

Welcome to the new millenium.....

NEW JERSEY TRAFFIC BULLETIN

Winter 2000

Statewide Nets (HF)

New Jersey Morning Net (NJM) 3695 KHZ
10 AM Daily, WA2OPY Mgr.

New Jersey Phone Net (NJPN) 3950 KHZ
6 PM Daily, 9 AM Sunday, W2CC Mgr.

New Jersey Slow Net (NJSN) 3715 KHZ
6:30 PM Daily, K2PB Mgr.

New Jersey Net (NJN) 3695 KHZ
7 & 10 PM Daily, AG2R Mgr.

Local Nets (VHF)

New Jersey VHF Net (early), 146.895
7:30 PM Daily, N2RPI Mgr.

Jersey Shore ARS Traffic Net, 146.91
7:30 PM Daily, KC2ATQ Mgr.

Central Jersey Traffic Net, 147.12
8 PM Daily, N3RB Mgr.

New Jersey VHF Net (late), 146.70 (Weds 146.895)
10:30 PM Daily, N2OPJ Mgr

South Jersey VHF Net, 147.345
10:30 PM Daily, WB2UVB Mgr

ACTIVE ROSTER FOR NJPN / NJN / NJM / NJSN

P=NJPN C=NJN M=NJM S=NJSN

call	name	town	county	nets	call	name	town	county	nets
N2 BGE	Ed	Rancocas	Bur	P	WB2 SFX	Ed	Browns Mills	Bur	P
W2 CC	Dave	Englewood	Ber	P	N2 SU	Bob	Clifton	Pas	C
WA2 CUW	Tom	Cherry Hill	Cam	CM	AA2 SV	Willie	Brick	Oc	CMS
WB2 CZW	Steve	Elizabeth	Un	PCM	K2 UL	Dan	Hamilton Sq	Mer	PCM
K2 EE	Dave	Verona	Ess	M	WB2 UVB	Gene	Moorestown	Bur	P
WA2 EPI	Sam	Dover	Mor	PC	WB2 VUF	Bob	Morris Plains	Mor	C
WB2 FTX	Dave	Butler	Mor	P	K2 VX	Dave	Newark	Ess	PC
N2 GJ	Gerry	Kingston	Som	PCMS	W2 VX	Bob	Ridgewood	Ber	PC
K3 GNZ	Skip	Manalapan	Mon	P	N2 XJ	Carl	Chatham	Mor	PCM
WA2 GXU	Nick	Marmora	CM	CM	WB2 ZJF	Don	Woodstown	Sal	PC
K2 GZW	Bill	Allenhurst	Mon	P					
W2 JG	Joe	Waldwick	Ber	CMS					
N1 JX	Arnold	Roseland	Ess	PCM					
WB2 KNS	Bob	Morganville	Mon	P					
AA2 MH	Ray	Bayville	Oc	PC					
W2 MTO	George	Parsippany	Mor	PCMS	NB2 D	Joe	NY		CM
W2 MW	Kurt	Oak Ridge	Mor	P	KA1 DBO	Andy	CT		S
K2 MYQ	Bill	Princeton	Mer	C	KK3 F	Pat	MD		C
W2 NTS	Ed	E. Brunswick	Msx	CMS	KA1 GWE	Anna	CT		S
K2 OG	Chris	Bridgeton	Cum	P	KJ4 N	Jan	FL		CMS
WA2 OPY	Jan	Kearny	Hud	CM	WA2 PCS	Matt	PA		PC
K2 PB	Pat	Plainsboro	Msx	CMS	WA2 SEI	Ray	NY		PCM
WA2 QHA	Joe	E. Brunswick	Msx	S					
KB2 QO	Bill	Lake Hopatcong	Mor	CM					
AG2 R	Gene	Parsippany	Mor	PCMS					
NG2 R	Dick	Turnersville	Glo	P					
W2 RQ	Bill	Andover Twp.	Sus	PC					
W2 RWB	Rich	Toms River	Oc	P					

Out-Of-State

NB2 D	Joe	NY		CM
KA1 DBO	Andy	CT		S
KK3 F	Pat	MD		C
KA1 GWE	Anna	CT		S
KJ4 N	Jan	FL		CMS
WA2 PCS	Matt	PA		PC
WA2 SEI	Ray	NY		PCM

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Stats:

October: Qni/209 Qtc/80 Qsp/76 95% Qtr/336 Sessions/31 15 different stations
November: Qni/199 Qtc/101 /qsp/85 84% Qtr/313 Sessions/30 18 different stations
December: Qni 199 Qtc/192 Qsp/178 93% Qtr/400 Sessions/31 18 different stations.

