MOUNTAIN SPARK GAPS New Providence Amateur Radio Club

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September, 1985

Sunday - 145.75 MHz 8:00p.m. RTTY

Wednesday - 28.15 MHz 9:00p.m. CW

9:00p.m. FM/phone

P.O. Box 813

New Providence, NJ 07974

MEETING SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER, 1985

Monday, September 2nd, 1:00pm to 6:00p.m.

LABOR DAY PICNIC at Al Hirsch's (K2SKV) new home in Warren, NJ. Bill King, W2LTJ, is acting as "Picnic Control." Those planning to attend should call Bill on 377-5653 to get food and drink assignments. The attached map gives directions. Al's home is 6 Mountain Trail, off King George Road in Warren, NJ. Talk-ins on 145.75 simplex, and telephone Al on 469-6374 if lost and without communications. See y'all there!

Monday, September 9th 8:00p.m.

Regular Business Meeting will include appointments of Nominating Committee for 1986 Officers, and a Holiday Party Committee. Program will be a presentation by Jerry Sevick, W2FMI, on Antennas, Transmission Lines and Transmission Line Transformers. You've seen articles by Jerry in QST, so don't miss this one!

Monday, September 23rd 8:00p.m.

Fourth Monday meeting with impromptu items of interest arranged on short notice. Join the Sunday nite net on September 22nd and maybe you'll get some clues. Perhaps you've got a project you'd like to tell the club about?

REPORT ON JULY 14TH FOX HUNT

The New Providence ARC hidden transmitter hunt was held on July 14th. The "foxes" manning the hidden transmitter were Bob Brown, W2EME, and son Tom Brown, KA2UGQ.

The foxes were 2.14 miles from the start point, with a minimum driving distance of 2.4 miles, which was the west parking lot of the New Providence train station. The initial 200 milliwatts was increased to 7 watts when some of the "hounds" ventured into low signal areas. Prizes included banana bread, zucchini bread and lemonade prepared by Mary-Margaret Brown, which was enjoyed by the following participants:

PL	ACE 1.	PARTICIPANT Bill Wadsworth, W2ZKE	TIME 28	MILEAGE 6.3	HUNT FACTOR 46.9
	2.	Al Perkins, K2QKV, driver Bob Willis, K2GLS, navigator Amy Willis, spectator	55	12.2	91.6
	3.	Bay Rowan, W2GKF, driver Bill King, W2LTJ, navigator	77	17.9	130.7

Bud Snyder, KB2GN, and Floyd Harvey, KA2DDG, also participated. Hearty CONGRATULATIONS to Bill Wadsworth, W2ZKE, for winning hands down! W2ZKE will, of course, be the "fox" in the next hunt.

PREVIEWS OF COMING PROGRAMS

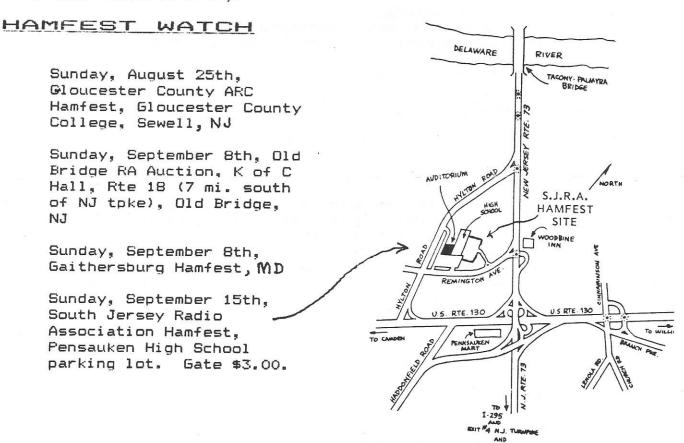
Our Activities Manager, Bob Latter - W2YFM, has established a real track record with some great programs so far this year, matching interests indicated in a survey earlier this year! To preview upcoming events:

- Oct. 16th- OSCAR 10 by Bob Willis, K2GLS

 Not that this is a Wednesday night due to the Library
 being closed for the Holiday.
- Nov. 13th- OPTIMUM WORKING FREQUENCY by Ed Weppler Elections of Club Officers for 1986 will be held this date. Note that this too is a Wednesday night due to the Holiday on November 11th.
- Dec. 6th NPARC HOLIDAY PARTY target date. Reserve date with your spouse and put it on your calendar. Details will follow!

RUSTY CW NET

Looking for a friendly spot to start the climb up toward 20 WPM, or to try out that newly acquired bug or electronic keyer, to test the iambic feature or to put your new computer CW program thru its paces? Well, remember the Rusty CW Net on Wednesday nights at 9:00 pm. You'll have fun, too! Give it a try.



FOR SALE

Following items are FDR SALE by John Myrick WA2TKW:

SPECTRUM Diskettes, DSDD, 5 & 1/4 inch soft-sectored. These are prime units, with reinforced hubs and protective sleeves. A few left at \$1.25 each in multiples of ten.

Contact John Myrick, WA2TKW (tel. 464-7142) if interested.

FREE...repeat FREE...Ed Read, KA2DNM, has a CW send/receive program for the Radio Shack Color Computer...send him a diskette, and he'll make you a copy.

NPARC PATCHES STILL AVAILABLE!

NPARC club shoulder patches are still available, so if you have'nt got yours, better hurry! They are \$1.50 each or two for \$3.00. Check with John Sheetz at the next meeting.

LICENSE EXAMS

The NNJ VE Board is offering Amateur License exams on September 14th, October 12th, November 9th, December 14th, and dates into 1986. Exams are conducted at Union College in Cranford, NJ. Contact Carl Felt, N2XJ for info. FCC form 610 applications with copy of existing amateur license and check for \$4.00 payable to "ARRL VEC" should be received at least 30 days prior to exam date. Walk-ins permitted but are at risk of limited test materials. Novice Form 610 applications are exempt of the \$4.00 fee.

Carl Felt, N2XJ, will be the VE Team Liaison For the September 14th exams, and Bob Latter, W2YFM, will be Team Liaison for the October 12th exams.

