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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 C W Net (NJN) 3695 kHz, 7 & 10 PM Daily, AG2R Mgr.

Local Nets (VHF)

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-, and 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

Active Membership Roster, HF Section Nets

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	PCMS
N2 ATJ	Connie	Kingston	Somerset	P
AB2 BC	Jim	Aberdeen	Monmouth	C
W2 CC	Dave	Englewood	Bergen	P
WA2 CUW	Tom	Cherry Hill	Camden	CM
K2 DBK	David	River Vale	Bergen	P
WA2 EPI	Sam	Dover	Morris	P
WB2 FTX	Dave	Butler	Morris	P
N2 GJ	Gerry	Kingston	Somerset	PCMS
K3 GNZ	Skip	Manalapan	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	PCM
WA2 QHA	Joe	E. Brunswick	Middlesex	S
KB2 QO	Bill	Lake Hopatcong	Morris	C
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 Square	Mercer	PCM
KB2 VRO	Jim	Bridgewater	Somerset	P
WB2 VUF	Bob	Morris Plains	Morris	CM
K2 VX	Dave	Newark	Essex	PCM
W2 VX	Bob	Ridgewood	Bergen	PC
WA2 YL	Jan	Egg Harbor Twp	Atlantic	PCMS
WB2 ZJF	Don	Woodstown	Salem	PC
<i>Out-Of-State</i>				
K2 ABX	Paul	NY		S
NB2 D	Joe	NY		CM
KK3 F	Pat	MD		C
KA1 GWE	Anna	CT		S
WA2 SEI	Ray	NY		PCM
W4 VLL	Vic	VA		S
WA2 YL	Jan	FL		PCMS
KC4 ZHF	Bob	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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July 2001: 36 SESSIONS CHECK-INS: 188 TOTAL / 18 DIFF STATIONS
TRAFFIC: 49 LISTED 36 PASSED = 73% 204 MINUTES
Aug 2001: 35 SESSIONS CHECK-INS: 186 TOTAL / 22 DIFF STATIONS
TRAFFIC: 26 LISTED 26 PASSED = 100% 172 MINUTES
Sept 2001: 35 SESSIONS CHECK-INS: 213 TOTAL / 24 DIFF STATIONS
TRAFFIC: 41 LISTED 41 PASSED = 100% 206 MINUTES

HONOR ROLL:

July: W2CC 34/ KB2VRO 22/ N1JX 19/ WA2YL 19
Aug: W2CC 34/ WA2YL 25/ KB2VRO 23/ N1JX 18/ K2SO 15
Sept: W2CC 34/ KB2VRO 28/ N1JX 24/ K3GNZ 19/ WA2YL 18/ N2GJ 16

TOTAL NCS: W2CC 69/ N1JX 18/ K2SO 6/ N2GJ 5/ K2UL 4/ KB2VRO 4/ WA2YL 1

TOTAL LIAISON: N1JX 76/ KB2VRO 24/ N2GJ 4/ AG2R 1

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FUNCTION ROSTER:

Table with 5 columns: Day, NCS, 145, 445, 630. Rows include SUNDAY MORN, SUNDAY EVE, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY.

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For two months in a row, we had a QSP rate of 100%. Congrats and keep it up.

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

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Net Manager - NJPN
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NEW JERSEY MORNING NET

July QNI/129 QTC/78 QSP/73 94% QTR/323 Sessions/31 13 diff stns
Aug QNI/118 QTC/42 QSP/38 90% QTR/265 sessions/31 11 diff stns
Sept QNI/112 QTC/106 QSP/98 92% QTR/318 Sessions/30 13 diff stns

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

* temp, need volunteer

October 24, 2001

Dear Net Family,

The Net is still at 10 A.M. each morning. Haven't heard AA2SV lately. Thanks N2GJ for being NCS for Saturday and Sunday. And thanks to AG2R for being there when I cannot be and, Gene, thanks for the help with the stats.

As of November, W2JG will be in Florida; Joe, we will miss you until your return in April. Also Jan, WA2YL, has gone to Florida for a couple months.

It's nice to hear W2NTS checking in more often. George, W2MTO, I'm glad your antenna is now working, Pat, K2PB, great on your NJSN work. Matt, WA2PCS, always good to hear you when you can Qni. Thanks also to WA2CUW, K2UL, K2VX, WB2VUF, KC2ANN, and I'd like to hear more checkins. KK3F also checks in when he can.