Honor roll

october: SV 29; SEI 23; JG 21; PB 21; XJ 21; MTO 19; GJ 16; 2R 15; OPY 11; UL 10.
november: SV 30; SEI 25; MTO 24; XJ 24; 2R 21; PB 19; GJ 18.
december: 2R 23; MTO 22; XJ 22; SEI 18; PB 16; GJ 15; KJ4N 15; MH 12; SV 12.

Roster: Mon. 2R/MTO; Tues. XJ/--; Wed. OPY/MTO; Thurs. XJ/2R; Fri. MTO/MH;
Sat. GJ/SV; Sun. SV/XJ.

Dear Net Family and Friends,

Happy 2000. Even though this is a belated greeting, it's still not too late for good wishes, we all need them!

AA2MH, it is good to hear you back, Ray, and also thanks for taking your Friday slot again.

N2XJ, congrats to you and Ruby on your 69th Wedding Anniversary, Jan. 24, 2000; and thanks, Captain, for being there for all of us, and helping us out.

N2GJ, hope you are feeling better, and are on the mend.

I spoke with W2RRX a couple of weeks ago; Jerry ran this net, NJM, before me; he is now on the Traffic nets in Missouri, and sends his greetings to the group. Jerry and Doris are doing well.

WA2GXU, hope you are all right, have not heard you much lately. Also WB2ZJF, still waiting for you to QNI, Don.

AG2R, Thanks for your help with the net reports, and for watching over all the nets.

I hope everyone got the gear they listed on their "Wish List", we bought ourselves an "Audio Center", with Am/Fm radio, CD player, Tape Cassette Player, and Record Player. I'm still learning buttons.

We had it delivered to another address, knowing that I would have to have help with connecting speakers, etc. I couldn't believe it, no plugs for the speakers, instead, had to connect the red and black contacts. We brought it home, we live on the third floor, here. I carried the bag with the speakers, and our friend, Dan, carried the radio part, and we had to march side by side up the stairs, because we had to leave the connections connected, since none of us could have reconnected them. I don't know if you can imagine what a comedy this was, it was incredible; we actually made it into the house, placed it on the shelf, and it actually worked. It was quite an experience, believe me.

See you all in the next issue, and on the air. CW Forever.

Jan O'Hara, WA2OPY,
NJM Net Manager

F O N E N E T F O N I C S

N J P N

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OCTOBER 1999: 36 SESSIONS CHECK-INS: 193 TOTAL / 19 DIFFERENT STATIONS
TRAFFIC: 69 LISTED 21 PASSED = 30% 177 MINUTES
NOVEMBER 1999: 34 SESSIONS CHECK-INS: 210 TOTAL / 19 DIFFERENT STATIONS
TRAFFIC: 57 LISTED 44 PASSED = 77% 182 MINUTES
DECEMBER 1999: 35 SESSIONS CHECK-INS: 194 TOTAL / 22 DIFFERENT STATIONS
TRAFFIC: 31 LISTED 29 PASSED = 94% 187 MINUTES

HONOR ROLL:

OCTOBER: W2CC 32 / N1JX 28 / NG2R 27 / WA2SEI 17
NOVEMBER: W2CC 30 / N1JX 26 / NG2R 26 / WB2SFX 21 / N2GJ 19 / AA2MH 15
DECEMBER: W2CC 33 / NG2R 27 / N1JX 23 / WB2SFX 15

TOTAL NCS: W2CC 55 / N1JX 16 / WB2UVB 14 / WB2CZW 10 / N2GJ 5 / K2UL 2
W2MW 1

TOTAL LIAISON: KE2JX 134 / N2GJ 5 / AG2R 3 / AA2MH 2

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FUNCTION ROSTER:

Table with 5 columns: Day, NCS, 145, 330, 630. Rows include SUNDAY MORNING, SUNDAY EVENING, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY.

