

NEW JERSEY TRAFFIC BULLETIN

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Statewide NNJ/SNJ Section 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 CW Net (NJN) 3695 KHZ, 7 & 10 PM Daily, AG2R Mgr.

Local Nets (VHF)

NJ VHF Net (early), 146.895-, PL151.4, 7:30 PM Daily, N2RPI Mgr.
Jersey Shore ARS Traffic Net, 146.91-, PL127.3, 7:30 PM Daily, K2ATQ Mgr.
South Jersey Traffic Net, 145.47-, or 147.15+, PL127.3, 8 PM M/W/F, KB2RTZ Mgr.
Central Jersey Traffic Net, 147.12+, PL162.2, 8 PM Daily, KB2VRO Mgr.
NJ VHF Net (late), 146.70-, PL141.3 (Weds 146.895-), 10:30 PM Dy, N2OPJ Mgr.
South Jersey VHF Net, 147.345+, no PL, 10:30 PM Daily, WB2UVB Mgr

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<u>call</u>	<u>name</u>	<u>town</u>	<u>county</u>	<u>nets</u>
KC2 ANN	Wayne	W. Caldwell	Essex	PC S
N2 ATJ	Connie	Kingston	Somerset	P
W2 CC	Dave	Englewood	Bergen	P
WA2 CUW	Tom	Cherry Hill	Camden	C
WA2 EPI	Sam	Dover	Morris	P
WB2 FTX	Dave	Butler	Morris	P
N2 GJ	Gerry	Kingston	Somerset	PCMS
K3 GNZ	Skip	Manalapan	Monmouth	P
K2 GZW	Bill	Allenhurst	Monmouth	P
W2 JG	Joe	Waldwick	Bergen	CMS
N1 JX	Arnold	Roseland	Essex	PCM
WB2 KNS	Bob	Morganville	Monmouth	P
W2 MTO	George	Parsippany	Morris	PCMS
W2 MW	Kurt	Oak Ridge	Morris	P
W2 NTS	Ed	E. Brunswick	Middlesex	CMS
WA2 OPY	Jan	Kearny	Hudson	CM
K2 PB	Pat	Plainsboro	Middlesex	CMS
WA2 PCS	Matt	Oak Ridge	Morris	PC

WA2 QHA	Joe	E. Brunswick	Middlesex	S
KB2 QO	Bill	Lake Hopatcong	Morris	CM
AG2 R	Gene	Parsippany	Morris	PCMS
NG2 R	Dick	Turnersville	Gloucester	P
W2 RQ	Bill	Andover Twp.	Sussex	P
W2 RWB	Rich	Toms River	Ocean	P
K2 SO	Steve	Elizabeth	Union	PCM
N2 SU	Bob	Clifton	Passaic	C
AA2 SV	Willie	Brick	Ocean	CMS
K2 UL	Dan	Hamilton Sq	Mercer	PCM
KB2 VRO	Jim	Bridgewater	Somerset	P
WB2 VUF	Bob	Morris Plains	Morris	C
K2 VX	Dave	Newark	Essex	PC
W2 VX	Bob	Ridgewood	Bergen	PC
WB2 ZJF	Don	Woodstown	Salem	PC

Out-Of-State

K2 ABX	Paul	NY		S
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 SEI	Ray	NY		PCM

Letter:

I have been working DX Contests the past couple of years and have been greeted by several former appointees/traffichandlers/NJNers, sometimes making the world stand by while they say hello. Among them:

P40W John, W2GD, ex-WA2UOO
 N6NF Tom, ex-K2AFQ
 V26B Bill W2UDT, ex-WA2UDT
 J80WW Doug, W2EN, ex-WA2ASM
 DL8TWA Tom K3TW, ex-WB2JYM
 K2TW Tom, ex-WB2VPR

I wonder how many current members recognize the "ex" calls?
 73, Ed Erickson W2CVW

