The Dayton Hamvention, held this year on May 20-22nd was well attended by NPARC members. It was very well attended by the general Ham Radio community too as can be seen from the photos below.



Inside the HARA convention center there was room to breathe - but none for dancing. Fortunately the weather was most cooperative, and an announcement was made that this year was the first time in 17 years that all three days were free of rain and other inclement weather.



Outside, in the huge flea market, the crowds were impressive too. As usual for Dayton the flea market seemed to go on forever, but with temperatures in the low 70s even the bright sunshine on Saturday didn't melt the crowds.

It's hard to estimate the attendance, but the lowest numbered ticket called out for a prize was #10, and the highest number called was somewhere above 29,000. So even if all those who bought tickets didn't show up, there were plenty of people (almost all hams) around.

Although most of us from NPARC didn't win any prizes this year (BUT see the next column), still my car was pretty full with new gear and old treasures which simply couldn't be resisted.

Kids Day is Coming on Saturday, June 18

Members of NPARC will activate N2XJ at Centennial Park in New Providence as we have done for the last few years. Kids Day isn't really a contest, but it's a great opportunity for the Club to get our message across to the community that "Ham Radio is Fun."

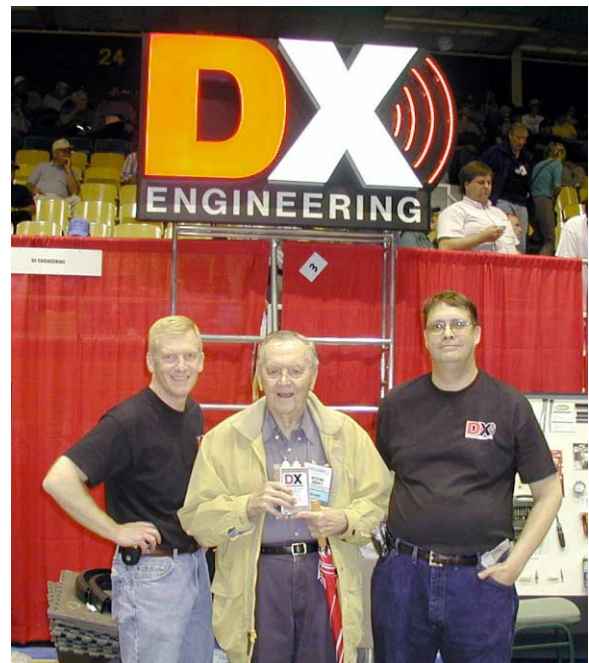


Kids, with or without licenses will speak with other kids all around the country. They will learn to pass a "message exchange" which includes their name, age, location and favorite color. They will receive a similar

message from the station contacted.

This is an important publicity activity for the Club and for Ham Radio as a whole. It occurs on a Saturday afternoon. All Club Members are urged to attend, if you have kids or grandkids -- bring 'em!!

Jerry Sevick W2FMI Prize Winner at Dayton



Jerry Sevick is the only known NPARC member to win a prize at Dayton this year. Jerry, who received the award for Technical Excellence, is known worldwide as the inventor of the Balun as we know it today!! Here he is shown, flanked by two Company Employees, holding his prize, a KW Balun by DX Engineering, Truly, poetic justice exists!

NPARC

The Amateur Radio Club for the Watchung Hills Area
Presents:

HAM RADIO “KID’S DAY”

A chance for kids of all ages to operate a Ham Radio Station
and speak with other kids all over the USA and Canada.



This event takes place on **Saturday June 18th, 2005** in **New Providence**

At the **Gazebo in Centennial Park** on Springfield Avenue and Academy Street,
between 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM Weather Permitting.

No experience required. Just show up at any time in the afternoon.

Licensed Radio Amateurs from NPARC will set up the station starting at noon on Saturday,
and will be available to answer any questions which you or your parents may have.

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