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We still need a net control station for Wednesday evening. Let me know if you are interested.

Remember that the MINIMUM time for a net session has been reduced to four minutes.

Certificates were awarded to the following stations for their 1999 participation: W2CC # / WB2CZW # / WB2FTX
N2GJ # / K3GNZ / N1JX #% / W2MW / AG2R % / NG2R / WA2SEI / WB2SFX / WB2UVB #

= NCS Endorsement % = Liaison Endorsement

Thanks for your continued support of the NJPN.

My usual plea to make sure that all of the net sessions are covered and that the reports get to me promptly, particularly
towards the end of the month. I really want to get the report in the mail to the SM/STMs on the first of the month.

PLEASE!!!

73,

Dave

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CONFAB 1999

de K2UL

Was it really the last Confab of the 20th Century? December 4 start off a bit soggy, but we ended up with a nice sunny, and unseasonably warm December afternoon. Attendance at the Confab was good, although just a bit less than in previous years. Many thanks to the folks at TCNJ for the use of the meeting room.

HF Net Reports: AG2R reported NJN E&L doing very well. 10-12 QNI per session and 80% QSP rate. Need the members to cover the open slots. Better yet, sign up for one of them. NJM is also doing well with decent rates for QNI and QSP. Need some new blood to relieve the old-timers. They are getting tired. W2CC reported NJPN doing well, although a disproportionate number of liaisons are going to N1JX and NCS chores to W2CC. Volunteers for the open slots are always welcome. K2PB reported that NJSN, the slow-speed training net, is doing fine, although the well-known NTS old-timers are still the backbone of the net. Not much traffic being passed. Perhaps a revitalized training program is in order. Regarding 2RN/EAN, N2XJ reported that there is a shortage of NJ folk on the upper level nets. Are we not holding up our part of the NTS? 2RN is the easiest net in the world to check in to, but EAN is another story. Ya gotta listen to and appreciate the complexity, it's like a symphony. Similar thing with the phone cycle. Bottom line is; a big chunk of the fun of traffic handling is climbing up the ladder of the NTS and learning the protocols of the different nets.

VHF Net Reports: N3RB reported CJTN to be doing well. Rich had special praise for Bob W2OD who was previous NM and is now forced to vacate his last net control assignment due to other activities. WB2UVB reported SJVN doing well with 8-10 stations per session. N2RPI reported NJVN/E doing fine, with an average of 16 stations per session and 50 different call signs per month. No report from JSARS or NJVN/L.

AWARDS: The highlight of the Confab is the presentation of peer awards. The W2SWE award for overall contributions to NJ traffic handling went to Joe "Boats" Gravel W2JG, in absentia (he likes to winter in Florida). The K2SE award for VHF participation went to Jim Dry KB2VRO for his enthusiastic participation in many VHF traffic nets. There was no winner of the W2UEZ award for "Rookie of the Year".... And last but not least, the "NJN Gang" presented AG2R with a special gift in appreciation of his enthusiasm, and to mollify his depression while his Harley is snowed-in this winter. The Biker-Bear was a big hit.

Other Stuff: MARS was represented by W2CC and N2RPI. They are always looking for new members. K2UL reports the NTS packet network is doing fine. There are dedicated packet BBS systems for each geographic region of NJ. We always need more users to take the traffic off the boards and bring them to the local nets. WB2UVB gave some info on the Y2K nets that he is running, not only for Y2K, but for emergency preparedness in general. Finally, many thanks to those of you who donated a few bucks to the NJTB kitty. You know who you are. The NJTB will continue to be sent to all of you on paper via the US MAIL. We are not switching to e-mail any time soon.

Lunch break: About 11 of us trekked over to the Ground Round for lunch and had an enjoyable time. See y' all next year.

NEW JERSEY CW NET STUFFFFFF

De AG2R Himself (Net Mgr.)