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JANUARY 2001:  35 SESSIONS   CHECK-INS: 227 TOTAL / 22 DIFF STATIONS
                TRAFFIC:  26 LISTED    26 PASSED = 100% 188 MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2001: 32 SESSIONS   CHECK-INS: 191 TOTAL / 29 DIFF STATIONS
                TRAFFIC:  42 LISTED    36 PASSED = 86%  195 MINUTES
MARCH 2001:    35 SESSIONS   CHECK-INS: 228 TOTAL / 28 DIFF STATIONS
                TRAFFIC:  46 LISTED    38 PASSED = 83%  199 MINUTES
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HONOR ROLL:

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JANUARY:  NG2R 31/ KB2VRO 27/ W2CC 26/ N1JX 26/ N2GJ 26/ AG2R 18
FEBRUARY: W2CC 28/ N1JX 23/ KB2VRO 22/ N2GJ 17/ NG2R 17
MARCH:    NG2R 30/ KB2VRO 29/ W2CC 26/ N1JX 26/ K3GNZ 18/ AG2R 15
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TOTAL NCS:  W2CC 44/ N1JX 33/ N2GJ 8/ KB2VRO 7/ WA2PCS 4/ K2UL 2
                W2MW 1/ AG2R 1/ WB2VUF 1
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TOTAL LIAISON: N1JX 122/ N2GJ 5/ AG2R 4/ W2MTO 2/ WA2SEI 1
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FUNCTION ROSTER:

	NCS	145	330	630
SUNDAY MORN	W2CC	W2MTO	=====	=====
SUNDAY EVE	W2CC	=====	N1JX	N1JX
MONDAY	N1JX	W2MTO	N1JX	N1JX
TUESDAY	K2SO	N1JX	N1JX	N1JX
WEDNESDAY	WA2PCS	W2MTO	N1JX	N1JX
THURSDAY	N1JX	W2MTO	N1JX	open
FRIDAY	WB2FTX	W2MTO	open	open
SATURDAY	W2CC	W2MTO	N1JX	N1JX

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January had a 100% QSP rate for the first time in a long time. While the traffic level is down, it's still nice to move all of the messages in a month.

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

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**

David B. Popkin W2CC
 Net Manager - NJPN
 e-mail = w2cc@arrl.net = **PLEASE NOTE THE NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS**

NEW JERSEY MORNING NET

Jan: qni/138 qtc/82 qsp/78 95% qtr/256 ses/31, 14 diff stns

Feb: qni/114 qtc/52 qsp/46 88% qtr/227 ses/28, 13 diff stns

Mar: qni/117 qtc/51 qsp/47 92% qtr/274 ses/31, 13 diff stns

Monday: MTO/MTO; Tuesday: OPY/2R; Wednesday: OPY/MTO;

Thursday: 2R/2R; Friday: MTO/MTO; Saturday: GJ/--; Sunday: GJ/MTO.

Dear Net Family:

My concern this month is that NJM has less and less stations checking in. I feel very badly that I cannot always be there right at ten A.M. I do need NCS and volunteers for 2RN slots. AG2R has worked doubly hard to be there for me during the week, and on weekends, and also GJ, MTO, and others when they can give time. Perhaps the group would like someone else to manage the Morning Net; if that is the consensus, please let me know. I am glad to continue, but perhaps you need someone who can be there every morning at ten A.M.

I want to thank all again who do help out.

See you all on the air.

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Jan O'Hara de WA2OPY

NEW JERSEY SLOW NET

SPRING 2001

NJSN MEETS EVERY DAY AT 6:30 PM LOCAL TIME ON 3.715 MHZ

NET CONTROLS ARE AA2SV-W2NTS-AG2R-K2PB-KC2ANN

ACTIVITIES	SESSIONS	QNI	QTC	QTR
JANUARY	31	211	14/14	476
FEBRUARY	28	185	13/12	346
MARCH	31	170	17/15	388

VERY FREQUENT CHECKINS: AA2SV-KA1GWE-W2NTS-KJ4N-K2ABX-KC2ANN

FREQUENT CHECKINS: AG2R-W4VLL-KC4HZF-WA2QHA-K2PB

With the longer days and change of time we don't hear the southern folks as often now, Jan KJ4N, Bob KC4ZHF, Vic W4VVL and Laura WA9UVD We will miss them all they added much to the NJSN. We do expect Joe, W2JG back any day now. Enjoy the spring.