In closing, I hope everyone has a nice holiday. See you in the next issue.

161, Jan O'Hara de WA2OPY, Net Manager

NEW JERSEY SLOW NET

FALL 2001

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

NET CONTROLS ARE W2NTS(mon)-K2ABX(tue)-AG2R(wed)-AA2SV(thu,sat)
-KC2ANN(fri)-K2PB-W2JG-WA2YL (sunday is open)

ACTIVITIES	SESSIONS	QNI	QTC	QTR	STA
July	31	173	12/11	371	15
Aug	31	193	23/21	531	15
Sept	30	180	24/22	504	13

VERY FREQUENT CHECKINS W2JG-AA2SV-KA1GWE-W2NTS-WA2YL-K2ABX-KC2ANN

FREQUENT CHECKINS AG2R-W4VLL-WA2QHA-K2PB

This has been another nice three months. Good activity and good traffic. Paul K2ABX has been doing the Tuesday NCS and doing a good job. The FL people, Jan WA2YL and Bob KC4ZHF, have started coming back with the cooler wx. After the time change they should be steady again. Don Shipley WB2PKG NJSN Mgr. in the early times stopped in on the net. You are welcome anytime Don. Hope to see you all at the Confab on Sat. Dec. 1

...K2PB Pat. NJSN Mgr.

NEW JERSEY CW NET

THE MOST INTERESTING INFO YOU COULD EVER READ
DE AG2R, NM NJN (THAT'S THE CW NETS)

What with all that's going on in the world today, I can't believe that anyone is interested in what I say here. What does it matter if the sending station calls first or not. Who cares how fast we run NJN/L. How important it is to deliver a time sensitive message and have to "spend a dime" to do so.

Well, if you're gonna play in this yard, you should play by the correct rules. Net Controls Stations should always give the *receiving* station's call first when sending two stations off frequency. The receiving station has the option to find a clear frequency that he/she can copy the traffic on. *Never end a sentence with a preposition.* The sending station may have to look around a little to find where the receiving station has camped out. So many times I have heard the sending station calling and not listening. GADS!!!!

1. When you list traffic to NCS, you give the location followed by the number of pieces, i.e. Paducah 1, Transylvania 1, not Paducah Transylvania one each. Dat ain't the way to float. Listen and adhere. (*I wonder who he means here?? Who invented this "one each" stuff..... ed.*)
2. Remember "QND" means "This is a directed net." Don't jump in. If the NCS needs help with a relay, he/she'll ask for help.
3. NCS stations are to run NJN/L at 13 to 15 words per minute. I have had trouble copying lately and need all the help I can get.....

I hate winter for two reasons. First off, I get cold to the bone from October until May 15th. That makes me grouchy so I have to eat lots of pizza and drink Bass Ale to keep warm. Secondly, W2JG and WA2YL go back to Flaaaarida where it's warm and I get even grouchier (if there is such a word). The Late sessions looks good. QNI rate has been ten-four. Slots look good with the exception of Saturday nite where we need a permanent NCS and 9:30 2rn rep. K2VX has been helping out here. NJN/E has some dents in it. N2GJ took Sunday NCS slot. I love that guy. We're totally anemic for 6:30 2rn reps. W2MTO and I are doing alllllll the work here. Need help.. Also, need y'all to step up to the plate and volunteer to make 745 2rn when NCS asks for help. Even if he/she doesn't ask for help. K2PB, WA2CUW and W2JG have been a big help. As well as KJ4N.... e-r-r-r WA2YL I'd like to see other stations get involved. Commmmmon, commmon, commmon!!!!!!!!!!!!1111

Don't forget to send me a Christmas card. Also, my birthday is coming..... June 7th. Well, it issss coming, ain't it????? I went on Medicare this year. Can't believe it. And I look so young, toooooo.....

Net Control Stations, please get me your QNS reports ASAP. I hate to go looking and begging for them. Especially at the end of the month. If you don't adhere, I'm gonna tell K2UL and then you'll be in trouble. Yes, you will..... Yes.....