Oh maauaaannnnnn, it's that time again. K2UL is hollering at me to get something together for NJTB and I have writer's block. Actually, I'm just waiting for spring. Sitting here in Studio "C" with the electric heater blowing and my legs wrapped in a blanket doesn't lend to inspiration. It's snowing outside and the Starlings have dubbed my bird feeders as the Northern New Jersey Feed Depot. Between them and the squirrels, I'm going Bird Seed Broke..... I H A T E S B I R D S

I have in my possession the NJTB Awards for Meritorious Service, ie: "K2SE, W2UEZ and W2SWE Awards. I'll tell you later why I have them. Each award has a history going back many years. The "H. William West, W2UEZ Memorial Award For Outstanding Newcomer" was first issued in 1981 to Ted Wood, N2CER. Listed thereon are such renowned Operators as George Jindella, W2MTO/1989, Joe Gravel, W2DMM (now W2JG)/1990 "Mr. Willie" Merwin, AA2SV/1994, and Pat Butler, K2PB/1997. These folks are still "pounding the brass." The unfortunate thing is they are the *only* CW ops listed on the Newbie award to be found on the nets. This years 1999 award went blank. No person to be found worthy of this "Newcomer" award. Hmmmm....

The "W2SWE Memorial Award for Outstanding Public Service to NJ Traffic Handling" was first awarded to H. Wm. West, W2UEZ himself in 1979. As I look at those honorees I note that of the twenty-one nameplates affixed to date, seventeen were primarily CW operators. Not to say they didn't frequent NJ Phone Net. Home of the Beloved W2CC. But, in my opinion, their first love was CW traffic handling. We had a good relationship with the VHF nets back then. They used to take our traffic and "drop a dime" to phone one in that was out of their call area. But, I digress for tis the fruit of another column.....This year's SWE award went to Joe "Boats" Gravel, W2JG. He also won the UEZ award back in 1990, one of three stations that are on both plaques.

My congratulations to these winners and also Jim KB2VRO, recipient of the K2SE VHF award.

As NJN Net Mgr., I don't expect Traffic Handling to be ones "life work." And whatever anyone does to participate is greatly appreciated. What is REALLY "GREATLY APPRECIATED" are those who love traffic handling in the CW mode. They are the people "in the woodwork" who accept assigned slots and shadow the liaison slots insuring that New Jersey is represented and the NJ Section Net has a Net Control. Who are they???? It would be a disservice to the many to list the few. But, I will always honor them.

Two of these perpetual awards became "full." There was no more room at the inn for new names as of this year. The awards also needed a complete "overhaul" to make them presentable and worthy of their status. This was accomplished. All previous awardees (prior to 1999) names have been scrolled on one large plate, affixed to one side. The SWE award is now good for another twenty years. I expect to "AND WILL STILL!!!" be your net manager. The UEZ award has ten new plates awaiting worthy newcomers' callsigns. The overhaul of these two awards was accomplished through the benevolence of WB2FTX (NNJ STM), NIJX, WB2CZW, N2GJ, KJ4N (renown STM of South Florida and itinerant carpetbagger to NNJ, plague of ECARS and purveyor of 20 meter mobile CW) and your humble servant, AG2R..... It all happened very fast. Various "plans" to pay the cost of renewal were presented. One station consented to pay the entire cost of one award. As the issue was discussed on NJPN, it was decided to graciously accept, on behalf of all traffic handlers, the generous offer of these listed stations and "just get the thing done....." "Ah yes Virginia, there is still life in the ozone....."

Net Notes: I need an Assistant Net Mgr. Someone to "just be there" in case I can't. There are people who can do this..... Notable NJN/E QNI's: AA2SV checked in 85 or 92 sessions for Oct/Nov/Dec.. W2MTO was 83 or 92 and WA2CUW 73 or 92..... NJN/Late shows K2PB with 80 of 92 qni's, WA2CUW 75 or 92 and KJ4N, pumping a signal from Egg Harbor Twp and Cape Coral, Fla, 70 of 92 nets.....

Special pleeeeee..... I am old, gray, weak and tired. I don't care what they say about CW or how "it ain't worth a dagnab" in this day and age. We are here and will be no matter how hard the ARRL wants to eliminate us and give our frequencies to whomever. I want you to be the best. I want you to listen to your peers when they tell you how to improve your traffic to clean up your sending. *bigtime*. Work hard to eliminate conscientious when receiving traffic no matter what the fills. Look at the group count. Ask questions and make before you "roger." Take traffic to the VHF nets in your Packet BBS. Be ready to spend a dime to make call out of



handling procedures. I want you errors in sending. Be mode. Learn how to ask for sure you get the message correct area. Check your local traffic your area. Look into taking a

slot with the 2nd region net or Eastern area net or whatever. Look at our own NJN function roster to see where you can help. Be traffic handlers not social butterflies. Like I said, "it ain't life and death, but if you're gonna do it, do it right....."

