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Statewide NNJ / SNJ Section Nets (HF)

New Jersey Morning Net (NJM) 3.695 MHz, 10am Fri/Sat/Sun, N2GJ Mgr.

New Jersey Net (NJN) 3.695 MHz, 7 & 10pm Daily, AG2R Mgr.

New Jersey Phone Net (NJPN) 3.950 MHz, 6pm Daily, 9am Sun, W2CC Mgr.

New Jersey Slow Net (NJSN) 3.715 MHz, 6:30pm Daily, K2PB Mgr.

NNJ Local Nets (VHF/UHF)

Central Jersey Traffic Net, 147.120 +, PL 162.2, 8pm Daily, KB2VRO Mgr.

New Jersey VHF Net (early), 146.895 -, PL 151.4, 7:30pm Daily, N2RPI Mgr.

New Jersey VHF Net (late), 146.700 -, PL 141.3, 10:30pm Daily, N2OPJ Mgr.

Union County Traffic Net, W2NJR linked repeaters, 10pm M-F, KY2MMM Mgr.

SNJ Local Nets (VHF)

Jersey Shore ARS Traffic Net, 146.910 -, PL 127.3, 7:30pm Daily, WJ2F Mgr.

South Jersey Traffic Net, 145.470 -, and 147.150+, PL 127.3, 8pm Su/M/W/F, KB2RTZ Mgr.

South Jersey VHF Net, 147.345 +, PL 127.3, 10:30pm 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
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
W2 GER	Gerry	Passaic	Passaic	P
N2 GJ	Gerry	Kingston	Somerset	PCMS
K3 GNZ	Skip	Manalapan	Monmouth	P
K2 GW	Gary	Hamilton Square	Mercer	P
KC2 JCA	Jim	Toms River	Ocean	S
W2 JG	Joe	Waldwick	Bergen	CMS
N1 JX	Arnold	Roseland	Essex	PC
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	C S
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
W2 QOB	John	Hopewell	Mercer	P
AG2 R	Gene	Parsippany	Morris	PCMS
NG2 R	Dick	Turnersville	Gloucester	P
NJ5 R	Jeff	Union	Union	P
W2 RQ	Bill	Andover Twp.	Sussex	P
K2 SO	Steve	Elizabeth	Union	PC
N2 SU	Bob	Clifton	Passaic	C
AA2 SV	Willie	Brick	Ocean	CMS
K2 UL	Dan	Hamilton Square	Mercer	PCMS
KB2 VRO	Jim	Bridgewater	Somerset	P
WB2 VUF	Bob	Morris Plains	Morris	CM
W2 VX	Bob	Ridgewood	Bergen	PC
WA2 YL	Jan	Egg Harbor Twp	Atlantic	PCMS

Out-Of-State

K2 ABX	Paul	NY		S
KA1 GWE	Anna	CT		S
K8 LEN	Pat	IN		S
KG4 OTL	Andrew	VA		S
WA2 SEI	Ray	FL		CM
W4 VLL	Vic	VA		S
K2 VX	Dave	VA		CM
WA2 WMJ	Julian	NY		S
WA2 YL	Jan	FL		PCMS
KC4 ZHF	Bob	FL		C S

CONFAB 2002 Report

After more than 30 years of annual CONFABs, the final New Jersey CONFAB of traffic net members took place on December 7, 2002. Participating were AG2R, N2GJ, KY2MMM, WB2UVB, N2WFN, and K2UL. Attendance was light, possibly because of the close proximity of the meeting date to the Christmas holiday this year and some folks indicated a need to leave early for shopping trips, etc. There was no luncheon.

Only three of the seven NJ net managers were available to make reports. In general, most nets are managing to hold steady, with check-ins maintaining a steady pace, and most roster assignments being completed, often by "lurkers". Traffic volume seems to be continuing its downward trend. However, there are still many open slots and volunteers are always welcomed and appreciated. We are looking forward to the spring return of our snowbirds, like W2JG and WA2YL, who help out a lot. NTS Cycles 2 and 3 (daytime NTS) are a lost cause in New Jersey. The VHF Local nets seem to be doing well, with some nets reporting new members. However, liaisons to and from the VHF nets continues to be challenging. We ask that VHF net controls please handle the traffic that is brought in by a liaison. If no direct outlet is available, have one of your members take it and hold it. Don't assume the liaison can keep coming back with the same traffic.