NJN STATS 'N' STUFF

NJN/Early July

QNI-193 QTC-72 QSP-68 PERCENT-94 MINUTES-342

Super Stars

AA2SV-25 WA2YL-25 W2JG-23 W2MTO-18 K2PB-18 N2GJ-16 WA2CUW-14 AG2R-14
K2UL-11

NJN/Early August

QNI-198 QTC-84 QSP-70 PERCENT-83 MINUTES-368

Critical QNI's

WA2YL-29 (TKS) W2JG-25 AA2SV-24 K2PB-21 WA2CUW-20 AG2R-18 W2NTS-11 (Alright Ed,
keep up the good work) K2UL-11 N2GJ-10

NJN/Early September

QNI-211 QTC-162 QSP-101 PERCENT-62 MINUTES-477

Big time players

W2JG-29 (TKS) W2MTO-26 WA2CUW-22 WA2YL-22 K2PB-21 AA2SV-20 N2GJ-19 AG2R-17
W2NTS-15 K2UL-9

NJN/Late July

QNI-171 QTC-65 QSP-59 PERCENT-91 MINUTES-308

Sleepless in Shamong

WA2YL-29 (TKS) K2UL-25 W2JG-23 K2PB-23 WB2VUF-18 AG2R-16 WA2CUW-14

NJN/Late August

QNI-185 QTC-71 QSP-69 PERCENT-97 MINUTES-327

Nite owl nuggies

WA2YL-30 (TKS infinitum) K2PB-28 W2JG-26 K2UL-26 WA2CUW-22 AG2R-20
WB2VUF-14 K2VX-14

NJN/Late September

QNI-156 QTC-75 QSP-49 PERCENT-65 MINUTES-284

"Simply the best..."

WA2YL-27 K2PB-26 W2JG-25 WA2CUW-23 K2UL-21 AG2R-20

NJN Function Roster

	<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUE</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THU</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
NCS/7	N2GJ	AA2SV	W2MTO	AG2R	AA2SV	-	K2VX
7:45	-	-	-	WA2CUW	K2PB	-	-
6:30	-	W2MTO	-	-	-	W2MTO	K2VX
NCS/10	K2VX	K2UL	K2PB	WB2VUF	K2UL	-	-
9:30	K2VX	K2UL	K2PB	WB2VUF	K2UL	WA2CUW	-

NEW JERSEY VHF NET / EARLY

JUL 01, QNI 443, QTC 46, QSP 37 IN 317 MINS, 30 SESSIONS, 63 DIFFERENT STNS

AUG 01, QNI 482, QTC 53, QSP 49 IN 354 MINS, 31 SESSIONS, 65 DIFFERENT STNS

SEP 01, QNI 467, QTC 89, QSP 61 IN 426 MINS, 29 SESSIONS, 57 DIFFERENT STNS

HONOR ROLL: (15 OR MORE CHECKINS PER MONTH)

JUL 01: N2BVM 27, N2RPI 26, KB2VVB 22, KC2FYA 22, WB2FTX 20, KC2HFG 19, KG2CV 18, N3RB 17, WB2KNS 16

AUG 01: KC2ANN 18, KC2FYA 27, WB2FTX 26, N2BVM 25, KC2BLN 23, KB2SXU 23, N2RPI 22, KB2VVB 21, KB2VRO 21, N3RB 18

SEP 01: N2BVM 27, N2RPI 24, KB2SXU 23, KC2ANN 23, WB2FTX 23, KB2VRO 22, KB2VVB 22, WB2KNS 22, KC2FYA 21, KC2BLN 18, W2MTO 18, N3RB 17, W2LTF 17, KB2OPJ 16, N2OPJ 16

FUNCTION ROSTER:

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

At this time I want to take time to thank all amateur radio operators who assisted officials in both New York and New Jersey by providing the necessary communication skills during the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. As you will read in the November QST, individuals of all skills and ages assisted during this disaster. All major public service groups within radio communications were activated.

Three reminders to all stations participating in NTS nets:

1. When sending a message by voice, send it as if you have to write it.
2. If you are participating on VHF nets other than NJVN/E or on HF phone and CW nets and can take traffic to that net, do so. This moves the traffic in a timely manner.
3. After the net is secured by the net control station, allow that station to submit his/her report to the net manager before starting a QSO. Along that line, if you start a QSO allow a few seconds between transmissions. There may be another station needing to report an emergency or make use of the phone patch.

I wish all and their families happy holidays ahead and if the Yankees continue to be as aggressive as our military personnel overseas, they should win World Series 2001.

73, John N2RPI, Net Manager NJVN/E

SOUTH JERSEY TRAFFIC NET

SJTN meets on Sunday/Monday/Wednesday/Friday at 8 PM.