Special thanks to WB2VUF/Bob for taking NJN/L Wednesday NCS. Also K2UL for adding to his load by taking 930 2rn Monday. Mucho Gracias..... Anybody else out there want to help???? Huh??????

73 de AG2R "Remember The Animal....."

STATS 'N' STUFF

NEW JERSEY NET EARLY

OCTOBER 1999

QNI-229 QTC-92 QSP-49 MINUTES-293 PERCENT-53 (Terrible..)

Notable Checkins

AA2SV-29 WA2CUW-26 W2MTO-26 W2JG-25 WA2SEI-22 N2XJ-22 K2PB-20

NOVEMBER 1999

QNI-239 QTC-113 QSP-95 MINUTES-372 PERCENT-84 (Better..)

AA2SV-29 W2MTO-28 WA2CUW-24 N2GJ-24 N2XJ-24 WA2SEI-21 K2PB-17 AG2R-15 KJ4N-13

DECEMBER 1999

QNI-232 QTC-166 QSP-135 MINUTES-440 PERCENT-81 (EH-H-H!!!)

W2MTO-29 AA2SV-27 N2XJ-24 WA2CUW-23 KJ4N-18 AA2MH-17 AG2R-17 WA2SEI-17 K2PB-15
N2GJ-14

NEW JERSEY NET LATE

OCTOBER 1999

QNI-181 QTC-67 QSP-48 MINUTES-257 PERCENT-72

K2PB-27 WA2CUW-24 W2JG-22 K2UL-21 AG2R-20 KJ4N-18 N2XJ-15

NOVEMBER 1999

QNI-211 QTC-40 QSP-34 MINUTES-272 PERCENT-85

WA2CUW-27 K2PB-27 AG2R-26 KJ4N-24 WA2SEI-18 WB2VUF-18 N2XJ-18 AA2SV-17 K2UL-16

DECEMBER 1999

QNI-193 QTC-96 QSP-76 MINUTES-354 PERCENT-79

KJ4N-28 K2PB-26 WA2CUW-24 AG2R-20 K2UL-20 WB2VUF-19

NJN FUNCTION ROSTER

NJN/EARLY

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES	THURS	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
630	OPEN	W2MTO	OPEN	W2MTO	OPEN	AA2SV	OPEN
NCS	OPEN	AA2SV	W2MTO	AG2R	N2XJ	WA2SEI	K2VX
745	K2PB	OPEN	N2XJ	WA2CUW	K2PB	OPEN	N2XJ

NJN/LATE

NCS	K2VX	OPEN	N2XJ	WB2VUF	K2UL	OPEN	N2XJ
930	K2VX	K2UL	N2XJ	OPEN	K2UL	WA2CUW	OPEN

CHILDREN..... TAKE NOTE OF THE OPEN SLOTS..... IF YOU ARE AROUND PLEASE CHECK INTO THE REGION NETS OR JUMP IN AND TAKE THE NCS. DON'T WAIT FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO DO IT. IT'S OUR PARTY.... LET'S DANCE.....

JSARS

JSARS Traffic Net. All is going very well with our net. Traffic is down, however check in are up. More of the checking in stations are speaking up and asking questions about taking and passing traffic. Our hopes are that they will start passing messages to their friends and family. Our NCS's are: Monday KC2AER Mike / Tuesday KC2ATQ Jim / Wednesday KC2CLL Jim / Thursday AA2MH Ray / Friday KB2WTV John / Saturday AA2SV Willie / Sunday K2O3W John.

Stay safe and warm over the winter, 73 de Jim KC2ATQ // JSARS Net. Mgr.

