

The Mountain Spark Gaps

The New Providence Amateur Radio Club

November, 1987

Nets:

FM PHONE 147.03 MHZ (+600 KHZ INPUT) SUNDAYS AT 9:00 P.M. EST BILL KING, W2LTJ
RTTY 145.75 MHZ SIMPLEX SUNDAYS AT 8:00 P.M. EST JOHN SHEETZ, K2AGI
WESTLINK 147.03 AND 145.75 MHZ SUNDAYS AT 7:30 P.M. EST TOM BROWN, KA2UGQ
RUSTY CW 28.15 MHZ WEDNESDAYS AT 9:00 P.M. EST FLOYD HARVEY, KA2DDG

Meeting Schedule for NOVEMBER

November 9: Annual Business Meeting

This is the annual NPARC business meeting in which the new 1988 club officers will be chosen. The following members have been nominated for the various club offices:

President: Bill King, W2LTJ
Vice president: Dick Brodeur, N1ETC
Secretary: Tony Lockhart, KB2BBP
Treasurer: John Sheetz, K2AGI
Activities manager: John Sawina, NA2R

Come to the meeting to pay your 1988 dues, nominate officers, find out about the Christmas party, and find out about club affairs.

November 23: This meeting is the ultimate Surprise meeting of 1987! There *IS* a topic scheduled but, unfortunately, it was not made available before this issue was mailed.

December 3: Annual NPARC Christmas Party!
(See last page for details and a reservation form)

NPARC meetings are held in the meeting room of the **New Providence Memorial Library** on Elkwood Avenue at 8 PM on the second and fourth Mondays of each month unless otherwise noted. Business meetings are held on the second-Monday meetings and speakers will be scheduled for the fourth-Monday meetings.

NPARC Calendar

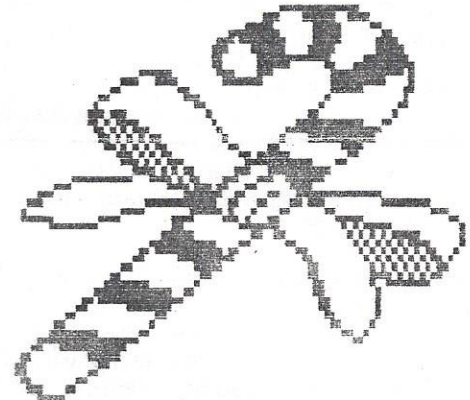
November:

9: NPARC Annual Business Meeting
11: Veterans Day
26: Thanksgiving Day

December:

3: NPARC Christmas Party!
25: Christmas

RTTY Picture Of The Month



NPARC Happenings

1987 is coming to a close. If you haven't yet payed your 1988 dues, so will your membership. Please remit your dues to our Treasurer John Sheetz, K2AGI who is available at every NPARC meeting. You wouldn't want to miss a single issue of the Spark Gaps, now would you? *Would you?*

Even though there will be no newsletter until January, you can still reserve a FREE for sale/wanted ad in the Spark Gaps. Contact Tom Brown, KA2UGQ if you have an ad or any other tidbit you would like to have published!
(NO TELETYPE ADS PLEASE!)

The Annual NPARC Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 3. There will be a cash bar opening at 6 PM, and the dinner begins at 7 PM. Please reserve your tickets with Bill King, W2LTJ using the form provided on the last page.

This is the last Spark Gaps until January. Enjoy the holidays and we will look forward to seeing you in 1988!

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ARRL UPDATE

The Latest From The League

The league is enlisting the aide of modern, recognized, political techniques to help in the fight to save two megahertz of our 220 MHz band. On the first week of October a letter was sent to selected ARRL volunteers residing in the Congressional districts represented by members who are key leaders of specific committees of special interest. Specific interest committees include the Telecommunications and Finance Subcommittee in the House and Senate Communications Subcommittee. ARRL leaders living in the key districts will now, additionally, be contacted personally, and asked to write a letter to the Senator or Member. That action having been accomplished, there will be direct visits by consultants, League staff and/or ARRL volunteers, seeking a particular action by the Capitol Hill person.

This action represents the work-in-progress of Ad-Hoc political Action Committee to help save our frequencies. If you know of anyone who has a good working relationship with his or her House Member or Senator please take a minute and let Steve Mendelsohn, WA2DHF, the ARRL Hudson Division Director, know. His address and phone number is on page 8 of QST.

A Federal judge has relied on PRB-1 to avoid a local height limitation as applied to an amateur radio antenna. Andy Bodony, K2LE, of Sands Point, Long Island, had brought suit in U.S. district court for the Eastern District of New York to overturn denial by the Village of Sands Point of his application for a building permit for an 86 foot tower, retractable to 23 feet in height.

In granting the Partial Summary Judgement in K2LE's favor, the judge found PRB-1 to be a proper exercise of FCC authority and found that the village was precluded from applying its 25 foot height limitation on accessory buildings to the proposed antenna.

This court test of PRB-1 represents the first time a local zoning ordinance as applied to an amateur radio antenna has been declared invalid on the basis of PRB-1 and further strengthens the position of Radio Amateurs fighting unreasonable local ordinances.

Ham Radio in the classroom activities are multiplying like rabbits. The good news is that plenty of teachers want to use Archie's Ham Radio Adventure in their classrooms. The better news is that with 100,000 Archie Comic Books due in to ARRL Headquarters soon, most have been scheduled for shipment.

To promote growth of geography in schools, the National Geographic Society has

established November 15 to 21 as "Geography Awareness week." Carole Perry, WB2MGP, the 1987 Dayton Ham of the Year, and teacher at Intermediate School #72 on Staten Island, has agreed to write an article for the "Teachers Perspective" column of Update, a quarterly publication that is sent to 18,000 teachers, principals, and education administrators. Carole's article will focus on how the study of geography is enhanced in her classroom through the study of Amateur Radio.

Former Chief Justice Warren Berger, now head of the Constitutional Bicentennial Committee, will be one of the signers of the new "We the People Worked All States" award. ARRL President Larry Price, W4RA, will be the other person to put his "John Hancock" on the award.

--ARRL Update is a service of ARRL Hudson Division Director Steve Mendelsohn, WA2DHF

Put Ham Radio On TV

Would you like to help your local cable system broadcast shows about Amateur Radio? Of course you would! Well, here's how you can start the process.

First, contact your local cable company's public access department. Offer them copies of professionally produced programs about Amateur Radio on the condition that they be used. They'll be supplied on professional U-Matic format cassettes.

Once you have their promise that the programs will be aired (don't forget to ask for multiple showings), let Andy Funk, KB7UV know. He'll then provide you with the tape(s) which you will then bring (or send) to your cable system.

Do you know of Amateur Radio Licensing classes or exams conducted by a local club? Does the club welcome visitors to meetings? Information on classes, exams, and meetings can be added to these video presentations. Have a club officer contact me and I'll try to include them.

Interested in helping? Want details? Call Andy Funk, KB7UV at (718) 956-0027.

(Videotape distribution is a service of the Hudson Division of the American Radio Relay League, Steve Mendelsohn, WA2DHF, Director)

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