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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.

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New Jersey VHF Net (early), 146.895-, PL151.4, 7:30 PM Daily, N2RPI Mgr.

New Jersey VHF Net (late), 146.70-, PL141.3 (Weds 146.895-), 10:30 PM Dy, N2OPJ Mgr

Jersey Shore ARS Traffic Net, 146.91-, PL127.3, 7:30 PM Daily, K2ATQ Mgr.

Central Jersey Traffic Net, 147.12+, PL162.2, 8 PM Daily, KB2VRO Mgr.

South Jersey Traffic Net, 145.47-, or 147.15+, PL127.3, 8 PM Su/M/W/F, KB2RTZ Mgr.

South Jersey VHF Net, 147.345+, no PL, 10:30 PM Daily, WB2UVB Mgr

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

<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
AB2 BC	Jim	Aberdeen	Mon	C
W2 CC	Dave	Englewood	Bergen	P
WA2 CUW	Tom	Cherry Hill	Camden	CM
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	<i>Bill</i>	Allenhurst	Monmouth	P
W2	JG	<i>Joe</i>	Waldwick	Bergen	CMS
N1	JX	<i>Arnold</i>	Roseland	Essex	PCM
WB2	KNS	<i>Bob</i>	Morganville	Monmouth	P
W2	MTO	<i>George</i>	Parsippany	Morris	PCMS
W2	MW	<i>Kurt</i>	Oak Ridge	Morris	P
W2	NTS	<i>Ed</i>	E. Brunswick	Middlesex	CMS
WA2	OPY	<i>Jan</i>	Kearny	Hudson	CM
K2	PB	<i>Pat</i>	Plainsboro	Middlesex	CMS
WA2	PCS	<i>Matt</i>	Oak Ridge	Morris	PC
WA2	QHA	<i>Joe</i>	E. Brunswick	Middlesex	S
KB2	QO	<i>Bill</i>	Lake Hopatcong	Morris	CM
AG2	R	<i>Gene</i>	Parsippany	Morris	PCMS
NG2	R	<i>Dick</i>	Turnersville	Gloucester	P
W2	RQ	<i>Bill</i>	Andover Twp.	Sussex	P
W2	RWB	<i>Rich</i>	Toms River	Ocean	P
K2	SO	<i>Steve</i>	Elizabeth	Union	PCM
N2	SU	<i>Bob</i>	Clifton	Passaic	C
AA2	SV	<i>Willie</i>	Brick	Ocean	CMS
K2	UL	<i>Dan</i>	Hamilton Square	Mercer	PCM
KB2	VRO	<i>Jim</i>	Bridgewater	Somerset	P
WB2	VUF	<i>Bob</i>	Morris Plains	Morris	C
K2	VX	<i>Dave</i>	Newark	Essex	PC
W2	VX	<i>Bob</i>	Ridgewood	Bergen	PC
WA2	YL	<i>Jan</i>	Egg Harbor Twp	Atlantic	PCMS
WB2	ZJF	<i>Don</i>	Woodstown	Salem	PC
<i>Out-Of-State</i>					
K2	ABX	<i>Paul</i>	NY		S
NB2	D	<i>Joe</i>	NY		CM
KK3	F	<i>Pat</i>	MD		C
KA1	GWE	<i>Anna</i>	CT		S
WA2	SEI	<i>Ray</i>	NY		PCM
W4	VLL	<i>Vic</i>	VA		S
WA2	YL	<i>Jan</i>	FL		PCMS
KC4	ZHF	<i>Bob</i>	FL		C S

SORRY, we just cannot possibly keep track of all the VHF net members (but we love you anyway.)

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

N J P N

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APRIL 2001: 35 SESSIONS CHECK-INS: 182 TOTAL / 23 DIFF STATIONS
TRAFFIC: 65 LISTED 55 PASSED = 85% 223 MINUTES
MAY 2001: 35 SESSIONS CHECK-INS: 186 TOTAL / 19 DIFF STATIONS
TRAFFIC: 43 LISTED 41 PASSED = 95% 196 MINUTES
JUNE 2001: 34 SESSIONS CHECK-INS: 186 TOTAL / 22 DIFF STATIONS
TRAFFIC: 65 LISTED 48 PASSED = 74% 199 MINUTES

HONOR ROLL:

APRIL: W2CC 31 / N1JX 25 / NG2R 24 / KB2VRO 22 / AG2R 16
MAY: KB2VRO 27 / N1JX 26 / NG2R 25 / W2CC 24 / N2GJ 18
JUNE: W2CC 31 / NG2R 24 / KB2VRO 23 / N1JX 22 / WA2YL 15

TOTAL NCS: W2CC 55 / N1JX 28 / KB2VRO 9 / N2GJ 3 / WA2PCS 3 /
AG2R 2 / K2UL 2 / WB2FTX 1

TOTAL LIAISON: N1JX 93 / KB2VRO 20 / N2GJ 3 / AG2R 1

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FUNCTION ROSTER:

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

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I would like to remind everyone of the NJ QSO Party to be held on the weekend of August 18 and 19. Get on and help make New Jersey active. I would like to see a minimum of 100 contacts made in each of the 21 counties.

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. I would appreciate it if I am not in attendance in a particular net session that stations in that net would make note of who was NCS so that I can get the report.

PLEASE!!!

73, Dave

David B. Popkin W2CC
Net Manager - NJPN
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NEW JERSEY MORNING NET

April Qni/92 Qtc/30 Qsp/27 90% Qtr/217 Sessions/30 11 diff stns
May Qni/113 Qtc/35 Qsp/32 91% Qtr/237 sessions/31 13 diff stns
June Qni/134 Qtc/41 Qsp/38 93% Qtr/281 Sessions/30 16 diff stns

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NCS	N2GJ	WA2YL	W2JG	AG2R	WA2OPY	W2MTO	N2GJ
2RN	-	W2MTO	W2MTO	W2MTO	AG2R	W2MTO	-

July 24, 2001

Dear Net Family,

Hope everyone has been enjoying the Ham Fests, and hope Field Day was enjoyable, too, and that the equipment co-operated.

George, W2MTO, glad you got the antenna to work again. Jan, WA2YL, enjoy your new call.

I want to thank everyone, again, for your help with the Net. I really appreciate the time that you put into the Net.

Please enjoy the rest of the Summer!. See you in the next issue of NJTB.

161 (73/88)
Jan O'Hara de WA2OPY
NJM Net Manager

NEW JERSEY SLOW NET

SUMMER 2001

NJSN MEETS EVERY DAY AT 6:30 PM LOCAL TIME ON 3.715 MHZ
NET CONTROLS ARE AA2SV-W2NTS-AG2R-K2PB-KC2ANN-W2JG

ACTIVITIES	SESSIONS	QNI	QTC	QTR
APRIL	30	171	20/19	416
MAY	31	160	12/11	411
JUNE	30	173	14/14	400

VERY FREQUENT CHECKINS W2JG-AA2SV-KA1GWE-W2NTS-WA2YL-K2ABX-KC2ANN
FREQUENT CHECKINS AG2R-W4VLL-WA2QHA-K2PB

It has been a very good three-months, everyone checks in with enthusiasm, we pass a little traffic, and it has been a fun time. Hope you all have a good summer with it's many activities.

K2PB Pat.

NEW JERSEY CW NET

STUPID STATS

NEW JERSEY CW NET, EARLY

APRIL - QNI-159 QTC-62 QSP-47 PERCENT-76 MINUTES 278

MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS

WA2CUW-23 AG2R-20 AA2SV-20 K2PB-19 W2JG-17 K2UL-17

MAY - QNI-169 QTC-74 QSP-53 PERCENT-72 MINUTES 294

10 PERCENTERS

W2JG-28 WA2CUW-26 AA2SV-26 N2GJ-20 K2PB-19 AG2R-15 K2UL-11

JUNE - QNI-194 QTC-99 QSP-69 PERCENT-70 MINUTES 342

THE "WHO DUNNITS"

AA2SV-26 W2JG-23 WA2CUW-22 WA2YL-21 K2PB-20 N2GJ-15 AG2R-15

W2MTO-14 K2UL-10

NEW JERSEY CW NET, LATE

APRIL - QNI-175 QTC-129 QSP-121 PERCENT 94 MINUTES 362

CHECKINS OF NOTE

WA2YL-30 K2PB-27 AG2R-27 K2UL-27 WA2CUW-23 W2JG-12 WB2VUF-12

MAY - QNI-172 QTC-85 QSP-61 PERCENT 72 MINUTES 301

INSOMNIACS

WA2YL-28 WA2CUW-26 W2JG-24 AG2R-23 K2PB-22 K2UL-19 WB2VUF-15

JUNE - QNI-166 QTC-109 QSP 104 PERCENT 95 MINUTES 324

THE "LATE NITE CHICKEN PLUCKERS"

WA2YL-30 K2PB-25 WA2CUW-23 W2JG-21 AG2R-19 K2UL-19 WB2VUF-11 K2VX-10

SHORT WOIDS - De AG2R NJN Mgr.