NJVN/E

OCT 99 QNI 314 QTC 80 QSP 73 IN 270 MINUTES
31 SESSIONS 46 DIFFERENT STATIONS

NOV 99 QNI 204 QTC 45 QSP 43 IN 219 MINUTES
30 SESSIONS 55 DIFFERENT STATIONS

DEC 99 QNI 358 QTC 48 QSP 38 IN 252 MINUTES
31 SESSIONS 55 DIFFERENT STATIONS

HONOR ROLL: (15 OR MORE CHECKINS PER MONTH)

OCT 99 N2RPI 30 KB2VRO 26 WB2KNS 25 KB2SXU 24 N2OPJ 23
KC2AHS 18 N3RB 18

NOV 99 KB2VRO 28 N2RPI 26 WB2KNS 24 KB2SXU 23 KC2AHS 20
N2OPJ 19 KB2VVB 16 N3RB 16 KC2FNX 15

DEC 99 KC2FNX 30 N2RPI 27 KB2VRO 26 WB2KNS 26 KB2SXU 25
KC2AHS 22 N3RB 17 N2OPJ 15

FUNCTION ROSTER:

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
N2OPJ	KC2AHS	KB2VRO	KB2VRO	N2RPI	OPEN	KB2VVB

THE YEAR 1999 WILL BE THE YEAR REMEMBERED BY MANY AS THE 'Y2K YEAR'. A BRAVO-ZULU TO ALL STATIONS WHO WERE ACTIVE AT THEIR LOCAL AND OR COUNTY EOC COMMUNICATION CENTERS FOR THE POSSIBLE Y2K PROBLEMS TO ARISE. WITH 1999 AND Y2K IN BACK OF US, IT IS TIME TO MOVE FOWARD IN THE YEAR 2000. CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NTS NETS AS WELL AS YOUR ARES/RACES NETS AND SKY-WARN NETS. BY THE WAY A NEW FREQUENCY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE SKY-WARN INFO NET HELD EVERY THURSDAY EVENING AT 2100 LOCAL TIME THE FREQUENCY IS : 147.015 PLUS 600 OFFSET PL 151.4 ALL ARE WELCOMED TO PARTICIPATE ON THIS NET. EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE FOR AN ESTABLISHED LINK TO THE MORRIS COUNTY OEM REPEATER. AT THIS TIME I WANT TO WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A HAPPY, HEALTHY, SAFE, AND PRODUCTIVE NEW YEAR.

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JOHN N2RPI
NET MANAGER NJVN/E

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The following are net control stations:

WA2HPD	Jim - Holmdel	Monday
KB2VVB	Stu - Morristown	Tuesday
W2KEI	Jack - Morgan	Wednesday
KC2AMA	Geoff - Middletown	Thursday
K2PB	Pat - Plainsboro	Friday
N2RPI	John - North Plainfield	Saturday
KB2OZE	Bill - Trenton	Sunday
KB2VRO	Jim - Summerville	Alternate
W2OD	Bob - Holmdel	Alternate

October Report We had 31 sessions with a QNI of 281 again and a QTC of 58/44. This took 235 minutes. Bob, WB2KNS held the record with 27 check-ins. He was closely followed by Willie, AA2SV and Pat, K2PB with 26 and Bernie, W0MYA and Jim, KB2VRO with 25. Bob, W2OD had 22 check-ins and Bob, N2VFN had 18. The last of the teen check-ins were Jim, WA2HPD and Joe, N2RAI with 14. Thank you all for your support. I am disappointed that traffic continues to be very low. However, we are training for emergency service when power & phone lines do not work. Maybe we should create our own messages to keep practice. 73 de Rich, N3RB

November Report - We had 30 sessions with a QNI of 302 and a QTC of 63/49. This took 257 minutes. Jim, KB2VRO held the record with 29 check-ins. He was followed by Willie, AA2SV who had 27 and Bob, WB2KNS & Bernie, W0MYA who both had 26. Next was Joe, N2RAI with 20 and Jack, W2KEI & Bob, N2VFN who both had 19. Jim, WA2HPD & Bob, W2OD had 18. Ed, W2NTS had 15 and Stu, KB2VVB had 13.

Bob, W2OD has become very busy and no longer has the time to be a net controller. He said that occasionally he can help as an alternate. Speaking for everyone, I would like to thank him for his many years of great service and training.