K2PB NJSN MGR.

"SO, WHO LIVES IN ORIENTAL, NORTH CAROLINA???"

Bob Weingaertner, WB2VUF is NJN/L 9:30 2rn rep. He's a good man. Dependable, always there. I was in there recently, copying over his shoulder as some of our better ops do on NJN. I wouldn't be surprised if WA2CUW was in there copying over my shoulder. Sometimes we're four deep. Anyhow, Ole VUF was taking a book of two from the Eastern Area Rep. In the first address, the EAN rep sent an address for Newton which included "Freedom Turnpike." In the second address EAN rep sent "London, NJ." Bob is a good operator. A REAL traffic handler who does his slot responsibly and with thought. Bob instinctively knew something was wrong here and queried the sender on both counts. Sender said "Correct." Bob QSL'd and went his merry way to NJN/L. Now, Bob did what I usually do. I check out the incoming traffic for correctness using a multitude of tools. He found out that "Freedom Turnpike" was "Fredon Twp." And "London, NJ" was "Linden, NJ." Eventual delivery accomplished.....

The QRZ.COM database or some other Callsign database is best for quick confirmation. The ole phone book works wonders for checking telephone numbers. Better write that down.... W2CC gave me a zipcode book that I use a lot. Also available on the Internet is 'ZIPCODE.COM."

I picked up a piece of traffic for Dave, W2CC, NJ Phone Net Mgr. the other day and as with my usual procedure, I checked out the Station of Origination's call, AA4W, Mervin from Oriental, NC. The Sam Amateur Radio Callsign Database told me that AA4W came back to a Richard from Jacksonville, Florida. Hmmmm, doesn't sound like "Mervin." Well, I cross referenced this one every-which-way. Frontwards, sideways and backwards. I even stood on my head but still couldn't come up with anything remotely resembling Mervin from Oriental, NC. So, I did what every self respecting traffic handler would do and moved it along to W2CC with an op note telling him what I thought and what I had done.

Well, an Old Dog ain't never too old to learn. Dave found the dude and told me how he dood it. He checked into QRZ.COM database on the Internet, scrolled down to "Data Services," Then clicked on "Name Search" and entered "Oriental, NC" and faster'n you could say "SSASSAFRASS!!!!" up popped every dern ham-guy in beautiful downtown Oriental. Running down the list, up pops ole Mervin himself. Turned out Mervins callsign was AA4YW. "Voualla" or however you spell it. Now, that's the way a good traffic handler does it, pardner.

Once I got on to this site, I started playing around with it. I popped in my zipcode and got every ham living in Parsippany. Same with just plain "Parsippany." I jotted "Filipponi" and got every CW, SSB, PSK31 etc. talking person IN THE WHOLE WORLD named Filipponi. How 'bout that!!!! Try it out. I mean, it's the Cats!!!!!!!

The ultimate point here is for us to make sure of callsigns or addresses or whatever. TAKE THE TIME AND DO IT RIGHT !!!!

It's only a hobby, correct. But if you're gonna do it, do it right. Don't just go through the motions. Don't just throw stuff out there that isn't correct. Some "Aunt Bessie" out there might just be depending upon something you are doing. Some inane "ARL FORTY SIX" might brighten up someone's day just enough to keep them alive another day. Some dude might not get his "W1PEX-GRAM" and you wouldn't want that to happen now, would you????