It's interesting to note that WA2YL ex-KJ4N ex-WB2JCE missed only three NJN/L sessions in three months..... Welcome and thanks to AB2BC, Jim from Aberdeen, NJ for checking into NJN. He's a youngster of 39 yrs who's birthday is the day before Halloween. Scary, aye?? I received an email with a picture of WA2CUW sitting at an operating desk with an Iambic Keyer in his hand. Even more scary..... I want each of you in NJN to pick an operator, other than your Humble Net Manager and originate one message a week to that station for one month. Just to see what happens..... I ain't gonna put the Function Roster in here this time. It takes up too much space. Besides you ain't volunteering for anything anyhow..... Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday slots to 745 2rn are open. How about it, gang.....**(There's nothing to stop the esteemed editor from putting it back in, hehee)**

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
NCS / 7	***	AA2SV	W2MTO	AG2R	****	W2JG	K2VX
745	K2PB	****	****	WA2CUW	K2PB	****	****
930	K2VX	K2UL	K2PB	WB2VUF	K2UL	WA2CUW	****
NCS / 10	K2VX	K2UL	K2PB	WB2VUF	K2UL	W2JG	****

I have a headache (*mee too....ed*)..... I'm outta here.....

Remember the Animal..... 73 de AG2R

NEW JERSEY VHF NET / EARLY

APR 01, QNI 545, QTC 52, QSP 46 IN 342 MINS, 30 SESSIONS, 73 DIFFERENT STNS

MAY 01, QNI 486, QTC 47, QSP 37 IN 272 MINS, 31 SESSIONS, 60 DIFFERENT STNS

JUN 01, QNI 510, QTC 65, QSP 51 IN 411 MINS, 30 SESSIONS, 75 DIFFERENT STNS

HONOR ROLL: (15 OR MORE CHECKINS PER MONTH)

APR 01: KC2ANN 28, KC2GDO 28, KC2FYA 27, KC2BLN 26, KB2SXU 24, N2RPI 24, WB2KNS 24, KC2HNP 21, KB2FK 20, N3RB 20, KG2CV 19, N2UAK 18, KC2AHS 17, WB2FTX 17, KB2VRO 15, K2DBK 15

MAY 01: KC2ANN 27, N2BVM 27, KB2VVB 26, N2RPI 24, KC2FYA 23, WB2FTX 21, KC2BLN 20, N3RB 20, KB2VRO 18, KB2SXU 17, WB2KNS 17, K2DBK 15, KB2OPJ 15, KC2AHS 15

JUN 01: KC2ANN 29, KC2FYA 26, N2RPI 25, KB2VVB 23, N2BVM 23, WB2FTX 21, WB2KNS 21, N3RB 20, KB2VRO 19, KC2BLN 19, AB2IZ 16, KC2HNP 16

FUNCTION ROSTER:

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
N2OPJ	WA2MWT	KB2VRO	KC2ANN	N2RPI	KY2MMM	KB2VVB

I hope all are enjoying the months of summer and continue to participate in VHF, HF phone and CW traffic nets. As you are aware, many including NECOS take their vacations and coverage is needed. Several active stations for NJVNE have expressed interest in becoming a net control station.

How about the American League winning five straight All Star Games. Better yet, how about Cal Ripken hitting the first home run in the third. You probably wonder why I bring up sports news in my report. The answer is simple. Sports, like traffic nets, involves team work. One or two individuals cannot run a successful traffic net. It takes team work by all.

As far as the World Series goes, it could be the Yankees and the Phillies for 2001. (*If so, the esteemed editor will be rooting for the Phils!*) As much as I would like to see another subway series, with the present standing of the Mets it is highly unlikely this season.

To all, have a safe summer and continue to participate in the VHF CW and HF Phone nets.

73s John N2RPI, Net Manager NJVN/E

SOUTH JERSEY TRAFFIC NET

SJTN meets Sunday/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.