To all of the CJTN participants, I would like to say thank you for your help and support. 73 de Rich, N3RB

December Report - We had 31 sessions with a QNI of 305 and a QTC of 78/51. This took 298 minutes. Bob-WB2KNS held the record with 28 check-ins. He was followed by Bernie-W0MYA, Pat-K2PB and Willie-AA2SV all with 26. Next was Jim-KB2VRO with 23, John-WA2FVL with 22 and Jack-W2KEI with 20. Ed-W2NTS and Joe-N2RAI both had 17. Jim- WA2HPD completed the group with 15 check-ins.

Starting a new century, the net starts a new program. The first Wednesday of each month, we will have a technical session after the traffic net. These sessions will examine various ways to improve your signal. John-WA2FVL will run the session which should last about 10 minutes +/- . This starts on 1/5/00.

Thank you all for your support and Happy New Year.
73 de Rich-N3RB

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OCTOBER 1999

QNI 301 QTC 43 QSP 43 IN 258 MINUTES 100% OF TRAFFIC PASSED WITH 33 DIFFERENT STATIONS
IN 31 DAYS

NOVEMBER 1999

QNI 316 QTC 40 QSP 40 IN 250 MINUTES 100% OF TRAFFIC PASSED WITH 32 DIFFERENT STATIONS
IN 30 DAYS

DECEMBER 1999

QNI 332 QTC 31 QSP 30 IN 250 MINUTES 97% OF TRAFFIC PASSED WITH 38 DIFFERENT STATIONS
IN 31 DAYS

HONOR ROLL

OCTOBER 1999

N2OPJ 29 KB2YZA 29 N2RPI 27 KB2VRO 27 WA2PFS 26 WB2KNS 25 KC2AHS 21

NOVEMBER 1999

N2OPJ 30 KB2YZA 30 WA2PFS 28 N2RPI 26 KB2VRO 25 WB2KNS 24 KC2AHS 20 KB2VVB 19
N2XOJ 17 KC2DNO 16

DECEMBER 1999

N2OPJ 30 KB2YZA 30 N2RPI 30 WB2KNS 29 KB2VRO 23 KC2AHS 22 WA2PFS 22 KC2FKM 17

N J S N

NJSN meets every day at 6:30 PM local time on 3.715 Mhz. Net Controls are AA2SV--W2NTS--
AG2R--K2PB

Activities	Sessions	QNI	QTC	QTR
October	28	137	5/5	318
November	28	140	8/7	322
December	26	139	4/4	313

Very frequent checkins--AA2SV--KA1GWE--W2NTS
Frequent checkins KJ4N--AG2R--WA2QHA--NB2D--K2PB

We are still looking for a NCS on Friday evening to fill in until Joe W2JG returns.

Last word from Joe was "rig for an early spring". We had a good fourth quarter in 1999
and hope for a good start in 2000.

Pat K2PB NJSN MGR.

NAVY-MARINE CORPS MARS

MY LAST ARTICLE ON NAVY-MARINE CORPS MARS WAS WRITTEN FIVE YEARS AGO WHEN WE WERE RECEIVING NEARLY ONE-HUNDRED PLUS MARSGRAMS FROM OUR MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES. TODAY IF WE RECEIVE TEN OR MORE IN A YEAR'S TIME IT WOULD BE MOST UNUSUAL. WHY HAS THERE BEEN A DECLINE IN MARSGRAMS FROM OUR MILITARY PERSONELL TO THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS? THE ANSWER IS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY. IN SHORT THE INCREASED USE OF E-MAIL BY OUR MILITARY PERSONELL. WITH THIS IN MIND HOW DOES NAVY-MARINE CORPS MARS MAINTAIN ITS ACTIVITY ? THE PRIMARY MISSION OF NAVY-MARINE CORPS MARS IS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DURING TIMES OF WAR, NATURAL DISASTERS OR CIVIL DISORDERS OF LARGE SCALES. THIS PRIMARY MISSION ALSO APPLIES TO ARMY AND AIR FORCE MARS.

AS ECOM CO-ORDINATOR FOR THE NJ/DE NAVMARCORMARS MY RESPONSIBILITY IS TO ACTIVATE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS WHEN NECESSARY AS WELL AS PROVIDE QUARTERLY DRILLS ON EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS.

OUR METHODS OF TRANSMITTING TRAFFIC ARE BY VOICE OR DIGITAL. DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS CONSISTS OF AMTOR, FACTOR, AND PACKET MODES. AS OF OCTOBER 1996 CW MODE HAS CEASED ON ALL MARS COMMUNICATIONS.

