

MOUNTAIN SPARK GAPS

NEW PROVIDENCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

JUNE 2, 1969

Q S T Q S T Q S T Big things are coming up during this month of June so mark your calendar like this:

- Saturday, June 7 -- Field Trip
- Monday, June 16 -- Regular Meeting
- Saturday, June 28 - Field Day

FIELD TRIP TO CRAWFORD HILL

Because nature is very likely to cooperate with a clear, warm day and with excellent propagation conditions, NPARC will visit the Crawford Hill location of Bell Labs, near Holmdel, New Jersey, to see and hear about the space radio equipment used by Bell Lab scientists and by the amateur club at the Labs. We'll see the giant horn reflector antenna that was used to track and communicate with America's first satellites. This is also the horn that was used to record the voice of the late President Eisenhower's Christmas message, that we heard on Bob Latter's tape at the May meeting. And it was also used to track Echo.

This antenna is the prototype of the giant antenna located at Andover, Maine, used to communicate with Telstar and the Relay satellites.

We will see several other antennas along with an automatic sun tracker. Finally, the highlight of the visit, a chance to see the shack where the first two-meter contact with Australia was made via the moon.

Then there will be a picnic (bring your own) in one of the pleasant nearby parks, after which we will start home.

We plan to leave from the parking lot of the Red Cross Headquarters at Summit at 9 a.m., Saturday, June 7.

We must know whether you will be with us. A list has to be in the hands of the committee before June 2 in order to arrange for BTL guards to let you in. So please fill in the coupon below and send to AL, K2SKV, promptly, or call him on the net on Sunday evening.

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| 1. I'll be going on the June 7 Field Trip..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | Send To: |
| 2. I will drive | <input type="checkbox"/> | AL |
| 3. I can take this many riders | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hirsch |
| 4. I'll have 2-meter mobile equipment with me | <input type="checkbox"/> | 33 |
| 5. I will go, but will need a ride | <input type="checkbox"/> | Evergreen Road |
| Name (Please Print) | | Summit, N.J. 07901 |

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 16, AT 8 o'clock WHERE WE WILL MAKE FINAL PLANS FOR FIELD DAY

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FIELD DAY -- Another Field Day exercise is almost upon us and we are happy to announce that NPARC will be operating from one of the best spots yet. The Club's thanks for this go to Arden, WB2GPG, and Vail, W2WVV, who worked long and hard to get this ideal location.

This is a private site and must remain confidential for the time being, at least. The owners have certain rules and it is to our advantage to observe them completely. Therefore, there can be no visits in advance and no publicity, and no visitors (other than family and close friends of members) during the Field Day exercise. Finally, we must leave the place in as good a condition as we found it.

It is planned to operate three stations this year and will operate for 24 continuous hours. We will arrive early, of course, to set up the stations so we will be ready to go on the air when the time arrives.

Be sure to attend this next meeting on Monday, June 16, when we will discuss final details. Dave, WA2FWL, is in charge and will be able to tell us all we will need to know.

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CONGRATULATIONS ... to the three new Generals ... Dave Latter, Dave Lax and Bill Miller, whose interest and enthusiasm is refreshing. Good work, boys!

MILLION DOLLAR SUIT ... is still on and running up expenses. The suit is against Gridley, W4GJO, who is accused of TVI, and the implications of the suit could have far-reaching affects. Donations will be appreciated, either from individuals or from the Club, and should be mailed to: The Sarasota Amateur Radio Association, Inc., P.O. Box 3323, Sarasota, Florida, 33578. Please give it some thought.

BARRY CAMPBELL ... expects soon to be on the way home after a sojourn in Korea. The fellow on SSB who have been in regular contact with Barry (HL9TS) report that he is now counting the days. Among those on the air with him are Wilber, W2SE, and Russ, WA9TDL/2. ... Our other Barry, W2PDG, attended the May meeting and advises that a change in work schedules will allow him to be on hand more frequently.

... also at our last meeting was Mr. Hartley; come again, soon... we are always glad to see you.

A VHF PARTY? ... Rich Olson, WB2RPB, is once again back from school and is planning to compete in the June 14 VHF contest from his new QTH ... Good Luck, Rich!

ARRL MATERIALS ... As a Club affiliated with ARRL we now have available to us all sorts of operating aids and other interesting materials. Arden Johnson, our secretary, has some of it, and Vail, the Club librarian, has other material ... all of which you may borrow by contacting either of these men.

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~~THAT'S ALL for this month ... except ... don't forget those important dates this month ...~~

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Monday, June 16 ... Our Regular Meeting

Saturday, June 28 .. Field Day ... and also Sunday, June 29.



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