April: QNI 55, Traffic 14/11 in 140 mins. Sessions 13

May: QNI 47, Traffic 20/15 in 160 mins. Sessions 16

June: QNI 65, Traffic 19/17 in 169 mins. Sessions 15

Net Control Roster: Sunday-WJ2F Monday-K2UL Wednesday-KB2RTZ Friday-N2VQA

Alternates: N0YHH

Recently the net added a Sunday night session and now meets four times per week. We are holding our own through the doldrums of summer, but more participation is always appreciated. We provide a good linkage between the Delaware Valley and the Jersey Shore.

73 from Dan K2UL and Steve KB2RTZ

JSARS Traffic Net

APR: QNI 331, Traffic 26/18 in 256 mins, 30 sessions

MAY: QNI 408, Traffic 64/53 in 338 mins, 31 sessions

JUN: QNI 297, Traffic 31/27 in 238 mins, 30 sessions

Jim Trachta K2ATQ JSARS Traffic Mgr.

SOUTH JERSEY VHF NET

STATS:

April: QNI 297 QTC 86 QSP 64 in 443 mins. 30 sessions.

May: QNI 285 QTC 32 QSP 31 in 381 mins. 31 sessions.

June: QNI 277 QTC 69 QSP 38 in 374 mins. 30 sessions.

	NCS	ANCS
Monday	wb2uvb	ka2cqx
Tuesday	kb2vyz	kb2yjd
Wednesday	wb2uvb	ka2cqx
Thursday	n2wfn	n2vqa
Friday	ka2cqx	wb2uvb
Saturday	kb2yjd	kb2vyz
Sunday	n2vqa	wb2uvb

also k2ul and k2kid when needed.

The following are reps for other agencies.

2RN	k2ul	n2wfn	n2vqa	wb2uvb	kb2vyz
MARS	wb2uvb	ka2cqx	kb2vyz		
EMBSEC3	wb2uvb	ka2cqx	kb2vyz	kb2vsd	n2msm
Red Cross	wb2uvb	ka2cqx	n2msm		
Sal. Army	wb2uvb	ka2cqx			
Skywarn	wb2uvb	ka2cqx	kb2vyz	kb2yjd	
FEMA	wb2uvb	ka2cqx	kb2vyz	n2msm	kb2yjd

Comments:

Hope everyone has a nice summer. Do not forget the other HF nets... Also get your Xmas list together and send all you can to your friends and relatives. Not much from w1pex in the past few months, and I do miss them....I wish to thank w2az Harry for over 75 years in amateur radio and hope he has another 75.... n2msm wish to say hello to everyone, he has been traveling back to Ohio to the family farm to help out since there has been an illness in the family out there in 8-land.. We had a very successful Skywarn training at the Cherry Hill Library in June... Do not forget the SET drill that SJVN is active in later this fall or early winter... ka2cqx is better now after almost having a major stroke in May... kb2vsd future wife has been listening to the net almost every nite, but Ken does not get home from work until after midnite. Hopefully Diane will have her license later this summer... Patty (kb2vyz wife) is doing fine after her stay in the hospital... so for now lets get the traffic flow M O V I N G again in hypo speed.... 73's Gene

wb2uvb net manager SJVN(kb2ybm)

NEW JERSEY VHF NET / LATE

APRIL HONOUR ROLL

N2OPJ 30 KB2YZA 30 N2RPI 27 KC2GIK 26 K2DBK 25 KC2AHS 24 KC2GDO 24
WB2SFN 23 WB2KNS 23

MAY HONOUR ROLL

N2OPJ 31 KB2YZA 31 N2BVM 31 KC2GLG 31 N2RPI 29 WA2PFS 28 KC2GIK 27
K2DBK 27 WB2SFN 26 WA2MWT 25 WB2KNS 21 KC2CJW 17

JUNE HONOUR ROLL

N2OPJ 30 KB2YZA 30 N2RPI 29 WA2PFS 27 WA2MWT 26 WB2KNS 26 KC2GLG 24
N2BVM 24 KC2CJW 23 K2MIS 20 WB2SFN 22 K2DBK 21 KC2GIK 16

APRIL QNI 395 QTC 44/42, 95% of traffic passed in 246 minutes with 48
different stations

MAY QNI 463 QTC 43/43, 100% of traffic passed in 256 minutes with 48
different stations

