

Mountain Spark Gaps

New Providence Amateur Radio Club
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ARRL Club Number 0213

Fall Transmitter Hunt - Oct. 6!!

September, 1987

Nets:

FM Phone 147.030 MHz Sundays at 9:00 p.m. EDT Bill King, W2LTJ
RTTY 145.750 MHz Sundays at 8:00 p.m. EDT John Sheetz, K2AGI
Westlink 145.750 MHz Sundays at 7:30 p.m. EDT Tom Brown, KA2UGQ
Westlink 147.030 MHz Whippany Rptr. Simulcast Tom Brown, KA2UGQ
Rusty CW 28.150 MHz Wednesdays 9:00 p.m. EDT Floyd Harvey, KA2DDG

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

September 28: SUPERCONDUCTIVITY!

We are lucky to be close to where all the action is - AT&T Bell Laboratories in Murray Hill. Henry M. O'Bryan of Bell Labs will tell us about the recent developments in superconductivity at previously unheard-of high temperatures (as warm as liquid nitrogen!) You may have read about this in some of the news magazines or on television, but Mr. O'Bryan will show some superconducting materials and possibly demonstrate some of the properties of superconductivity!

October 4: FALL TRANSMITTER HUNT (see column to right for details)

October 12: NPARC business meeting

* 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 meet- *
* ings are held on the second-Monday *
* meetings and speakers will be scheduled *
* for the fourth-Monday meetings. *

NPARC CALENDAR

September:
28: NPARC Meeting: SUPERCONDUCTIVITY!

October:
4: NPARC Fall Transmitter Hunt
10: Hamfest: Cranford Computerfest
11: Hamfest: Warrington, PA
12: NPARC Business Meeting

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NPARC FALL TRANSMITTER HUNT

"So, who thinks they are close?"
"Well, Tom, we'll see you in a few minutes."
"I see 'ya!"
"hiss...crackle...pop...I uh...think...we have...a fix...on...you...SCRUNCH"

Get in on the action and join the fun on Sunday, October 4 for the fall TRANSMITTER HUNT! The hunt will begin from the AT&T Bell Labs west parking lot (make a right turn from the main front entrance) at 1 PM. Bob Brown, W2EME and Tom Brown, KA2UGQ will be hidden in a strategically-chosen impossible-to-find spot (above ground).

HAMFEST WATCH

October 10 (Saturday): The annual Computer Expo at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Avenue, Cranford from 9 AM to 4 PM. Flea market * Vendor exhibits * Workshops. This has been the best computer flea market (next to the Trenton Computerfest) for the past two years. For more information, call 276-7301.

October 11 (Sunday): The Pack Rats ARC is sponsoring their 16th annual Hamarama at the Bucks County Drive-in Theater on route 611 starting at 6 AM. Admission \$4 each or \$7/carload; sellers \$6/space, bring tables. More info: Pat Cawthorne WB3DNI at (215) 672-5289.

NPARC CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale by Ernie Kolb, N2EFR (665-0141):

- Okidata 82a printer with both RS232 serial and Centronics parallel interfaces, tractor feed, user manual AND service manuals.
- Switched capacitor filter kit with PC board, chips, and data sheet. (See article in April 1986 QST)
- ST-6 RTTY terminal unit, AK-1 AFSK PC board, manuals.

Contact Ernie for more information.

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For Sale by Ralph Martin, W2TWR (464-1361):

Used Amateur Radio equipment in good condition:

- Hammarlund Super Pro receiver, AM-CW, speaker, power supply unit. Cont. coverage from 500 kHz to 30 MHz. \$87
- Johnson Viking Valiant 200-watt transmitter, AM-CW, low-pass filter, microphone, CW bug. \$142
- Hy-Gain 20-meter 3-element wide-space beam with RG-8/U cable and mast. Elements labelled and beam partially disassembled for easy transportation. \$32
- Sturdy metal beam tower base and top section with torque bar. Accepts additional sections. \$15
- CDR heavy-duty antenna rotor, base plate, cable, and control unit with illuminated compass dial. \$59

All manuals furnished with equipment.

