

MOUNTAIN SPARK GAPS

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CONVERTERS: Subject For September Meeting

First meeting of the New Providence Amateur Radio Club, scheduled for Monday evening, September 12, should get us off to a good start for the year. Feature of the evening will be a discussion of converters by R. M. "Bob" Mendelson (W2OKO), who is something of an authority on this subject. In the main the program will be directed to 2-meter operations, specifically 144-148 mc signals.

Club members will remember Bob as the author of the two-part article on a 2-meter transceiver in the "RCA Ham Tips" sheets that were distributed at last year's banquet. Bob lives at 27 Somerset Place, Murray Hill, is employed by RCA at the Commercial Receiving Tube and Semiconductor Division, Somerville. He has been the author of many of the "RCA Ham Tips" series, mostly those devoted to VHF gear. He is active on all bands, however.

Bob's talk will be on the design (he has designs for both a transistor and Nuvistor model) and construction of a 2-meter converter. It is possible he will have "samples" with him for display.

Everyone should make an effort to get out for this outstanding presentation. Getting Bob Mendelson is a stroke of good luck for the Club.

MEETINGS AT LINCOLN SCHOOL

As you may well have noted the Recreation Center has bowed to the wreckers' hammers this past Summer. As a result the Club has made arrangements to meet for the time being at the Lincoln School cafeteria. Meeting times remain the same ... 8 p.m., with the first meeting of the season on September 12. Others this year will be October 10, November 12 with a dinner meeting again scheduled for December.

Keep these dates in mind and try to be on hand for the outstanding programs that are coming up.

WAS CONTEST STILL IN FULL SWING

Although we haven't had any reports of the progress of the W A S contest since June, the competition is still on and it is hoped that we can hear from all of you who have been busy this Summer. As we left the contest in June, Bruce Robinson (WB2VIP) was in first place with 17 contacts and Jim Palmquist (WB2EKA) was in the No. 2 spot with 12 contacts. Dave Griffiths (WA2FWL) was in the lead working all New Jersey counties.

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HAVE YOU MOVED?

In order to keep our membership list up-to-date Secretary and Treasurer Andy Napolitano and John Sheetz must have your current address. John Sheetz prepares the mailing list for the "Spark Gaps" every month and he may be contacted by calling 464-5671, or writing to him at 5 Hansell Road, Murray Hill. Andy's telephone number is 464-4463, and his address is 36 Jane Road, New Providence.

(At Left - Answer to last issue's crossword puzzle)

HUDSON DIVISION'S ANNUAL CONVENTION - October 15 - 16

No. 1 upcoming activity in the area is the ARRL's Hudson Amateur Radio Council's convention, scheduled for October 15 and 16 at the Hilton Inn, Tarrytown, New York. Guest speaker for the banquet on Saturday evening, October 15, will be Jean Shepherd (K2ORS) of the WOR Radio staff. Registration is \$3 in advance, \$4 at the door. Banquet is \$8 in advance and \$9 at the door. This is always a top-notch event and well worth attending. There will be free exhibits and also a "Miss Amateur Radio." For further information get in touch with Stan Zak, 13 Jennifer Lane, Port Chester, N.Y.

FOR SALE:

Johnson 6N2 transmitter for 2 and 6 meters. Good shape, needs only a power supply (those old TV sets?) and a modulator, 50 or 100 watts ... Price - \$80.

Also Johnson 6N2 VFO, an exact match for above. Stable. Not for Novices ... Price - \$20 as a package with above transmitter or \$100 for the pair. VFO only - \$30. Call Al Hirsch (K2SKV) 33 Evergreen Road, Summit - telephone 273-6372.

WANTED:

Antenna rotor that will handle a good-sized beam. Price is a consideration. Call Jim Palmquist (WB2EKA), 65 Robbins Avenue, Berkeley Heights - telephone 464-0846.

OFFICERS OF NPARC

President	Arden Johnson (WB2GPG)
Vice President	Jim Palmquist (WB2EKA)
Secretary-	
Treasurer	Andy Napolitano (WB2WGM)

And this reminds us that shortly we will be electing new officers for the new year and the nominating will probably like some suggestion. Also, there are a number of appointed posts in NPARC which we will list in the next issue.

THE PASSING OF "RADIO ROW"

The demolition of the age-old buildings that comprise famed "Radio Row" is now in progress to clear the area for the huge World Trade Center to be erected in the area. This section of lower Manhattan, which has long supplied the needs of gear-hungry "Hams" will lose much of its attractiveness to amateurs, and certainly a considerable amount of flavor.

The passing of "Radio Row" is reported with some misgivings because it always was an exciting place to visit.

The history of "Radio Row" and how it developed dates back many years -- actually to the era of radio's birth. Many of its late establishments can trace their origins to those early days. The area has come to be accepted as the mecca of the electronically-minded individuals who exuberantly made efforts to negotiate for bargains as well as for inconceivable amounts of "junk" and it was the place that was always characterized as "if you can't find it here, it isn't!"

Now that "Radio Row" is being uprooted and its merchants relocating themselves it is hoped that a new alternate "Radio Row" will grow up to redeem the lore and quaintness that attracted us all to the old site. Maybe it will in time ... but for those of us who have spent years repeatedly peering through mounds of age-old, dust-encrusted paraphernalia, mentally cataloguing the nature of each available item, it may well be that we will never adjust to the change. (From TARCUM News)

BRAIN TEASER

Try this one on for size: When two resistors are connected in series they measure 100 ohms. Now the same resistors are connected in parallel. This time they measure 10 ohms. Question: what is the value of each resistor.

N O T E ... If you have a favorite Brain Teaser, or even some other item for "Spark Gaps" let us hear from you. Drop a line to George Eastland, 15 River Bend Road, Berkeley Heights.