JUNE QNI 442 QTC 46/43, 93.5% of traffic passed in 303 minutes with 56
different stations

Net controls are:

Sunday	KB2YZA
Monday	KB2VVB/KC2CJW
Tuesday	WA2PFS
Wednesday	N2RPI
Thursday	N2OPJ
Friday	KC2CJW/K2MIS
Saturday	WA2MWT

Notes:

 Callsign changes
 KC2GDO IS NOW N2BVM
 KC2AHS IS NOW WA2MWT

I would like to thank all of you for bearing with the change in
repeaters till our regular repeater is fully operational. Also many
thanks to the Morris County OEM for the use of their repeater as back
up.

CENTRAL JERSEY TRAFFIC NET

No report available.

**W4SUS LARRY FRAZER AWARD
JULY - SEPTEMBER, 2001**

W A 2 C U W

The Award Committee has chosen Tom, WA2CUW as the next recipient of the Larry Frazer W4SUS Award. Using the Award criteria: Operating procedure, net participation and traffic handled. Tom has been a long time member of HBN Net. Thanks, Tom, for your service and participation to Hit and Bounce Net. Congratulations!!

K8LJG, WA3UNX AND N3DE
Award Committee

Reprinted from the Hit and Bounce Net (HBN) Newsletter

From the NJTB Editor's Keyboard..

WA2CUW - Congrats to Tom on the above-mentioned award. Well deserved, I'm sure.

Net Directory - ARRL has recently published the new 2001-2002 Net Directory. If you are involved in traffic nets, this is the book you need. Lots of good info for those just getting started as well.

W2MTA Picnic - Enjoyed the get-together in Newark Valley on the 28th. It was worth the 4 hour drive from Trenton to see the look of surprise on Bill's face when I popped in unexpectedly. Second time in 30 years. More on that in the next issue.

73 to all and have a happy summer.

K2UL
Official Relay Station
Section Traffic Manager, SNJ
Esteemed Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(from other people's keyboards, following the Spring NJTB)

Dear Esteemed Editor,

Yes, NJTB continues to be read and enjoyed out here in the land of the Saguaro and Scorpion. Since I haven't contributed much of anything in a long time, perhaps I can provide some assistance in response to the following excerpt from your cover letter:

> WA2PCS wrote: "you didn't offer the option of an "on air"
> version! I suggest you send it at 5 WPM by hand for five nights
> in a row, on several bands. <grin>". WB2VUF wrote: "Now I would
> like an electronic version that would play in CW on my computer
> speakers so I could get more code practice." Oh well....

Whatever it takes to help VUF improve his code speed: If Bob or anyone else wants to partake of the joys of listening to NJTB in glorious CW, check out K6MAM's Morse Practice Machine at:

http://homepage.mac.com/k6mam/MorsePractice_1.3/MorsePractice.html

Besides being a cool practice tool for maintaining/increasing your CW skills, this site lets you copy and paste the contents of a text file into the box in the middle of the page. It even worked with me copying the Rich Text of NJTB from Microsoft Word 2000 into it. Once you've pasted it, set your preference for overall speed and Farnsworth speed at the bottom of the page, click the "Listen" button, sit back, relax, and hear your favorite traffic bulletin as though the golden fist of AG2R was sending it to you on a clear channel.

I can't swear it will work with every computer configuration in the universe, but since it's written in Java, it ought to come pretty close. It works jes' fine in my little cyberworld (Windows ME, Internet Explorer 5.5). You may need to review the disclaimers, do more research, etc. at:

<http://homepage.mac.com/k6mam/>

but most folks should be able to just click and go.

My VY 73 to you and all my dear friends in New Jersey Traffic Net-land.

Steve Gross, N2BNB
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Hi Dan ...

... I agree with you 100 percent about taking message credit for reports that are never sent. I've never heard that done on any of the nets down here, so it must be a "Northern" thing. I also agree that there are too many NTS cycles ... cut down on the cycles of EAN and the Region nets, and you may have people interested in filling those empty slots. I know it's convenient to move the traffic right away, but most of the traffic isn't anything that can't wait 24 hours if it has to. I, too, remember the days when 2RN was at 6:30, with a second session at 7:45 ... EAN was at 8:30 ... I don't remember there being a second session of my Section Net (NYS) in the 60's ... maybe that evolved in the 70'S?? I started in 1963.