W A D D I Y A S A Hey, Semtrees, de AG2R (Himself)

NEW JERSEY CW NET

STATS AND OTHER BORING STUFF de AG2R

NJN/EARLY JANUARY

QNI-226 QTC-76 QSP-66 MINUTES-369 PERCENT QSP 87

HONOR ROLL

W2MTO-28 N2GJ-25 AA2SV-24 WA2CUW-21 KJ4N-19 K2PB-19
WA2SEI-16 K2UL-16 N2SU-11 K2VX-10

NJN/EARLY FEBRUARY

QNI-187 QTC-94 QSP-81 MINUTES-348 PERCENT QSP 86

EGG ROLL

W2MTO-27 K2PB-21 WA2CUW-20 AA2SV-20 K2UL-18 N2GJ-15
AG2R-13 WB2VUF-12 WA2SEI-11

NJN/EARLY MARCH

QNI-209 QTC-92 QSP-73 MINUTES-340 PERCENT QSP-79

ONION ROLL

Big George Jindela, W2MTO - 30 qni's (wat a guy)
WA2CUW-27 AA2SV-26 AG2R-22 (dat's me) K2PB-21 K2UL-21
KJ4N-14 N2GJ-12

NJN/LATE JANUARY

QNI-175 QTC-98 QSP-48 MINUTES-298 PERCENT QSP-49
(we had two sessions when the total Trenton tfc of 45/2 didn't move)

GOODY-GOODIES

KJ4N-29 AG2R-28 WA2CUW-26 K2PB-24 WB2VUF-22
K2UL-21 K2VX-10
Notable QNI to NJN/L for Jan. was W2MTO-1.... Guess he fell outta bed

NJN/LATE FEBRUARY

QNI-136 QTC-59 QSP-52 MINUTES-232 PERCENT QSP-88

SWEETIE PIES

WA2CUW-23 K2PB-23 K2UL-23 AG2R-20 KJ4N-18 WB2VUF-12
K2VX-9 W2MTO-1 (He did it again.....)

NJN/LATE MARCH

QNI-176 QTC-95 QSP-89 MINUTES-292 PERCENT QSP-94

SWELLS

WA2CUW-31 (PURRFECT CAT)
KJ4N-30 (almost purrfect) K2PB-28 AG2R-25 K2UL-24 WB2VUF-15

NEW JERSEY VHF NET / EARLY

JAN 01, QNI 497, QTC 45, QSP 43 IN 324 MINS, 31 SESSIONS, 67 DIFFERENT STNS

FEB 01, QNI 417, QTC 43, QSP 36 IN 306 MINS, 28 SESSIONS, 67 DIFFERENT STNS

MAR 01, QNI 568, QTC 58, QSP 50 IN 416 MINS, 31 SESSIONS, 75 DIFFERENT STNS

HONOR ROLL: (15 OR MORE CHECKINS PER MONTH)

JAN 01, KC2ANN 27, KC2GDO 25, KG2CV 24, WB2KNS 24, KB2FK 23, N2RPI 23, KB2SXU 22, KB2VVB 22, WB2FTX 20, KB2VRO 19, N2RB 19, KC2GZB 17, KC2BLN 16, KC2FYA 16, KC2AHS 15

FEB 01, KC2ANN 25, WB2KNS 24, KC2FYA 23, N2RPI 23, KB2VRO 22, KB2SXU 19, KC2GDO 19, K2DBK 17, KB2VVB 16, KC2AHS 16, KB2FK 15, KC2BLN 15

MAR 01, KC2GDO 28, WB2KNS 28, KC2ANN 26, KB2SXU 25, KB2VRO 24, KC2BLN 24, KC2FYA 23, N2RPI 23, WB2FTX 23, KB2FK 21, KC2AHS 20, KB2VVB 18, KC2GZB 16, N2OPJ 16, KB2YZA 15

FUNCTION ROSTER:

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
N2OPJ	KC2AHS	KB2VRO	KC2ANN	N2RPI	OPEN	KB2VVB

During the winter months as well as the early weeks of Spring, SKYWARN nets were activated to handle reports of heavy snowfall as well as heavy rainfall. All who participated are to be commended for their efforts.

