

MOUNTAIN SPARK GAPS
NEW PROVIDENCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
P. O. Box 813, New Providence, NJ 07974
ARRL Affiliated Club #0213
MARCH 1989

MARCH MEETINGS ON SCHEDULE:

By our first meeting of March our annual AUCTION should be history. Hopefully some of you may receive this issue of Spark Gaps before the auction.

Our first meeting on Monday March 13th will cover whatever business there may be and we will follow that with a rather tutorial coverage of "VUZZWAR" and antenna radiation pattern determination. We had a terrific talk at our February meeting on phased array vertical antennas for 80 meters (or any band for that matter). Some of the material covered may have been a bit rapid for a good portion of our club members so we will attempt to go over some of it with an open discussion. If you were at the last meeting and might not have completely grasped what was going on you can find out now!

At our second meeting on Monday March 27th we will proceed with the construction of filters for our Field Day transmitters and receivers.

SATURDAY NOVICE CLASSES DOING FINE

The Novice course being taught on Saturday mornings is going along fine with good attendance. Most of the students are older people who have decided to become active in ham radio. As you know we have had a large influx of new young amateurs as a result of Joe Reid, K2JAO's work in the Chatham schools. We are managing to keep a pretty good balance of age groups in our club and of course the club has grown to the largest membership we have ever had. A new roster will be produced as soon as possible to include all of the recently joining members.

TEN KILOMETER RUN COMING UP IN APRIL

The New Providence Ten Kilometer Run is coming up again and our club may be participating with communications help. If you have an HT and could be available to help you might keep this in mind and watch for further developments. Rick WB2QOQ will have the details as they become available.

CLASSIFIED SECTION:

Looking for an antenna tuner that will cover either 160 or 80 thru 10 meters. Must have an SWR meter and watt meter. Please call Adam Davis KB2GEG at (201) 635-1490 evenings.

5-1/4 inch floppy disks available. I have another load of floppy disks available at 25-cents each for anyone who would like them. I bought a thousand to get a good price but that's more than I need right now! This includes sleeves and labels. John Sheetz, K2AGI, 464-5671 or 145.75 MHz most any time.

CLUB MEMBERS STRUCK BY ALL SORTS OF THINGS

This has been a rough month so far for a few of us. The night after our last meeting K2AGI came down with a fever which would not go away and wound up in Overlook Hospital for five days. (Luckily I had a room on the north side of the 8th floor so I could hit Whippy with 100 milliwatts and get on the net last Sunday night)

Then there was an accident case in Chester when John W2WKL slipped going down the stairs in his stocking feet and banged up a rib or something. He got the first aid squad to take him to the hospital for X-rays which did not show anything serious but he is taking it easy to avoid the pain of moving the wrong way.

Next thing Ernie N2EFR called in to tell us that he is down with the flu and will not be able to handle the refreshments at the auction! Luckily we found a volunteer, Pat Casey, N2FXA who is going to take over the concession. Thanks much for coming to our rescue Pat.

Let's keep our fingers crossed that no one else has any problems before the auction. Someone is going to have to take over where Bill King helped out Bay Rowan last year.

QUICKIE MOUNTAIN SPARK GAPS!

I'm sorry for the brief and delayed issue of the spark gaps this month but in my usual practice of putting off until the last minute the production of this thing I got caught in the hospital until Tuesday when I would normally have this all done. We'll try and make up for lost time later. Seems like there is always something. (And I haven't started my income tax yet either!) Hope to see you all at the auction. 73 de K2AGI.

ON THE AIR ACTIVITIES:

FM Phone Net Sunday Evening 9:00 PM
Listen on 147.03 MHz, Transmit on 147.63
Net Control: Bob Latter W2YFM

RTTY Net Sunday Evening 8:00 PM
60 WPM Baudot on 145.75 MHz
Net Control: John Sheetz K2AGI

Rusty CW QSO Wednesday 9:00 PM
28.150 MHz, Call "CQ NPARC"

Ten Meter Sideband Net
Wednesday Evening 8:00 PM, 28.410 MHz
Net Control: Adam Davis KB2GEG

Packet BBS 145.01 KA2UGQ-4 (Berkeley Hts.)
SYSOP Tom Brown KA2UGQ

CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Harry Kundrat W2YEZ
Vice President: Tony Lockhart KB2BBP
Secretary: Pat Casey N2FXA
Treasurer: John Sheetz K2AGI
Activities Mgr: Jim Stekas NJ2F