As mentioned elsewhere in this bulletin, Jan KA2CQX, wife of Gene WB2UVB, passed away in November. Many hams attended the funeral. In an amazing coincidence, the pastor performing the service was Harlan Baxter, son of Mary Baxter WB1GXZ (SK), a well known participant on the NJSN back in the 1980s. He spoke at length about amateur radio and Jan's participation, and Gene was able to record the eulogy, which he played back for us at the Confab.

The annual Traffic Handler Awards were presented as follows:

The W2SWE Award for Distinguished Service went to KB2VRO, in absentia.

The K2SE Award for VHF Net Service was presented to Kymm KY2MMM.

The W2UEZ "Rookie" Award went to Jim WJ2F and was presented to him at the December JSARS meeting by Dan K2UL.

Because of the continuing decline in attendance, we have decided, after 30+ years, to give up on the idea of any future Confabs in December. Instead, in 2003 we will try a picnic. We used to hold annual picnics many years ago. Please mark your calendars for Sunday September 7 at 1:00 PM. The site is to be determined, but Gerry N2GJ volunteered his backyard if necessary. See you then.

73 de Dan K2UL

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N J P N

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OCT 2002: 35 SESSIONS CHECK-INS: 185 TOTAL / 21 DIFFERENT STATIONS
TRAFFIC: 38 LISTED 28 PASSED = 74% 193 MINUTES
NOV 2002: 34 SESSIONS CHECK-INS: 174 TOTAL / 21 DIFFERENT STATIONS
TRAFFIC: 41 LISTED 40 PASSED = 98% 186 MINUTES
DEC 2002: 36 SESSIONS CHECK-INS: 194 TOTAL / 22 DIFFERENT STATIONS
TRAFFIC: 44 LISTED 44 PASSED = 100% 207 MINUTES

HONOR ROLL:

OCT: W2CC 31 / N1JX 25 / NJ5R 24 / N2GJ K3GNZ KB2VRO 15
NOV: W2CC 33 / N1JX 26 / N2GJ 18 / NJ5R 16
DEC: W2CC 33 / N1JX 23 / N2GJ NJ5R 19 / AG2R 16 / KB2VRO 15

TOTAL NCS: W2CC 61 / N1JX 25 / N2GJ 5 / AG2R 4 / K3GNZ W2QOB NJ5R 2 /
WA2PCS K2SO KB2VRO 1

TOTAL LIAISON: N1JX 91 / N2GJ 15 / AG2R 14 / KB2VRO 10

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FUNCTION ROSTER:

Table with 5 columns: Day, NCS, 1:45, 4:45, 6:30. Rows include SUNDAY MORNING, SUNDAY EVENING, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY.

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Congratulations to those members of the net that received the Net Certificate for their 2002 participation:
W2CC-% / K2DBK / WB2FTX / N2GJ-%& / K3GNZ / N1JX-%& / WS2L / WA2PCS / W2QOB / AG2R-& /
NJ5R / K2UL-% / KB2VRO-%& / WA2YL. % = NCS endorsement / & = Liaison endorsement. This
certificate is awarded to those members who had 5 or more check-ins in 4 or more months. Making the
Honor Roll with 15 or more check-ins counts as two months. The endorsement is awarded to those
members who had 2 or more NCS/Liaison slots in 4 or more months.

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

Net Manager - Gerry N2GJ

Oct	QNI/58	QTC/19	QSP/18	QTR/95	sessions/12	diff sta/12
Nov	QNI/44	QTC/39	QSP/36	QTR/127	sessions/13	diff sta/14
Dec	QNI/45	QTC/26	QSP/25	QTR/105	sessions/14	diff sta/13

2002 HI QNI: K2UL 137, W2MTO 112, N2GJ 101, K2PB 73, AG2R 40, W2JG 32, WA2CUW 31, WA2YL 27, WB2VUF 22, WA2OPY 20, K2VX 18

	Fri	Sat	Sun
NCS	W2MTO	N2GJ	K2UL
2RN	open	open	open

from Jan - HI Dan, Guess too late for the bulletin (*not*); want to Congratulate Gerry, N2GJ, on being Manager of NJM; also, had my colonoscopy last Thursday--all clear! Great News!. Thanks for the E mail on the Bulletin, couldn't sit here long last week, put my back out, okay now, had 4 treatments; all is well. Wish all a Happy and Healthy New Year, and hope all got those neat "goodies" for Christmas--computers, new radios, etc. See you in future E mail.
161, Jan O'Hara de WA2OPY

from Gerry - Happy New Year, everyone...thanks for the kind wishes you expressed as I start my newest adventure in ham radio! I'd like to thank Jan, WA2OPY, for her many years of stewardship for the net, guiding it through good times and not so good times. Now that the net is meeting three days a week, Fri-Sun, it would be great if we could see what kind of response we get going forward.