There has been an increase in participation during the past quarter as well as increased traffic. Keep up the good work. With the summer months approaching be sure all antennas are properly grounded should you find yourself in the vicinity of a thunderstorm.

I wish all mothers and fathers a happy Mothers and Fathers Day for 2001.

As we approach Memorial Day, take the time to remember those men and women who sacrificed their lives so we can continue to enjoy the freedoms we have today.

Finally, with Major League Baseball underway, let's see if we have another subway series.

73s John N2RPI, Net Manager NJVN/E

J S A R S Traffic Net

Jan: QNI 367, Traffic 32/30 in 256 mins, 31 sessions

Feb: QNI 346, Traffic 33/25 in 280 mins, 28 sessions

Mar: QNI 376, Traffic 33/28 in 264 mins, 31 sessions

All is going well with our 7:30 nightly traffic net. I am happy to say that in the four years I have been with the net, First as a check in, than as a NCS and now as the Net Mgr, JSARS has never missed a net.

Holidays and bad WX, we were on the air. JSARS and I are very proud of that. Check ins are up, traffic is still unfortunately down. I am trying to have members send routine greetings such as Happy Birthday and Get Well with little success. Hopefully it will catch on and the QTC will increase. Until next time, Good DX and stay safe.

Jim Trachta K2ATQ JSARS Vice President and Traffic Mgr.

CENTRAL JERSEY TRAFFIC NET

CJTN Activity report for January 2001.

Stats: QNI = 250 QTC 51/46 in 244 minutes. 40 Stations Checked in.

First of all, I would like to thank all the members of the Central Jersey Amateurs who checked in on the 18th. Real nice of you to participate and thank you again for the use of the repeater. Sure boosted the numbers.

Honor Role this month: N3RB (Rich) led the way with 25, followed by WB2KNS (Bob) and KC2GZB (Rich) with 24, WA2FVL (Jack) with 16, and AA2SV Willie, K2PB (Pat), and W2KEI (Jack) with 15, WA2HPD (Pat) with 13.

73 Jim kb2vro

CJTN Activity report for February 2001.

Stats: QNI = 205 QTC 43/40 in 205 minutes. 25 Stations Checked in.

Excellent month for only 28 days. Percentage wise was better than Jan. Hi.

We want to welcome W2KB Ken from Flemington to the net. A nice addition to cover traffic in the Hunterdon Cty area.

Honor Role this month: WB2KNS (Bob) on top with 22; KC2GZB (Rich) with 20; K2PB (Pat) follows with 15; and N3RB (Rich) and W2KEI (Jack) with 13; AA2SV (Willie) and WA2FVL (Jack) with 12.

73 Jim kb2vro

SOUTH JERSEY TRAFFIC NET

SJTN meets Monday/Wednesday/Friday at 8 PM on the Burlington County OEM linked repeater system. The PL tone is 127.3 Hz. The Net Manager is Steve KB2RTZ.

January: QNI 75, Traffic 29/29 in 221 mins. Sessions 12

February: QNI 74, Traffic 18/17 in 147 mins. Sessions 12

March: QNI 74, Traffic 27/22 in 127 mins. Sessions 13

Net Control Roster: Monday- K2UL Wednesday-KB2RTZ Friday-N2VQA

Alternates: WJ2F, N0YHH

The SJTN completed its first Half Year of operation in April.

QNI is averaging about 5 or 6 per session and traffic is down a bit.

With the change to EDT and good weather, that's to be expected.

New members are slowly trickling in, especially from Ocean County.

Keep it up....

What we still really need is NET CONTROL VOLUNTEERS so we can expand the net operation to more than just three days a week. Any takers?

