

MOUNTAIN SPARK GAPS

OCTOBER 1989

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!!!!ATTENTION!!!! THE FIRST OCTOBER MEETING IS ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 10TH

MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER 10th
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

OCTOBER 14th (Saturday)
FOX HUNT

OCTOBER 23rd
MONTHLY PROGRAM MEETING

That time of year is already here when we have to start looking for club officers for next year. At our October business meeting the President will appoint a nominating committee to select a slate of officers for 1990. The officers of the club are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Activities Manager. (This is right out of our Constitution!) If you would like to help run the club now is your chance to get in the action. Of course the candidates are not limited to those appointed by the nominating committee. We would welcome any and all who would like to run for office. If you think the club could be improved now is your chance to get in and contribute your expertise.

Jim, NJ2F has been trying to line up a speaker to tell us about lightning and grounding protection. So far he has not been able to make connections. As always we will come up with some program of interest for

October 23rd. One possibility is a demonstration of the computerized Smith Chart as described in the October 1989 issue of Ham Radio magazine. The software has been ordered and if it gets here in time to learn how to run it we will try to demonstrate it at the meeting. If anyone has any suggestions or contacts for a meeting please contact Jim. Another thing to keep in mind is if you have recently obtained a new piece of ham equipment we would always like to see it demonstrated at a meeting. Who is going to be the first one to get a new Kenwood TS-950?!! (Be careful of that though, the specs in Ham Radio do not indicate that it will operate on 20 meters!) (You see I read the fine print)

In case you miss a reminder elsewhere, don't forget to bring in your membership renewal form and your dues for 1990.

CORRECTION - CORRECTION BIG MISTAKE BY EDITOR

I really did it in the September issue of the Spark Gaps! I am sorry to report that I had the wrong person and call in a notice about who was in the hospital. I reported that Bob W2OKO was in the hospital whereas it was actually Bob W2OWS. Bob Mendelson W2OKO called me as soon as he got his Spark Gaps and reported that he was not in the hospital and was feeling great. It is a long story but actually I had had a call from Bob Paskouskas W2OWS who is now in the Mt. Kemble division of Morristown Memorial Hospital. This is a

rehabilitation center. He reports that he is coming along and working hard at the therapy treatments. He does not have use of his left arm or leg. He is doing exercises to try to bring back the action in that area. This sounds similar to what Ralph Elspass WB2AMX had some time ago and as I recall he managed to do pretty well at getting the action back in his hands. Bob's phone number at Mt Kemble is 326-8707.

I talked to Scotty Snyder to see how Bud, KB2GN is doing and she reports that he is pretty much confined to bed but he is home where he can get better care than in the hospital. Scotty says they have essentially full time care at home. Bud is able to sit up on the side of the bed but he is on an oxygen mask now rather than just the oxygen tube he had been going on.

If anyone has any information about club members who may be ill I would appreciate hearing about it so I can let others know through the Spark Gaps.

We all wish the best to those who are having health problems.

K2AGI

CLUB OFFICERS

President: . Harry Kundra W2YEZ
V. Pres: ... Tony Lockhart KB2BBP
Secretary:Pat Casey N2FXA
Treasurer: John Sheetz K2AGI
Activities Mgr:Jim Stekas NJ2F

WELCOME TO MORE NEW MEMBERS

Three more people joined our club during September.

Joe Hanay, N2JMH, from Westfield joined on September 11th.

Paul Harris, WB2ZEW, who has been heard a lot lately on the Whippany repeater and a former member of our club from 1981 reopened his membership on September 19th. Paul lives in Morristown.

Bill Kaminski, K2OQG from way out in Asbury and a Bell Labs Murray Hill retiree also joined on September 19th.

We are glad to have people from the surrounding area and welcome Joe, Paul and Bill to the club.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS COMING IN

So far 46 people have renewed their membership for 1990. If you have not done so yet please remember to send in the personalized membership information form along with your check for the dues for next year. Where else can you find a club that provides you with all the service and comraderie that we have for 50 cents a month? If you drink one cup of coffee each month at our meetings you have had your money's worth and you get everything else free like this newsletter! I would like to have the financial books all up to date before the end of the year so you can help by finding your membership form and sending it in right now or bring it to the next meeting.

Your Treasurer, John Sheetz

FALL FOX HUNT COMING UP SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH

Our regular Fall hidden transmitter hunt will be held on a Saturday afternoon instead of the normal Sunday afternoon. This is because the Fall Foliage Train Express will be going up to Port Jervis and back on Sunday. This is the train with one of the cars owned by our own club member Don Smith. There was an article and picture about the train in the Independent Press for September 27th on page 13. If anyone else in the club is interested you can call (201) 488-5429 and leave a message. You will be called back. Tickets can be ordered by telephone and charged to a credit card. Since K2AGI and KB2IKC are going to be the rabbit in the hunt and K2AGI is going on the train trip we decided to hold the fox hunt on Saturday.

The fox hunt will follow the same rules as in the past. The starting point will be from the front parking lot at Bell Labs in Murray Hill. Starting time is 1:15 so you should be there for logging in etc. at 1:00 PM.