Why not fire up your rigs, at least on the weekends, on 3.695 kHz, at 10:00AM local, and try your hand at CW nets! If we need to slow down a bit to make you feel welcome, jump in with your callsign and don't be shy about asking the NCS to QRS.

Dan, K2UL, George, W2MTO, and I have been "sharing" net control duties...I've been doing it on Saturday for a LONG time, but if anyone would like my slot, you're welcome to it. I'm happy to sit back and collect net reports!

If you'd like to try your hand at going to 2RN at 1:45PM (during the winter, it meets on 40M), just drop me a note. My email address is very easy to remember: n2gj@arrl.net.

See you on the Morning Net!
73, GJ

NEW JERSEY CW SECTION NET

de AG2R, Net Mgr.

NJN/EARLY

OCTOBER/EARLY: QNI-214 QTC-96 QSP-72 PERCENT PASSED-75 TIME-377

OCT CHECKINS: W2JG-30 W2MTO-29 AA2SV-23 WA2YL-23 K2PB-20 AG2R-18 WA2CUW-17 N2GJ-13 K2UL-13

NOV/EARLY: QNI-194 QTC-136 QSP-99 PERCENT PASSED-73 TIME-397

NOV CHECKINS: W2MTO-28 AA2SV-25 N2GJ-20 WA2YL-19 AG2R-19 K2PB-18 WA2CUW-16 KC4ZHF-11

DEC/EARLY: QNI-205 QTC-163 QSP-125 PERCENT PASSED 77 TIME-467

DEC CHECKINS: W2MTO-31 WA2YL-25 AA2SV-24 WA2CUW-22 AG2R-21 N2GJ-14 KC4ZHF 14

NJN/LATE

OCT/LATE: QNI-180 QTC-66 QSP-56 PERCENT PASSED 85 TIME-349

OCT CHECKINS: W2JG-29 WA2YL-28 K2PB-26 AG2R-24 K2UL-23 WA2CUW-16 WB2VUF-16

NOV/LATE: QNI-141 QTC-88 QSP-61 PERCENT PASSED-69 TIME-274

NOV CHECKINS: WA2YL-27 K2PB-25 AG2R-25 K2UL-18 WA2CUW-16 WB2VUF-11

DEC/LATE: QNI-143 QTC-68 QSP-54 PERCENT PASSED 79 TIME-288

DEC CHECKINS: WA2YL-31 WA2CUW-25 K2PB-24 AG2R-23 K2UL-13

NOTES: Thanks for all the liaison help with 930 2rn. NCS's are sparse Sat and Sunday for both early and late sessions. Best regards to George, W2MTO for a speedy recovery from knee operation. Needless to say, we must all work to fill his shoes at 630 2rn until he returns. George has been our stalwart at 630 but this is a classic example of why the "Iron Man" concept does not work.

NJN FUNCTION ROSTER

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

NEW JERSEY SLOW NET

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

NET CONTROLS are AA2SV, W2NTS, WA2YL, AG2R, K2PB, KC2ANN, W2JG, K2ABX

ACTIVITIES	SESSIONS	QNI	QTC	QTR	stations
OCT	31	172	19/19	488	14
NOV	25	122	5/3	345	13
DEC	30	155	16/16	455	15

VERY FREQUENT CHECKINS AA2SV KA1GWE W2NTS WA2YL KC2ANN AG2R K2PB W4VLL
KC2JCA KC4ZHF K8LEN WA2VFL WA2WMJ/Julian checks in from Pine Bush NY.

Welcome to the NJSN Julian. A strong Dec gave us a very nice quarter with all around net activity. The winter season gives us a wide coverage. Enjoy the winter weather and all its activities.

K2PB Pat. NJSN Mgr.