Thanks de Dan K2UL and Steve KB2RTZ

NEW JERSEY VHF NET / LATE

January QNI 401 QTC 41/39 95% passed 227 minutes 49 stations

February QNI 361 QTC 50/45 90% passed 247 minutes 34 stations

March QNI 443 QTC 43/39 90% passed 247 minutes 50 stations

HONOUR ROLL 15 or more checkins

January

N2OPJ 31 KB2YZA 31 KC2GIK 30 WA2PFS 29 N2RPI 28 WB2KNS 26
KC2GDO 25 KB2VVB 24 K2DBK 22 KC2AHS 22 KC2CJW 17

February

N2OPJ 28 KB2YZA 28 N2RPI 25 WA2PFS 25 KC2AHS 25
K2DBK 24 WB2KNS 24 KC2GIK 24 KC2GDO 19 KC2CJW 18
KB2VVB 18 KC2GIJ 15

March

N2OPJ 31 KB2YZA 31 WA2PFS 29 K2DBK 28 N2RPI 28
KC2AHS 27 KC2GIK 24 KB2VVB 20 WB2KNS 19 KC2CJW 19
KC2GDO 18 K2MIS 18 KC2GZZ 17 KB2VRO 16

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KC2GIJ has changed her call to K2MIS

NCS

Sunday KB2YZA
Monday KB2VVB/KC2CJW
Tuesday WA2PFS
Wednesday N2RPI
Thursday N2OPJ
Friday K2MIS
Saturday KC2AHS

We now have an alternate NCS an excellent and very capable one to fill in as needed, that person is Dave K2DBK

Herbert N2OPJ, Net Mgr.

SOUTH JERSEY VHF NET

NET STATS:

JAN 01, QNI 287, QTC 48, QSP 42, PERCENT 87.5, QTR 435, SESSIONS 31, DIFF STNS 24

Top QNI: KB2RTZ 27, KA2CQX WB2UVB 25, K2UL 19, KB2VYZ N2WFN 18, KB2YJD 12, N2VQA 11

Top NCS: WB2UVB 15, N2WFN 7, KB2RTZ 4, KB2YJD 2, N2VQA KB2VYZ K2KID 1

Top 2RN Rep: K2UL 14, N2WFN 8, KB2VYZ 5, N2VQA 3, KB2RTZ 1

Most QNI: 14 on Jan 30; Most Traffic: 13 on Jan 22; Longest net: 29 mins on Jan 22

REMARKS: January was a very interesting month, from 1/6 to 1/11 the repeater was down so we had to use simplex and many auxiliary NCS to relay traffic and checkins. This month we had new stations N3UVY and KC2HDR as QNI. Stop using your email and send some traffic to your friends. I wish to thank Boyd K5YKG for getting the repeater fixed. 73 de Gene WB2UVB Mgr.

FEB 01, QNI 279, QTC 44, QSP 40, PERCENT 90.9, QTR 368, SESSIONS 28, DIFF STNS 24

Top QNI: WB2UVB KA2CQX 25, KB2RTZ 23, KB2YJD 21, N2WFN 20, K2UL 19, N2VQA 17, KB2VYZ 14

Top NCS: WB2UVB 14, N2WFN 6, N2VQA 3, KB2VYZ 2, KB2YJD 1

Top 2RN Rep: K2UL 12, N2WFN 8, KB2VYZ 4, N2VQA 2, WB2UVB KB2RTZ 1

Most QNI: 14 on Feb 20; Most Traffic: 9 on Feb 2; Longest net: 21 mins on Feb 2 and 17

REMARKS: Wish to thank K2KID for all help as NCS and QNIing; due to schoolwork must slow down amateur radio activities. Repairs to repeater done and working fine. 73 de Gene WB2UVB Mgr.

MAR 01, QNI 304, QTC 46, QSP 44, PERCENT 95.6, QTR 394, SESSIONS 31, DIFF STNS 25

Top QNI: N2VQA WB2UVB KA2CQX 25, KB2RTZ 24, N2WFN 22, K2UL 20, KB2VYZ 16, KB2YJD 14

Top NCS: WB2UVB 11, N2WFN 6, N2VQA KB2VYZ 4, KB2RTZ 2, KA2CQX 1

Top 2RN Rep: K2UL 12, N2VQA N2WFN 8, KB2RTZ 2, KB2VYZ 1

Most QNI: 15 on Mar 4; Most Traffic: 7 on Mar 6; Longest net: 24 mins on Mar 4

REMARKS: Wish to thank the 4 new QNIs KC2HOC, WF2D/N2YMT XYL/OM team, and KB2DHK. Wish to thank Bill KB2YJD for stepping in for K2KID on Saturday NCS.

