

# MOUNTAIN SPARK GAPS



NPARC-The Radio Club for the Watchung Mountain Area

Website: <http://www.qsl.net/nparc>

**N2XJ**

**Club Callsign**

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## UNCOMING EVENTS

### **FIELD DAY**

**June 27 and 28**

**Class A at Gov. Livingston HS  
Berkeley Heights**

**Class F at Colonial Chapter Red Cross Headquarters  
Springfield Ave. Summit**

### **Regular Meeting**

**Monday July 13, 2009**

**7:30 PM**

**New Providence Municipal Center**

**Academy Street**

**New Providence, NJ**

*Note that all summer meetings will be at the  
above address.*

## Field Day 2009

As has been the practice for the last few years there will be two field day stations.

However because of a number of the operators who have participated in past years being unavailable for various reasons, the operation will necessarily be cut back. At the Governor Livingston site, there will not be a GOTA station (no qualified operators). There will be a phone station, a CW station and a VHF station.

The Red Cross site will be using phone, CW and digital modes. The planned setup is for two separate rigs, one for phone and CW and the other for PSK-31 and possibly RTTY. Only one will be on the air at any given time.

All club members are urged to visit and operate at both of these sites.

As usual, visitors are welcome.



The N2XJ station at Governor Livingston HS site



Lauryn WW2OLF and Allison KC2NQZ operate 80 meter phone at the Class F Station

## Meeting Schedule

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

**4th Monday of each month:** 7:30—9:00  
PM  
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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### Club Officers for 2009

President: K2UI Jim Stekas  
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Vice Pres.: N2KDK Paul Campano  
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Secretary: WB2EDO Jim Brown  
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908-277-4283  
Activities: W2UDT Bill Hudzik  
908-580-0493  
Past President: KB2FCV James Kern  
908-219-4016

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### On the Air Activities

Club Operating Frequency  
145.750 MHz FM Simplex

Sunday Night Phone Net  
Murray Hill Repeater (W2LI) at 9:00 PM  
Transmit on 147.855 MHz  
With PL tone of 141.3 Hz  
Receive on 147.255 MHz

Net Control K2AL  
K2AGI Memorial Digital Net  
First and Third Mondays at 9 PM (0100Z)  
Look around 14,085 Khz for RTTY  
Ops using AFSK should look around  
14,086-7. Contact K2YG for details.

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### Club Internet Address

Website: <http://www.nparc.org>  
Reflector: [nparc@mailman.qth.net](mailto:nparc@mailman.qth.net)  
Webmaster: KC2RLM, Ralph

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## Climatological Data for New Providence for May 2009

The following information is provided by  
Rick, WB2QOQ, who has been recording daily  
weather events at his station for the past  
27 years.

### TEMPERATURE -

Maximum temperature this May, 86 deg. F  
(May 21)  
Last May(2008) maximum was 84 deg. F.  
Average Maximum temperature this May, 71.8  
deg. F  
Minimum temperature for this May, 39 deg.  
F (May 19)  
Last May(2008) minimum was 35 deg. F.  
Average Minimum temperature this May, 53.8  
deg. F

Minimum diurnal temperature range, 5 deg.  
(51-56 deg.) 5/5  
Maximum diurnal temperature range, 34 deg.  
(84-50 deg.) 5/20

Average temperature this May, 62.8 deg. F  
Average temperature last May, 58.1 deg. F

### PRECIPITATION -

Total precipitation this May - 4.97"  
Total precipitation last May - 4.78

Maximum one day precip. event this May -  
May 7, 1.36"

Measurable rain fell on 14 days this May

Rick Anderson  
6/16/09

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New Providence, NJ  
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Elevation: 380 ft.



**Members of NPARC and Friends discussing the days events at Dayton Hamvention. Photo by K2JV**

## **NPARC PARTICIPATES IN MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

Memorial Day this year turned out to be such 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. This year, we had a sparse attendance in the parade unit by dedicated members. We missed not having some of our youth operators with us this year.

There were a total of 5 club members, two carrying our club banner and the rest behind, all with handie talkies, tuned to the club frequency, and waving small American flags. Despite the low participation, it was a successful club activity, and we received a super round of applause and cheers from our fans, as we passed the reviewing stand. Thanks to the following who participated in the parade unit: Bruce, KQ2E; Harry, W2YEZ; Jim, K2UI; Ralph, KC2RLM; and Rick, WB2QOQ.