July: QNI 60, Traffic 21/19 in 161 mins. Sessions 18

Aug: QNI 60, Traffic 29/18 in 178 mins. Sessions 18

Sept: QNI 70, Traffic 20/19 in 183 mins. Sessions 16

Net Control Roster: Sun-WJ2F Mon-K2UL Wed-KB2RTZ Fri-N2VQA Alt: N0YHH

Hurrah! We have now completed our first full year of operation..

We are still suffering from repeater problems. The WB2SOY Mount Holly repeater is back to near-normal, but the Chatsworth repeater is not fully functional yet. Like most government agencies, Burlington County OEM is running short on budget money as the end of the year approaches. But even so, we still can provide an outlet to the Jersey Shore, while we also await repairs to the WT3V packet bbs.

73 from Dan K2UL and Steve KB2RTZ

NEW JERSEY VHF NET / LATE

Traffic Report

July QNI 408 QTC 45/41 at 91% of the traffic passed in 304 mins with 54 different stns.

August QNI 475 QTC 65/63 at 97% of the traffic passed in 286 mins with 51 different stns.

Sept QNI 431 QTC 37/37 at 100% of the traffic passed in 266 mins with 46 different stns.

Honor Roll

July WB2KNS-28 N2BVM-26 WA2PFS-26 N2OPJ-25 KB2YZA-25 N2RPI-24 WA2MWT-23
KB2VVB-21 KC2HFG-20 K2DBK-20 KC2GLG-18 KC2GIK-18

August N2OPJ-31 K1VDH-31 N2BVM-27 KC2GIK-26 WB2KNS-26 N2RPI-25 K2DBK-24
KB2VVB-24 WA2MWT-23 WA2PFS-19 KC2IFH-17 KB2SXU-16 WB2FTX-15 KC2GLG-15

Sept N2OPJ-30 K1VDH-30 N2BVM-28 N2RPI-27 KC2GIK-24 WA2PFS-24 KB2VVB-24
K2DBK-23 K2MIS-23 WA2MWT-19 KC2CJW-18 KC2IFH-17 WB2KNS-15 N2LYY-15

Please note that KB2YZA is now K1VDH. Thank you all for checking in.

- Herb N2OPJ, Net Manager

SOUTH JERSEY VHF NET

STATS:

July: QNI 318 QTC 23 QSP 19 in 316 mins. 31 sessions.
Aug: QNI 259 QTC 46 QSP 35 in 363 mins. 31 sessions.
Sept: QNI 278 QTC 30 QSP 24 in 382 mins. 30 sessions.

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

also k2ul kb2rtz and k2kid when needed.

The following are reps for other agencies and nets.

2RN	k2ul	n2wfn	n2vqa	wb2uvb	kb2vyz
MARS	wb2uvb	ka2cqx	kb2vyz		
EMBSEC3	wb2uvb	ka2cqx	kb2vyz	kb2vzd	n2msm
Red Cross	wb2uvb	ka2cqx	n2msm		
Sal. Army	wb2uvb	ka2cqx			
Skywarn	wb2uvb	ka2cqx	kb2vyz	kb2yjd	
FEMA	wb2uvb	ka2cqx	kb2vyz	n2msm	kb2yjd

WB2UVB net manager SJVN(kb2ybm)

JSARS Traffic Net

JUL: QNI 245, Traffic 17/17 in 175 mins, 31 sessions

AUG: QNI 168, Traffic 18/15 in 120 mins, 31 sessions

SEPT: QNI 383, Traffic 37/30 in 266 mins, 30 sessions

Jim Trachta K2ATQ JSARS Traffic Mgr. (Jim is always a man of few words, isn't he...)