NEW FORMAT FOR THE SPARK GAPS

It seems strange to be writing this paragraph at the moment because I have no idea what it or the rest of this issue is going to look like! This is my first attempt at what I might call real desktop publishing. As many of you know I have a new computer which happens to have a hard-disk among other things. None of my previous computers ever had a hard-disk so I could not run big programs. This one is a whopper. I get to see a picture on the screen of almost exactly what the newslet-

ter is going to look like when it comes out of the printer. When I learn what I am doing I will be able to incorporate pictures and graphics along with the text. As those of you who were at the last meeting saw I have already succeeded in transcribing our club logo into computer reproducible form. I am in the process of trying to do the same thing with the ARRL diamond logo. I called ARRL headquarters and found that they only work with photographic reproductions of an artist's original. If and when I get the ARRL diamond programmed I will furnish the code to headquarters and anyone else who might have a use for it. I am programming it in the PostScript language which is used by many publishers.

Since I have no idea what this is going to look like let me say right now that I am open to comments and suggestions as to appearance, typestyle, readability or any other ideas you might have. This is the big advantage of using a computer. I can easily modify almost any part of the operation and when I get it tuned up it is a cinch to do the next time. Essentially there will be a program in the computer that describes how the newsletter is to appear in every detail. I keep this program for use each month and all I have to do is feed in the text and headings. As I learn how to do all of this I will describe some of the operations in future issues. If I could drag the computer to a meeting I could even give a demonstration (but not now - I really don't understand half of what I am doing!) As I write this I don't even know how many columns are going to be on a page! I hope it all fits.

HAMFESTS COMING UP

Two hamfests October 8th and two more October 15th.

The Bergen Amateur Radio Association presents their Annual Fall Hamfest Sunday, October 8th, 8 AM till 4 PM rain or shine. To be held at Bergen Community College, Paramus, NJ. FREE ADMISSION. Amateur testing Novice thru Extra. For exam information contact K2MHP (Pete) (201)796-6622. Sellers \$5.00 per space. Tailgate only. Talk-in on 146.79 (rpt) and 146.52 (simplex).

The Mt Airy VHF Radio Club (Pack Rats) present HAMARAMA '89 Sunday, October 8th, 7 AM till 4 PM rain or shine. To be held at the Bucks County Drive-In Theatre, Warrington, PA (Route 611). Buyers \$7.00 PER CARLOAD OF PEOPLE. Sellers tailgate \$6.00. Talk-In on 146.52.

The Shore Area Ham & Computer Fest will be held Sunday, October 15, 8 AM till 3 PM. Sellers 6 AM. To be held at Allaire Airport, Wall Township, NJ. Admission \$4.00 in advance (advance tickets have two drawing stubs) or \$5.00 at the door with one drawing stub. Sellers outdoors \$8.00 per 8 ft wide space. Indoors \$20.00 per table by reservation. Grand prizes include a PK-232 and a Uniden 10-meter mobile transceiver. Hourly drawings for additional prizes. V.E. testing. Talk-In 145.110 -600 (rpt) or 146.52. Additional info: Al Jackson (201)922-8121.

The Hall of Science Amateur Radio Club Electronic Hamfest & Computerfest will be held Sunday, October 15th, 9 AM till 3 PM. Rain date October 22nd. Located at the Hall of Science parking lot (off of 47th Avenue & 111th Street) Flushing Meadow Park, Queens, NY. Buyers \$3.00, sellers \$5.00 per

SUMMIT RACE REQUESTS NPARC HELP

The first annual "Overlook Hustle", a 5 mile and 1 mile run, will take place on Sunday October 22nd in Summit. The event is being sponsored by the Overlook Hospital Auxiliary, with proceeds from the race helping fund the Employee Child Care Center, and a scholarship program for future staff at Overlook. The race committee is familiar with the communications that our club has provided in the past for the New Providence 10 Kilometer Run, and they have approached us in regard to providing communications for their event. The race will start at the Summit Green and follow a scenic, professionally charted 5 mile course through Summit, with a 3 mile cutoff for walkers. Our club has been asked to assist with communications throughout the race, along the same lines as we have done for the New Providence 10 Kilometer Race, held in April each year. What would be needed from us is to have 5 or 6 members, each with a 2 meter Handie-talkie, positioned along the race course at the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th mile locations along with course marshals, and another person at the start/finish line. When the race begins, each club member would relay back to the finish line the status of the race, and which runners are in the lead positions. This information would then be announced over the public address system for all the spectators to hear. This event would again demonstrate the effectiveness of Amateur Radio in providing communications for such a local public service event, and certainly give our club some publicity. I will be looking for 5 members who would assist me in this project. All that you would need is a 2 meter handie-talkie. The race starts at 1 pm on Sunday October 22nd, and would take only a couple of hours of time at the most. Please contact me if you have an interest in assisting in this event.

SWAP AND SHOP

FOR SALE: 40 ft. crank up, tilt over steel tower. Includes cement filled 12 ft. long, 4 inch dia. steel ground post. Crank-up winch and tilt-over winch. Antennas can be lowered and brought down to ground level. Tower needs a good painting, has rust on it. Top section will accept 1 1/4 to 1 3/8 inch mast. Just dig hole and plant. Summer Sale Price--- Only \$200

FREQUENCY COUNTER- Weston model 1250, 32 Mhz capability with 5 digit LED display. 110 Vac operated. Very good shape. Manual included.--- Only \$70. "Included at no additional cost" 300 Mhz Prescaler- K Enterprises Extends the operating range of the counter to over 300 Mhz. 110 Vac operated. Very good shape. Manual included. \$70 for both, or best offer.

220 Mhz FM Transceiver- Midland 13-509. 12 channel capability. Xtals for two frequencies installed. 10 watt transmitter. Very good shape, used in shack, not mobile. Manual included. \$99 or best offer.

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