I know this has nothing to do with traffic handling, but do not forget NWS SKYWARN on 147.345 and NWS spotter training on June 5 at the Cherry Hill library. Doors open at 7 pm

Don't forget, during holidays like Easter, Passover, etc, send messages to your friends and relatives.

Thanks 73 and happy traffic handling to all. Gene WB2UVB Mgr.

ASSIGNMENTS:

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
NCS:	UVB	VYZ	UVB	WFN	CQX	YJD	VQA
ANCS:	CQX	YJD	CQX	VQA	UVB	VYZ	WFN

REPS:

2RN: WFN VQA UL VYZ RTZ

ARES/RACES: BURL/UVB CQX, CAM/WFN, OC/VYZ, CM/YJD

SKYWARN: UVB CQX YJD VYZ

EMBSEC3: UVB CQX VSD VYZ

SATERN: UVB CQX

ARC: UVB CQX

MARS: ARMY/UVB CQX, NAVY/NN2Y

PACKET: UL VYZ WFN VQA

New Jersey QSO Party

Sponsored by Englewood ARA. To be held on the weekend of August 18-19.

Same rules as last year. See QST or contact W2CC for further details.

Editor's Miscellaneous Misgivings..

NJM - Hey Gang, Jan says she could use a helper, as in "assistant". It's not fair to dump all the work on one person forever. There is no such title as "Manager for Life".

Net Reports as Traffic? - We've seen an increasing number of nets where the net manager will copy along with the net control station, and then at the end of the net session, says "I got all the information, just give me a message number and we'll count the net report as a message passed". Hmmmm. Isn't this cheating just a bit? According to the old rules ('member dem) a message is not counted as passed unless it is passed in proper ARRL format, or at least close. Yeah, I've done it myself, but I always feel guilty afterward. Whadda you think?

Editorial Comment - RIGHT-SIZING the NTS -

Speaking of the troubles at NJM, it seems to me that the laws of supply and demand are being ignored by the powers that be in the National Traffic System. We keep getting told to "fill those slots" but in reality, do we really **need** all those slots at all? Let me take you back to pre-1973, when there was only one cycle of NTS, 7-10 PM every evening, plus a bunch of local/regional nets. In those days, if you wanted a 2RN or EAN assignment, you literally had to wait for someone to die. Hence, the creation of additional cycles, ie Cycle 2, the Daytime NTS. It was meant to draw on a huge reservoir of retired and handicapped persons who would be available during the day, while the "rest of us" are at the salt mine.

Fast forward to 2001. The supply and demand has been reversed. Plenty of empty slots, but nobody wants 'em. Look at the rosters and you see that those daytime slots are being filled by just a small number of people. Even in wonderous New York, just a few people are holding down multiple slots just to keep the system going. How did this happen, you ask? Well, I can think of many reason. For one (or two), today's senior citizens and handicappers no longer sit around the table, twiddling thumbs and waiting for the next net session. **THEY GET OUT!** They travel, they hold down part time jobs, etc.

Don't get me wrong fellas and gals, I still enjoy this "facet of the hobby" and I sure don't want my ham friends using my picture for a dartboard. I still have my first ORS certificate hanging on my wall, dated September 1968. Heck it's only been 32 years and that still qualifies me as a **NEWBIE** in today's NTS. But it's a fact of business life that there's a time for expansion, and a time for contraction. It seems to me the time is long overdue for a *downsizing* in the traditional HF NTS, especially in the Second Region. Can anyone argue that the volume of traffic still warrants all those cycles and assignments? Any other opinions?

73 and have a happy summer.

Dan **K2UL**

Official Relay Station
Section Traffic Manager
Esteemed Editor