CENTRAL JERSEY TRAFFIC NET

March 2001 sessions 31 QNI 215 QTC 60/51 242 minutes
Honor Roll wb2kns 24, kc2gzb 21, n3rb 20, k2pb 19, aa2sv 17, wa2fvl
w2kei 13 kb2vro 29

April 2001 sessions 30 QNI 174 QTC 60/50 241 minutes
Honor Roll wb2kns 26, n3rb 25, k2pb 17, aa2sv 15, kb2vro 22

May 2001 sessions 31 QNI 169 QTC 52/43 204 minutes
Honor Roll n3rb 21, wb2kns 19, aa2sv 19, k2pb 14, kc2gzb 13, wa2fvl 12
kb2vro 22

June 2001 sessions 30 QNI 173 QTC 62/45 208 minutes
Honor Roll n3rb 21, aa2sv 18, k2pb 17, wb2kns 12, w2nts 12, kb2vro 24

July 2001 sessions 30 QNI 183 QTC 44/33 204 minutes
Honor Roll n3rb 21, wb2kns 20, w2nts 16, k2pb 15, wa2hpd 12
kb2vro 23

August 2001 sessions 31 QNI 206 QTC 51/39 216 minutes
Honor Roll k2pb 20, n3rb 19, wb2kns 14, w2nts 14, wa2qha 13, kc2gzb
13, aa2sv 12, kb2vro 28

September 2001 sessions 30 QNI 210 QTC 51/51 260 minutes
Honor Roll wb2kns 23, n3rb 21, k2pb 20, aa2sv 14, wa2hpd 14 kb2vro 27

September marked 2 1/2 years with the NTS. 1 year as a net control station, and 1 1/2 yrs as the CJTN net manager (a fraction of the time compared to a lot of you). Boy, time flies. I'm happy to say that both the NTS and the CJTN are doing great. We have our core, and our net control stations: Mon WA2HPD, Tues - W2KEI, Wed - W2KEI, Thurs - KC2AMA, Fri - K2PB, Sat - N2RPI, and Sunday - KC2GZB. Week after week these hams are doing an outstanding job in keeping the net going. I would like to thank KB2OZE Bill for all the time dedicated to Sunday night NCS.

I am doing some recruiting by email to groups teaching new ham classes, introducing them to the nts system. Hopefully this will pay off in the future. Now, to increase the traffic, it would be nice to have messages sent to relatives or at least to the NYC fire stations letting them know we're with them. We could make up some standard blanks making it easier ito send. *(It would be a good idea to first make sure there are stations capable of receiving and delivering any traffic to NYC before we send it. We don't want to "stick" the system with undeliverable traffic.. ed.)*

Thanks for a great year.

73 Jim kb2vro

COUNTING NET REPORTS AS TRAFFIC

As you may have noticed, K2UL has been "quietly" campaigning to get certain net managers to discontinue the practice of copying along during a net, and then telling the NCS "I got all the checkins and traffic passed, just give me a message number and we'll count it as another piece passed". WRONG.... Since no message was actually passed, technically it should not be counted as traffic, just because a number was exchanged.

Please accept this message as a **QNC** to all North and South NJ net managers and net controls (from both STMs) to say that exchanging a message number alone does not constitute a piece of traffic, and should not be counted in the net totals or in your personal totals. Of course, it's OK if the net manager chooses to copy along and skip the formality of receiving a formal net report, but **DO NOT** count it as a piece of traffic passed, because it isn't. This advice is effective immediately.

To be counted, a net report should be sent in ARRL standard format, although shortcuts, such as "booking" and the pex-o-gram list, are ok. Bottom Line: to be counted as a piece of traffic, even in book format, a substantial amount of info must be passed on the air. Just a number alone doesn't cut it. Any questions, please contact your Section Traffic Manager. Thanks in advance for your support and compliance with these procedures.

Dan K2UL, SNJ/STM
Dave WB2FTX, NNJ/STM

Steve WV1X, ARRL Field Services, adds:
"I agree with you all the way". (Thanks Steve.)

From the Editor's Keyboard..

Greetings from Anthrax City, USA

I can't say much more about the September 11th tragedies. Almost everything has already been said. We all watched it on TV and probably thought to ourselves, it's unbelievable. Well, believe it.

Unless you have been hiding under a rock, you've probably also seen or read news reports about the anthrax spores discovered at the Trenton/Hamilton Post Office. Folks, that's my local PO. So far, we know that three infected letters have passed through this PO. It is not known where they were actually placed into a regional mailbox. Four local PO employees have been infected, two seriously. The PO was shut down and sealed on the 18th, about an hour after I dropped off some letters (Bill payments, don'tcha know.) I never saw so many news reporters, cameras, or portable satellite trucks up close in one place.

Who would have thought it would happen in my own back yard. If you think this terrorism stuff can't hit close to home in Podunk, guess again.