73/88 ...

Jan Scheuerman, KJ4N <kj4n@arrl.net> or <ylham@earthlink.net>

Dan,

As a former net manager, I "cheated" on occasion too. I don't remember if I ever felt guilty about it though. I've noticed that some of the "old rules" seem to slide by quite frequently. I feel that in order for net reports or any other messages to be counted as traffic, they should be passed in proper ARRL format. (*Quite right Jean, technically, anything not sent in proper format should NOT be counted at all....ed.*) Rules are made to avoid confusion. If the NTS is part of the preparation for emergency communications, I feel the rules should be followed. What do you do when a net manager says that all he needs is a message number and the time. Do you give him exactly what he asked for, do you compose a message on the fly or do you just say "I'll give it to you tomorrow"?

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Jean n2vqa@arrl.net

Hi fella, Received NJTB in FB order. Congrats on a nice job. I knew you were good for something....

Ref taking "abbreviated QNS reports by just getting the numbers." I totally agree. I will put out a QNC telling the NCS's to issue a formal QNS report in totalle' (that's Italian). I am at fault here as I also encouraged this procedure. I'll just take notes in case one of the NCS's forgets his/her beloved Net Mgr (Elected for life) and doesn't send a report.

Ref NJM. I am in agreement that it has become almost a nonentity. With the exception of the weekend NJM nets, activity has diminished. I would recommend we "put it in the closet" for now. Maybe keep the Saturday and Sunday nets.

I also would very much like to have an Asst. Mgr but haven't had any success into coercing anyone. My concern is if I get sick or whatever and cannot be here etc.

Cheers 'n' semtrees, de AG2R

Hi Dan:

You editorial summed up what I've been thinking for a while. With declining traffic volume and fewer hams participating in traffic handling, the League needs to take a look at NTS and consider streamlining, if not, downsizing the system.

I was there at the start of Cycle Two (then called "Daytime NTS") in 1973 and back then there were plenty of people available to participate. These days, NTS not only faces competition from things like faxes, cell phones and the internet, but from other activities within the hobby itself such as DXing, PSK31, satellites, QRP, etc. It's just not as sexy as working the latest DXpedition.

Perhaps we need to go back to the single cycle in the evening. Gone are the days when the NJ Phone and CW nets would average 500 QNI per month and there would be a waiting list for slots. The VHF nets have become to today's NTS what the 80 meter nets were to the NTS of 30 years ago.

I stay active in traffic handling just enough to keep my feet wet in it, but I am a DXer these days, plain and simple.

This from another newbie (28 years).

73,
Bob N2SU

Dan, I agree with your comments except that if there are a few daytime types- retired and staying at home, if you get rid of the day cycles- you do them out of an activity. How about cycle 5 for guys like Ed Erickson who can be up in the middle of the night? But that might create too many one station nets. Good Job. Thanks, 73,
K2VX

Dan, thanks for sending along the NJTB - it looks just fine and am happy to receive it! Haven't seen one since my short term as STM up here, and got them when was NYS NM -- both fairly short terms in office as I look back. I will get back into the saddle one of these days, but at the moment, I simply cannot keep my slot commitments and gave them up.

For what it is worth, I am and HAVE always have been, pretty fed up with phone traffic nets. However, with today's dwindling interest in CW and in traffic, I suppose they are REALLY here to stay. I have an acquaintance in California who is in MARS and HATES handling phone traffic with them. Anyway, the traffic load - the lack of it - does not justify all the nets currently operating within Second Region. I do think there is good reason for phone and CW nets to meet at least once daily, including the VHF ones. I find it above my 2-digit IQ to even remember to QNI nets that do not meet daily :o). I see NO reason for EAN at 5:30. The ones at 2:30 and 8:30 are more than sufficient - everyone is in a big hurry to get it done and get out of the shack (rare the instant QNF occurs to be able to raise any of the participants - they either hit the OFF switch or QSYd at lightning speed. The fact I and others have to use the computer to fix address messes has, in my experience, been due to previous handling of the message on SSB or FM, then picking it up on CW and spotting the oddities almost immediately. Your example in the NJTB was right on the money, but we should NOT have to go through this, especially when we may be the nth station to handle the message -how come some of us spot the suspicious ones and so many do not? A very poor knowledge of geography, for one thing. Or racking up points at the expense of accuracy... I have so many gripes about inaccurate and insufficient traffic that I MAY not be back. Right now I am helping with Pierpont's high-speed addendum to his "The Art and Skill of Radiotelegraphy". The job is done except for a final proofreading. I am now motivated to go for very high speed CW.. If I can type fast enough to establish contact, and can read (but not copy on the keyboard with any accuracy) CW at 60 wpm, which for the folks in the group working on this historic document, is SLOW.

