

MOUNTAIN SPARK GAPS



**NPARC—The Radio Club for the
Watchung Mountain area**

Website: <http://www.nparc.org> Club Callsign: N2XJ

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UNCOMING EVENTS

**Digital Net
Monday June 7 & 21
9:00 PM**

**Regular Meetings
Monday May 24 & June 14
7:30 PM
Salt Brook School**

**Check the WEB site for
meeting locations after
the end of school**

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

Informal Project Meeting: 7:30—9:00 PM
4th Monday of each month 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.

Club Officers for 2010

President: K2UI Jim Stekas
908-665-0299
Vice Pres.: N2KDK Paul Campano
908-508-9595
Secretary: K2JV Barry Cohen
908-464-1730
Treasurer: K2YG Dave Barr
908-277-4283
Activities: W2UDT Bill Hudzik
908-580-0493

On the Air Activities

Club Operating Frequency
145.750 MHz FM Simplex

Sunday Night Phone Net
Murray Hill Repeater (W2LJ) 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.

Club Internet Address

Website: <http://www.nparc.org>
Webmaster K2MUN David Berkley
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Contact K2UI, Jim

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Climatological Data for New Providence for
April 2010

The following information is provided by
Rick, who has been recording
daily weather events at his station for the
past 28 years.

TEMPERATURE -

Maximum temperature this April, 90 deg. F
(April 7)
Last April (2009) maximum was 93 deg. F.
Average Maximum temperature this April, 68.8
deg. F
Minimum temperature for this April, 37 deg.
F (April 28)
Last April (2009) minimum was 29 deg. F.
Average Minimum temperature this April, 45.2
deg. F
Minimum diurnal temperature range, 5 deg.
(53-48 deg.) 4/26.
Maximum diurnal temperature range, 31 deg.
(80-49 deg.) 4/5; (71-40 deg.) 4/29.

Average temperature this April, 57.0 deg. F
Average temperature last April, 53.7 deg. F

PRECIPITATION -

Total precipitation this April - 3.23" rain
Total precipitation last April - 3.51" rain

Maximum one day precip. event this April;
April 25, 1.18" rain.
Measurable rain fell on 9 days this April,
10 days last April.

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Rick Anderson
5/14/10

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New Providence, NJ
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Lat = 40 degrees, 41.7 minutes North
Long = 74 degrees, 23.4 minutes West
Elevation: 380 ft.
CoCoRaHS Network Station #NJ-UN-10

There are lots of upcoming events over the next few weeks.

The following pages are a summary.

Please check with the indicated contacts for more information.

New Providence Memorial Day Parade

NPARC members are invited to participate in this years Memorial Day Parade, taking place on Monday, May 31. Our club has annually participated in this town event, for as long as I can recall; and a decent attendance in this club activity is requested. This is the one public event where hundreds of town's people get to see the club members, and a good attendance is most welcomed. Last year we only had 5 members participate in our parade unit, which was kind of embarrassing. As in past years, we request members to initially meet in the New Providence Memorial Library parking lot at 9:25 a.m., and we will car pool over to our position on Central Avenue.

Suggested dress code is white shirt, blue slacks, NPARC yellow cap, and of course your 2 meter HT, tuned to club frequency.

As in prior years youth club members are more than welcome to join us, whether your licensed or not.

Our unit will walk the parade route, down Springfield Ave., between Central Ave. and Academy St. Please consider taking part in this community event.

Please contact Rick, WB2QOQ, if you will be participating in the parade or have questions. rick243@comcast.net; (908) 464-8911.

The NPARC Amateur Radio Club
In cooperation with
The New Providence Recreation Department
and
The Berkeley Heights Recreation Commission
Presents “Ham Radio KIDS 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 19, 2010** at the **Gazebo in Centennial Park, Springfield Avenue and Academy Street, New Providence, between 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM**

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

Licensed Radio Amateurs from NPARC will set up the stations starting at noon, and will be available to answer any questions which you or your parents ask.

For information call:

Al Hanzl K2AL, 908-872-5021 (evenings)

Barry Cohen K2JV, 908-464-1730 (anytime)

PRESIDENTS COLUMN

Not available at press time!

NPARC ERC Team

We have again been invited to supply communications for the New Providence Memorial Day Parade (on 31 May) and the Fourth of July Fireworks (on 3 July). I have informed the organizers of these events that we will cooperate and do their communications more or less as in the past. Contact Barry K2JV.

FIELD DAY

June 26—27

Current plans are for two separate stations, a Class A2 station plus a VHF station at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights and a Class F1 station at the Colonial Crossroads Red Cross Chapter House on Springfield Avenue in Summit. Lots of openings for assignments are available. The regular NPARC meeting on May 24 will be devoted to Field Day Planning.

Please plan to attend