73,
K2UL
Official Relay Station
Section Traffic Manager, SNJ
Esteemed Editor

E-LETTERS TO (and From) THE EDITOR

New Jersey's C W Net Speeds -----

From: "K2UL" <k2ul@arrl.net>
To: "WA2YL" <wa2yl@arrl.net>
Subject: Re: QRS on NJN?
Date: Monday, October 01, 2001 9:19 AM

Jan WA2YL wrote:

> Hi Dan....
> I wasn't able to copy your QNC on NJN last night and didn't want to hold
> up the net asking for fills when the QRN was so bad down here, so I
> didn't get what you said about the 13 wpm. Tonight AG2R ran the net
> slower than our Medium Speed net (which runs at 18 wpm). How come? I
> assume there's a reason for turning a high speed net into a slow speed
> net. Is it going to take the place of NJSN? Inquiring minds want to
> know. :-)
>
> 73... Jan

Hi Jan,

As you probably know, first there was NJN at 7pm, then NJSN, then NJN at 10pm. One of the reason for creating NJN/L was to fill the void in CW net speeds, ie. there was no mid-speed net. NJN/L was definitely NEVER intended to be a high speed net. As I recall after all these years, the preferred speeds were supposed to be something like:

NJN/E 18-20 wpm
NJN/L 13-15 wpm
NJSN 7-10 wpm

I would have to dig out the really old NJTBs to see if it was ever documented. Over the years, the net participants have come and gone and many have forgotten. Also, the newcomers may never have been told. Perhaps it'll be mentioned in the next NJTB (Fall).

73/88, Dan

ARLB046: FCC clarifies CORES amateur implementation

The FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau has clarified several issues regarding Amateur Service implementation of the Commission Registration System--or CORES. Starting December 3, everyone doing business with the FCC--including amateur licensees--must obtain and use a 10-digit FCC Registration Number (FRN) when filing.

Amateur licensees now registered in the Universal Licensing System (ULS) already have been cross-registered in CORES and issued an FRN by mail. The FCC said it planned another cross-registration by November 28. Amateurs can check to see if they have an FRN via a ULS license search. Many Internet call sign servers, including ARRL's, also can provide this information.

Once CORES becomes mandatory, the FCC will "auto-register" all amateurs who seek to register in ULS and will issue them an FRN. Amateurs then should use their FRN in place of their Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN--typically an individual's Social Security Number) when filing applications with the FCC. New or upgrade license applicants not previously registered in ULS will be registered automatically in both CORES and ULS when they provide a TIN on a license application filed through a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator.

Although both ULS and CORES will contain a licensee's FRN, updating information in one system will not update the other. For amateurs, CORES registration will replace ULS "TIN/Call Sign" registration, but the ULS will remain the Amateur Service licensing database within WTB, and only ULS will associate an individual with a particular call sign and FRN. Once CORES/FRN becomes mandatory, those registering in ULS will be redirected to CORES registration.

Going away December 3 will be the so-called Assigned Taxpayer Identification Number, or ATIN, which the FCC has been issuing to applicants ineligible to obtain a Social Security Number, such as foreign applicants and club station licensees. An FCC Public Notice this week said applicants that have been using ATINs "must now register in CORES." The FCC said it will accept ATINs only "during a short transitional period" after December 3.

CORES will offer exemptions to amateur clubs and to foreign entities not holding a TIN/SSN. Club station applicants also may use a trustee's TIN/SSN or a tax-exempt club's IRS-assigned EIN.

The WTB says that starting December 3, "all passwords will be maintained in the CORES database." Amateurs also may use FCC Form 160 to register in CORES, and those doing so will be mailed a CORES password for on-line access.

The FCC continues to work out the details of how amateurs, CORES and ULS will coexist. Amateur Service testing with CORES is planned for early November.
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If you are not registered yet, GET WITH THE PROGRAM !!

CONFAB 2001 Announcement

The 35th New Jersey Traffic Handlers' CONFAB will be held at The College of NJ, *formerly known as Trenton State*, on Saturday December 1, from 10 AM to 1 PM. Coffee and donuts begin around 9:30. (Does anyone remember when the first NJ CONFAB was held, I think it was in the mid-60's). Anyway, the site is very easy to get to, just a short distance from I-95/I-295.