Back to proofreading ;o). Again - thanks for adding me to your mailing list. I read almost all of it (yes for me the VHF net info is of no interest but quite the opposite for the other addressees) with great interest. And I encourage you to keep this up. It is neat to get the bulletin this way, and saves you a ton of postage. (sorry, am preaching to the choir:).

73, Fred, NY2V

Hi Dan With regard to your "Misgivings" column --

Yes, times are tough. Even when a torrent of NCVA traffic comes in from Florida for that guy in Hudson NH, the 2RN Cycle 4 net at 7:45 pm stands empty! Guess we need some originators in the Second Region! My Sunday night NCS at 7:45pm with K2PB and WB2QIX usually last for 2 minutes.

The question that arises with regard to what "warrants all those cycles and assignments" is -- where should one cut? The solar and seasonal variations make us hesitate to delete EAN Cycle 3 for example, thus the regon feeders. 2RN at 6:30 pm specifically started in about 1975 to provide an NTS outlet for all those voice only operators in NJ and NY on 75 meter phone nets. And to top it all off I hear that NYC-LI has now reinvented the wheel and begun a Section CW net again, despite the statewide NYS net that tried to promote a greater efficiency in sections' operations in New York...how soon until NLIPN starts again? (*Oh, you mean NYCLIPN at 4:30 PM, just after school got out. Those were the good old days for us rowdy teenagers who actually had an interest in radio and electronics at the dawn of the computer age....ed*)

73, Bill W2MTA

42nd ANNUAL NEW JERSEY QSO PARTY - AUGUST 18-19, 2001

The Englewood Amateur Radio Association, Inc. invites all amateurs the world over to take part in the 42nd Annual New Jersey QSO Party.

RULES: [1] The time of the contest is from 2000 UTC Saturday August 18 to 0700 UTC Sunday August 19 and from 1300 UTC Sunday August 19 to 0200 UTC Monday August 20. [2] Phone and CW are considered the same contest. A station may be contacted once on each band - phone and CW are considered separate bands - CW contacts may not be made in phone band segments. New Jersey stations may work other New Jersey stations. [3] General call is "CQ New Jersey" or "CQ NJ". New Jersey stations are requested to identify themselves by signing "DE NJ" on CW and "New Jersey calling" on phone. Suggested frequencies are 1810, 3535, 3950, 7035, 7235, 14035, 14285, 21100, 21355, 28100, 28400, 50-50.5, and 144-146. Suggest phone activity on the even hours; 15/10 meters on the odd hours [1500 to 2100 UTC]; 160 meters at 0500 UTC. [4] Exchange consists of QSO Number, and QTH [State/province or country]. New Jersey stations will send county for their QTH. [5] Scoring: Out-of-state stations multiply number of complete contacts with New Jersey stations times 3 points per QSO times the number of New Jersey counties worked [maximum of 21]. New Jersey stations multiply number of complete contacts times 3 points per QSO times the multiplier. The multiplier is the sum of the number of states [other than NJ], Canadian provinces, and NJ counties worked - maximum is $49 + 13 + 21 = 83$. [6] Certificates will be awarded to the first place station in each New Jersey county, state, province, and country. In addition, a second place certificate will be awarded when four or more logs are received. A total of two plaques have been donated by the ARRL Section Managers for NNJ and SNJ to the highest scoring single operator station residing in each of their sections. [7] Logs must also show the UTC date and time, QSO exchange, band, and emission, and be received not later than September 15, 2001. The first contact for each claimed multiplier must be indicated and numbered and a check list of contacts and multipliers should be included. Multi-operator stations should be noted and calls of participating operators listed. Logs and comments should be sent to: Englewood Amateur Radio Association, Inc., Post Office Box 528, Englewood, New Jersey 07631-0528. A #10 size SASE should be included for results. [8] Stations planning active participation in New Jersey are requested to advise EARA by August 1st of your intentions so that we may plan for full coverage from all counties. Portable and mobile operation is encouraged.

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