AS FOR MEMBERSHIP INTO NAVY MARINE CORPS MARS THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET:

1. APPLICANT MUST BE US CITIZEN 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
2. POSSESS A VAILD AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE TECHNICIAN LICENSE OR HIGHER CLASS.
3. HAVE THE ABILITY TO OPERATE BOTH VHF AS WELL AS HF MODES

NOTE I DID NOT INCLUDE THE ABILITY TO HANDLE DIGITAL TRAFFIC. SO LONG AS YOU CAN TRANSMIT VIA VOICE YOU CAN BECOME A MEMBER.

MARS FREQUENCIES OPERATE OUTSIDE THE AMATEUR RADIO BANDS AND FOR THAT REASON TECHNICIANS MAY TRANSMIT ON HF FREQUENCIES. UNLIKE AMATEUR RADIO HF FREQUENCIES YOU MAY ONLY OPERATE ON MARS FREQUENCIES AT DESIGNATED TIMES. UNLIKE NTS NETS WHEN A MARS NET IS SECURED NO FURTHER COMMUNICATIONS ARE PERMITTED.

AS FOR CALL SIGNS THE USE OF YOUR AMATEUR RADIO CALL SIGN IS FORBIDDEN ON ALL MARS NETS. ONLY MARS CALL SIGNS ARE PERMITTED ON MARS FREQUENCIES. UNLIKE AMATEUR RADIO ALL MARS GROUPS DO NOT ALLOW VANITY CALL SIGNS. CONSIDER YOUR MARS CALL SIGN THE EQUIVILANT OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. ITS YOURS FOR YOUR DURIATION IN MARS.

UNLIKE NTS PARTICIPATION REPORTS WHICH ARE OPTIONAL, MARS MEMBERS MUST SUBMIT A PARTICIPATION REPORT ON MONTHLY BASIS. YOU MAY ONLY BECOME A MEMBER OF ONE MARS ORGINIZATION. IF YOU SIGN UP FOR NAVY-MARINE CORPS MARS, YOU MAY NOT JOIN EITHER ARMY OR AIR FORCE MARS.

REGION ONE IS BROKEN DOWN TO THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

NNE WHICH COVERS ME. VT. N.H.
SNE WHICH COVERS CT. MA. R.I.
NNY COVERING ALL OF NY (ZIP 12000-149XX)
SNY COVERING ALL OF NY (ZIP 10400-119XX)
NJ/DE
PA
OHIO

YOU MAY ONLY PARTICIPATE IN AREA NETS FOR REGION ONE AS LISTED ABOVE.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP INTO NAVY-MARINE CORPS MARS REGION ONE IS BASED ON YOUR PLACE OF RESIDENCE. E.G. IF YOU ARE ACTIVE WITH THE NJ NTS NETS BUT RESIDE IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY NY, YOU WILL APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP WITH THE SNY NAVY-MARINE CORPS MARS.

FINALLY AS FOR THE TRAINING THERE ARE BOTH WRITTEN TESTS AS WELL AS AN EXAM TO ILLUSTRATE YOUR ABILITY TO SEND TRAFFIC VIA DIGITAL OR VOICE. THE WRITTEN TESTS ARE OPEN BOOK TESTS, HOWEVER IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PARTICIPATE ON BOTH AREA AS WELL AS REGION TRAINING NETS TO BECOME A PROFFICIENT NAVY-MARINE CORPS MARS COMMUNICATOR. WE CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN TO TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN NAVY-MARINE CORPS MARS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING LET ME KNOW.

73S,

JOHN N2RPI

Editor's Corner

Confab was a success - It was nice to see all of you that could be there. AG2R and WB2FTX report that the award plaques need work. Some are all filled up, and they are in general need of repair. Total cost comes to about 160 dollars. WB2FTX would be glad to accept any contributions toward refurbishing the plaques.

So far, Ed W2CVW is the only one to claim having held his Extra ticket for longer than me. He got his in 1956, ten years earlier. (Ed, my certificate is #AE-2-682.)

Don't forget, NJ has a new area code, 856, covering Camden, Gloucester, Salem, and Cumberland counties and the western part of Burlington.

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Dan K2UL

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