The **CONFAB** is the annual "business meeting" of New Jersey Traffic Handlers; it is an occasion to get together and meet the "iron men and women" behind the keys and mikes; and an opportunity to congratulate the winners of the prestigious NJ Traffic Handler memorial awards which honor the memories of W2SWE, W2UEZ, and K2SE; three of the best traffic handlers and public servants that the state of New Jersey has ever seen. Directions to *The College formerly known as Trenton State* are below. Talk-in is on 146.67 (-600) and PL is 131.8 if needed.

There WILL be a lunch at Ground Round after the meeting. Hope to see you there.

DIRECTIONS FROM NORTH JERSEY

1. Take Route 1 South, or Route 206 South, to I-95 South.
2. Leave I-95 at Exit 4 for Route 31. At the end of the exit ramp, turn left at the light.
3. Follow Route 31 South about 1.5 miles to the 2nd traffic light and the college entrance is on the left. Turn left into the college; the large building immediately in front of you is Armstrong Hall. Bear to the right, then make the first left into Parking Lot #20, upper level. (Note: construction is still not finished, can you believe it. See parking note below). The meeting should be in Armstrong Hall in the same room as last year (but be prepared for last minute changes).

OR

Take Route 202 South to Route 31 South, and continue on Route 31 past I-95 as above.

OR

Take the NJ Turnpike to Exit 7A. Then take I-195 West (Trenton) about 6 miles to I-295 North (Princeton). Follow I-295 north as it changes into I-95 and look for Exit 4 as above (total of 12 miles from Interchange 60).

DIRECTIONS FROM SOUTH JERSEY

Take I-295 North until it becomes I-95, then look for Exit 4 and proceed as #2 above.

DIRECTIONS FROM THE SHORE

Take I-195 West to its end, then take I-295 North (Princeton), and follow I-295 into I-95 and look for Exit 4 as in #2 above.

Parking note: We have no way to know which parking lots will be open. Lot 20 has an upper and lower level and last year only the upper level was open. If neither is open this time, try lot 14 across the roadway. In any case, enter the building from the rear, walk toward the front of the building, turn left at the last hallway, and go to the end.

Got an AGENDA item you want discussed? Let us know about it!

NEW JERSEY TRAFFIC HANDLER AWARDS

NOMINATIONS ARE NEEDED

Don't forget that a major event of the yearly CONFAB is the presentation of awards. We have three of them: the W2UEZ Award for most promising "rookie" or newcomer; the K2SE Award for VHF net participation; and the W2SWE Award for overall and sustained contributions to the NJ traffic handling community. Get your nominations in to K2UL or WB2FTX soon.

Here are the previous winners of the NJ Traffic Handlers Awards. Please note, under the current rules, no one can receive the same award twice.

W2SWE Memorial Award for Outstanding Contributions to NJ Traffic-handling

(This is NOT an award for "flash in the pan" superstars who are "here today and gone tomorrow." It is the highest recognition of *SUSTAINED* achievement, as recognized by your peers.

1979 W2UEZ-sk	1985 WB2ZJF	1991 KE2JX (N1JX)	1997 WA2CUW
1980 WB2IQJ (NT2I)	1986 W2QNL	1992 W2MTO	1998 W2CC
1981 AG2R	1987 K2UL	1993 N2GJ	1999 W2JG
1982 KB2WI (W2VX)	1988 WB2FTX	1994 AA2HJ	2000 KJ4N (WA2YL)
1983 N2XJ-sk	1989 W2RRX	1995 AA2SV	2001 ?
1984 KB2HM	1990 K2VX	1996 WA2SEI	

W2UEZ Memorial Award for Most Promising "Rookie of the Year"

1981 N2CER	1988 N2FGC	1993 N2OFB	1998 KB2VVB
1982 N2CXX	1989 W2MTO	1994 AA2SV	1999 (none)
1983 KY2P	1990 W2DMM (W2JG)	1995 N2ZJK	2000 KC2ANN
1985 WB2ZJF	1991 WA2PCS	1996 WB2RPW	2001 ?
1987 KA2INE-sk	1992 N2QQK	1997 K2PB	

K2SE Memorial Award for Outstanding Achievement on VHF Nets

1988 N2DXP-sk	1992 K2PBP (K2BF)-sk	1996 N2VQA	2000 KC2AHS (WA2MWT)
1989 KA2KJF	1993 W2OD	1997 N2OPJ	2001 ?
1990 KB4CYC	1994 N2RPI	1998 N3RB	
1991 W2PTZ	1995 N2OWN	1999 KB2VRO	

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