

MOUNTAIN SPARK GAPS

NEW PROVIDENCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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NEXT MEETING - October 10 THE PLACE - Lincoln School Cafeteria TIME - 8 P.M.

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ELECTION TIME IS NEAR

It's nearly that time of year when we have to think of election of officers to manage the affairs of the Club. NPARC's constitution calls for an election of officers at the annual meeting, which is held in November of each year. The elected officers are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and Activities Manager. Briefly, the functions of the several officers are:

- President - Conducts the meetings and performs the usual presidential functions.
- Vice President - Acts in the absence of the President plus special assignments and heads the Publicity and Membership Committees.
- Secretary - Keeps the Club's records and handles correspondence.
- Treasurer - Keeps the Club's books, collects dues, pays bills.
- Activities Manager - Supervises the Club's station activities, organizes Club contests, directs the meeting programs and the licensing course.

These officers form the Executive Committee which meets at least once each quarter to plan the Club programs and activities.

The main requirement for an officer to be effective is to be enthusiastic and have a little time he can devote to the job. The pay is not too good, but the rewards are heaven-sent.

A nominating committee has been appointed including George (WN2WVB), chairman, and Dave (WA2FWL) and Bob (W2YMA), who will meet prior to the November meeting to prepare a slate of officers for nomination. The nomination committee is required to place at least one name in nomination for each position at the annual meeting. Other nominations will be welcomed from the floor. The election will follow.

A discussion of the officials of the club would not be complete without mention of those appointed by the president to fill standing committees. Charlie (W2RHR) has been custodian of the Club license and has provide liaison with the Recreation Commission. Charlie is moving out of New Providence, however, and Andy (WB2WGM) has "volunteered" to be custodian. Bob (W2YFM) is TVI Committee Chairman; Roland (W4URS/2) has been Field Day Manager, but is also moving away. In addition the posts of Publicity Chairman and Membership Chairman are open, which means there are some good jobs open for volunteers.

More active members make for a livelier and more interesting club. Are there any volunteers.

Arden (WB2GPG)

OCTOBER PROGRAM - WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED ARRL !

Everyone has heard much about the Arrl recently, either favorably or not so favorably. But perhaps not everyone understands what ARRL really is and what the organization can do for the individual amateur and his club. Here is the chance to get the real story.

We are fortunate in having as our speakers at the October 10th meeting Harry Dannals (W2TUK), Director of the Hudson Division, ARRL, and Stan Zak (K2SJO), Vice Director of the Hudson Division. Harry and Stan will outline the benefits to be gained by the individual Ham and our Club in ARRL membership and will discuss current and future plans of the organization. They will also field all questions concerning ARRL in view of the recent criticism of some of its positions on controversial matters.

Here is one meeting you cannot afford to miss. If you are a member of ARRL you can learn about some of the benefits that you may have been overlooking; if you are not a member you can find out whether these things would make membership desirable for you.

Because of the importance of this meeting we hope that everyone will attend and will take the opportunity to invite other Hams or interested people, whether or not a member of the Club, to attend.

The meeting will begin promptly at 8 p.m., in the Cafeteria of the Lincoln School in New Providence.

FIELD TRIP TO WLAW.- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Arrangements have been completed for members of NPARC to visit the facilities of ARRL, and especially the league's station WLAW, on Saturday, November 5. The League has replied to our request that they are happy to have us visit them and are all set for a first class tour.

We will leave from the parking lot between Lincoln School and the police station at 8 a.m., sharp. This should be a great trip and it is hoped that all members will make an effort to be along.

PROJECT FOR OCTOBER

The CD-6-meter antenna needs an overhaul and some nice Saturday or Sunday afternoon during October this project should be undertaken. We would hope to take care of it before cold weather sets in. Do we have any volunteers?

NET ACTIVITIES

Several stations have been conspicuous by their absence on the Friday night net. In case you have forgotten, it's Friday at 2100 EDT at 145.8 mc. More participation makes for better discussions, such as Club bulletins, a review of general theory ... or what do you suggest.

No one has gotten a CW net under way yet. Would the Novices like to get together around 7160 kc (just above Moscow). What about 2000 EDT, just before the phone net.

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H A M C R O S S W O R D S

Horizontal:

- 1 - A device which increases electric impulses, usually including one or more electron tubes of transistors.
- 8 - A fixed value or form which a varying value or form may approach indefinitely but cannot reach. (math)
- 9 - Mineral which affects photographic plates (Abbr)
- 10 - Rare earth metal A.W. 168.94 (Abbr)
- 11 - Direction (Abbr)
- 13 - Device used to pry
- 15 - To change one form of energy into another
- 16 - Single sideband (abbr)
- 17 - Alter color
- 19 - To have something down to a science
- 21 - Hams couldn't do without them

Vertical:

- 1 - The perpendicular distance from the base of a figure to the summit
- 2 - Least amount (Abbr)
- 3 - A.W. 147 (Abbr)
- 4 - Clothes of flax
- 5 - ID
- 6 - A.W. 167.27 (Abbr)

Vertical (Continued):

- 7 - A dielectric housing designed to provide protection for an antenna against climatic conditions
- 11 - One who acts as the arbitrator (Abbr)
- 12 - One who uses his energy to the maximum
- 13 - An acronym for light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation
- 14 - Vestigial sideband (Abbr)
- 18 - Affirmative (German)
- 19 - Polonium (Abbr)
- 20 - A.W. 127.61 (Abbr)

Answer Next Month

W A S Y E T ?

NPARC's WAS contest still has three months to go and plenty of opportunities for winning -- all you need is to do better than the present leaders.

We didn't have any reports last month, so the field is still wide open. Let's get busy.

NPARC OFFICERS

- President
Arden Johnson (WB2GFG)
- Vice President
Jim Palmquist (WB2EHA)
- Secretary - Treasurer
Andy Napolitano
(WB2WGM)
- Program Chairman
Al Hirsch (K2SKV)

PLANNING AHEAD? Watch for Field trip to WLAW in November - Annual Dinner, December