

**MOUNTAIN SPARK GAPS
NEW PROVIDENCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

Nets: Sunday - 145.75 MHz 8 PM RTTY Wednesday - 28.150 MHz 9 PM CW
9 PM Phone

May 1984

May 14 - Business Meeting

Lots of activities coming up, and with only one formal meeting in May, this will be needed for planning. The biggest event coming up is field day, which combines public service, mosquito bites, operating skills and much fun. It only works if there is lots of member support, so join in the planning and start to get ready now! (Details in May QST)

May 28 - Walking/Riding Meeting

Plans include a scenic tour of downtown that will put place us in the spot light. (Otherwise known as the Memorial Day Parade)
WX guaranteed to be FB, so come on down!
Details at May 14 meeting

Calendar of Events:

- 5-6 - Bergen Hamfest - Bergen Community College
Paramus, NJ
- 5-12 - Field trip to ATT&T, Hawley, Pa.
Caravan leaving N.P. Library at 8:45AM
- 5-13 - TRI-COUNTY Hamfest - Stirling, 9:00AM to 4:00PM
- 5-14 - Business Meeting - See above
- 5-20 - Irvington Roseland Hamfest - This year at:
Boys and Girls Club, 1050 Jeannette Ave,
Union, NJ
- 5-28 - Memorial Day Parade - Details at 5-14 Meeting
and above.
- 6-3 - NPARC Fox Hunt - Reschedule from the Rainy season
especially for a larger turnout.
Let **KA2PGY** know by 5-28 if
you are going to be in the hunt.
- 6-23 & 24 - ARRL Field Day
- 7-20 to 22 - ARRL National Convention, NYC.
- 8-18 - Ramapo Mountain ARC Flea Market
American Legion Hall
65 Oak Street, Oakland, NJ
- 10-7 - Yonkers Electronic Fair - Yonkers Municipal Parking
Garage
- 10-14 - NPARC Fox HUNT
- 12-7 - Christmas Party

Things to think about:

- 1) Where do we want to hold our Christmas Party this year?
- 2) The National ARRL convention will be held in New York City, July 20-22, 1984. Is there any interest in getting a bus and making it a group trip?
- 3) Vacation time is approaching, and if you plan to be away and will be taking a rig along, you may want to use the SPARK GAPS to arrange some scheds to find out what is happening back home. This can be handled very discreetly under the heading "Vacation Net". List your call and other members can make arrangements at meetings or via the land line. Let WAZKRZ know.
- 4) As a tune up for Field Day, and to generate a little friendly rivalry among club members, why don't we have a competition in an upcoming contest? Top finisher could be the first served at the Christmas Banquet! The New York QSO Party is scheduled for Saturday, June 2, (See page 104, Mayb QST), runs only 8 hours and is similar to field day in many respects. Anyone interested...?? or planning on being really hungry come December 7, 1984?

DAYTON REPORT

The trip started on Thursday, April 26, with the gathering of those that rode in the van. (They must have had a great time because their not talking much about the trip out). Those that flew departed Friday, April 27. WOW, what timing, all arrived at the Dayton Airport Motel with 15 minutes of each other. The trip was off to a great start. From the the motel it was off to the flea market. Goodies, goodies and more goodies. Friday evening dinner was at a new spot, the ORIGINAL RIB HOUSE, recommended by a friend, it proved to be not only closer to the motel, but not as crowded as most spots and the food was very good. (So was the beer). Saturday was more goodies at the flea market. But the evening bought about the great split. Some wanted catfish and others wanted the Red Lobster. So off we went in different directions. Those that had catfish, had the company of Ardin Johnson and friend. The Red Lobster crew had the company of Van of "TTY" fame and friend. Sunday was hectic with everyone trying for those last minute deals.

Overall, the trip was great, the wx is super, and the comradeship, well, what can I say, except that those who didn't go will never know what their missing. There's always next year. (Only 359 days as of this writing)