FREE to first buyer: Pan Adapter signal monitor scope.

If interested in any of this equipment, contact Ralph Martin W2TWR at 464-1361. Buyers must pick up equipment (or have it picked up).

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If YOU would like to place a FREE ad in the Mountain Spark Gaps, contact Tom Brown, KA2UGQ at 464-7958 (leave message on answering machine) or at any NPARC meeting.

RTTY EAVESDROPPINGS

The following bits and pieces were monitored on RTTY by Bill Snyder, W0LHS of Worldradio:

GOING QRS/QSY TO THE MATTRESS NOW ... I THINK HIS NAME IS DAVE SYSOP OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT ... I'M NEW TO RTTY BUT CAN RUN MY BRAD TAPE OKAY ... I'VE BEEN A HAM SINCE 1981 ... I LIKE TO WORK DX BUT I'M TOO LAZY TO TURN THE BEAM ... SOLID, BUT PLEASE REPEAT YOUR CALL ... ARE YOU USING COMPUTER GEAR OR MECHANICAL GEARS ... RUBBER BANDS HAVE SNAPPY ENDINGS ... THE BAND HAS NOT QUIT WOKEN UP ... RIG HERE IS S.S.S. (SOLID STATE STUFF) ... I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING YOUR VERY RARE QSL CARD ... I TRIED TO CALL THAT DX STATION TOO MUCH ... THE UAGY CARDS WON'T BE BACK FROM THE PRINTER UNTIL SEPTEMBER ... I WORKED ALAND ISLAND LONG PATH - OVER BOTH POLES ... I'M USING A LINEAR AMP NOW ... SORRY - NO GO - ELMER IS CALLING CQ ON TOP OF YOU NOW ... QSL VIA THE BURRO IS SLOW PONY EXPRESS ... MY COLLINS 32-V-2 CAME OVER ON THE MAYFLOWER ... I NOW HAVE THE RIG IN THE THINKING MODE ... ON CW I HAVE A BAD CODE IN MY HEAD ... HERE'S ONE OF MY ITTY-BITTY NITTY-GRITTY RTTY GRAFFITY ... I WAS A PIPEFITTER IN A BIN MILL ... THE SUN SPOTS ARE NOT GOOD, BUT MY ANTENNA DOESN'T KNOW IT ... WHAT DO YOU THINK OF A GUY WHO SENDS 25 LINES OF RYRYRYRYRYR AND THEN ONLY ONE LINE OF CQ? ... GOING THE SPEED OF LIGHT IS BAD FOR YOUR AGE ... THEY ARE HAVING A DISASTER WITH THEM NET/ROMS [That's what YOU think -Ed] ... I THOUGHT I HAD YOUR CALL IN SELLCALL WHATEVER THAT IS ... I REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW TO ARG, BUT HERE GOES ... IF YOU HAVE A GOOD ANTLER, YOU DON'T NEED AN AMPLIFIER.

--From W0LHS

MERRY CHRISTMAS, NPARC!

(No, this is not a "Crazy Eddie" Christmas-in-September super sale...)

A super program has been lined up for our annual Christmas Banquet thanks to Bob Latta, W2YFM. The Banquet will be held on Friday night, December 4, at The Afton in Florham Park. All NPARC members and their guests are welcome to come! STAY POSTED for more details about the program and the cuisine.

ARRL VEC PROGRAM

Know of anyone who is thinking of upgrading? Does someone you know want to go for their novice license? Don't forget that the NNJ VE Board is alive and well and has sessions the second Saturday of each month. Exams are conducted at Union County College in Cranford, NJ. FCC form 610 applications with copy of existing amateur license and \$4.35 check payable to "ARRL VEC" should be received at least 30 days prior to exam date. Walk-ins are permitted but at risk of limited test materials. Novice form 610 applications are exempt of the \$4.35 fee. Contact Carl Felt, N2XJ at 635-7686 for more information and/or 610 forms.

The next session will be on October 10.