CENTRAL JERSEY TRAFFIC NET

Month QNI QTC Time Honor Roll

Nov 196 46/34 213 WB2KNS 26, N3RB 29, KB2VRO 20, KY2MMM 16, NJ5R 15

Dec 176 62/42 233 WB2KNS 20, N3RB 27, KB2VRO 20, KY2MMM 20

Jan03 194 52/39 216 WB2KNS 28, N3RB 28, KB2VRO 24, KY2MMM 22

Thanks again for all who participated especially N3RB who picks up a lot of the NCS work and K2PB who brings a majority of the traffic. Also, BEST WISHES to George W2MTO who is recuperating from knee surgery.

Jim KB2VRO
Central Jersey Net Manager

NEW JERSEY VHF NET / EARLY

OCT 02, QNI 370, QTC 62, QSP 58 IN 351 MINS, 31 SESSIONS, 49 DIFFERENT STNS

NOV 02, QNI 341, QTC 100, QSP 84 IN 341 MINS, 30 SESSIONS, 48 DIFFERENT STNS

DEC 02, QNI 328, QTC 76, QSP 60 IN 311 MINS, 31 SESSIONS, 47 DIFFERENT STNS

HONOR ROLL: (15 OR MORE CHECKINS PER MONTH)

OCT 02: KC2FYA 30, KC2ANN WB2KNS 27, N2RPI 26, KC2BLN 24, KY2MMM 23, NJ5R 19, N2BVM WA2ZNT 18, KB2VRO 16

NOV 02: WB2KNS 29, N2RPI 27, KC2FYA 24, NJ5R 22, KY2MMM 19, W2LTF 18, KC2ANN WB2FTX 15

DEC 02: KC2FYA N2RPI 27, WB2KNS 22, KY2MMM 21, KB2VRO KC2ANN 17, KC2GDN 16

FUNCTION ROSTER:

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
N2OPJ	KC2FYA	KB2VRO	KC2ANN	N2RPI	KY2MMM	KB2VVB

Hoping everyone enjoyed their holidays and looking forward to a prosperous new year in 2003. As we move forward in the new year, let us remember that there has been great advancement in communications. No, I am not referring to e-mail. During the year 2002 there have been advances to digital communications using PSK-31 along with the sound card. As you can see, there are more ways to put your radio and computer to constructive use.

As emergency co-ordinator for Region One Navy-Marine Corps MARS, which includes New Jersey, I want to take this time to recognize Herb N2OPJ for bringing many reports of emergency situations within his area to me via the NTS nets. His reports were brief and accurate which made it easy for me to submit to proper officials in a timely fashion. Along with that same subject, if a station checks into a NTS net with Emergency or Priority traffic and there is a station available to accept that traffic, the net control station shall instruct the sender of that traffic to pass it to the receiver before additional call-ups are made for the net.

Finally, what happened to the Eagles? Lost big bucks on that game. Oh well, there is spring training season ahead.

73, John N2RPI, Net Manager NJVN/E

JSARS TRAFFIC NET

Meeting nightly on the W2DOR repeater, Toms River, NJ

146.910 MHz, PL: 127.3

7:30 PM local time

Well, the first six months of my tenure as JSARS net manager are in the can and the Honor Roll certificates for that period (July 1st through December 31st, hence the 2002.5 designation, hi hi) are in the process of being handed out. If you haven't gotten yours yet, it's because we've yet to cross paths in 2003. I prefer to present them at regular JSARS meetings (those who can't attend have had them mailed) but if that doesn't matter to you, just ask me for yours anytime. Hale & hearty congratulations go out to: **AA2SV, KC2ELQ, KC2GKN, KC2JBZ, KC2KCV, KQ4WR, W2HUX, W2NFG, WA2NDA** and **WB2KNS!**

For the 2003 certificate, the rules remain pretty much the same. To qualify for a calendar month, you must have 20 net check-ins and handle at least one piece of traffic. Stations with nine qualifying months out of twelve will receive the certificate.

We are still looking for *active* participating stations from the outlying areas of our coverage (e. g. Southern Monmouth, Southern Ocean and Eastern Burlington) to become regular net denizens. If you can bring up the W2DOR repeater in Toms River, by all means, join in and you will be welcomed.

Our NCS schedule currently stands as follows:

Sunday, WJ2F; Monday, KC2AER; Tuesday, KC2KCV; Wednesday, KQ4WR; Thursday, AA2MH; Friday, KC2JBZ; Saturday, W2HUX.

Recent net activity:

October: Check-ins, 413; Traffic, 43/35; Net running time, 400 minutes; Sessions, 31

November: Check-ins, 460; Traffic, 34/29; Net running time, 405 minutes; Sessions, 30

December: Check-ins, 450; Traffic, 50/38; Net running time, 422 minutes; Sessions, 31

73 de Jim, WJ2F

SOUTH JERSEY TRAFFIC NET

SJTN meets on Sunday / Monday / Wednesday / Friday at 8pm on the Burlington County OEM linked repeaters, 145.47- (Chatsworth) and 147.15+ (Mt Holly). PL is 127.3 and Net Mgr is KB2RTZ.

Oct: QNI 71, Traffic 25/21 in 130 mins. Sessions 17

Nov: QNI 62, Traffic 20/18 in 165 mins. Sessions 17

Dec: QNI 58, Traffic 31/25 in 228 mins. Sessions 16

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

Currently the two repeaters are not linked, pending installation of new equipment. We attempt to send net controls to both repeaters whenever possible.

**NEW JERSEY VHF NET / LATE
HONOUR ROLL**

OCTOBER 2002: N2OPJ K1VDH 31, WB2KNS 30, KC2GIK 28, WA2PFS N2RPI 24, KC2KET 19, KY2MMM NJ5R 17, K2DBK 16

NOVEMBER 2002: N2OPJ N2RPI WB2KNS 29, K1VDH 28, KC2GIK 22, KC2KET 19, WA2PFS 18, KA2ANF 17, K2DBK 16 KC2CJW 15

DECEMBER 2002: N2OPJ K1VDH 31, N2RPI 27, WB2KNS 24, WA2PFS K2DBK 19, KC2GIK 17, NJ5R KY2MMM KC2JEJ 16, KC2KET KC2CJW 15

OCTOBER QNI 395 QTC 50/43 86% OF TRAFFIC PASSED IN 286 MINUTES
WITH 56 DIFFERENT STATIONS

NOVEMBER QNI 389 QTC 49/41 84% OF TRAFFIC PASSED IN 280 MINUTES
WITH 55 DIFFERENT STATIONS

DECEMBER QNI 411 QTC 41/36 90% OF TRAFFIC PASSED IN 273 MINUTES
WITH 59 DIFFERENT STATIONS

I would urge all stations to program in PL 141.3 on transmit as the repeater is going PL all the time shortly. Thank You.

HERBERT VAN DEN HOUTEN N2OPJ
SADDLE BROOK NJ
SKYWARN: #02-374A
Deputy RACES Officer Ramsey OEM
Damage Assessment Officer

SOUTH JERSEY VHF NET

Net Manager - WB2UVB

OCT: QNI 253, QTC 35/34, QTR 440 min, Sess 31

NOV: QNI 209, QTC 52/46, QTR 383 min, Sess 30

DEC: QNI 277, QTC 42/36, QTR 401 min, Sess 31

On November 27 2002 at 14:41 Janice L Bond KA2CQX passed away, after a long illness and stay in the hospital. She was up for a heart transplant and just was not enough time. She was born on March 18 1948 in Phila. She was 54 years old. Janice and I meet when my Dad WA2MGV was in the hospital and she was his nurse. We got married on June 28 1975 in Barrington NJ. She was a devoted XYL and mom. Janice got her novice in 1975, upgraded to general. She was a member of EMBSEC3, US ARMY MARS (AAR2XQ), Red Cross Communication Team, Burlington Cty ARES/RACES/FEMA, NWS Skywarn ANCS, Moorestown Emergency Net, Moorestown Town Watch, Wake Up America and Be Prepared ARC KC2ETU and South Jersey VHF Net where Janice was NCS on Friday evenings. She loved contests, traffic handling, and DXing. Her sister in law father is a ham too. Janice was buried on Dec 4 at the Lakeview Cemetery in Cinnamson NJ. About 65 hams and many more friends attended the viewing at the First Methodist Church in Moorestown.

Janice and I enjoyed many things together on amateur radio and the ham shack is SO LONELY without her. It is very hard for me to go into the ham shack any more without her smiling face and beautiful voice calling the South Jersey VHF net on Friday nites. Her hobbies included bowling, stamp/coin collecting, Hummels collecting, star gazing and watching the meteor showers. In fact the nite she passed away, I saw as I was walking down Camden Avenue one of the brightest meteors I have seen in years. Some time in the future I will be setting up a web page in her memories, so if any one has photos, tapes of her voice, a little story you would like to tell about Janice and your friendship or any thing us, just send it to my home address, 15 East Camden Avenue, Lenola, NJ 08057, I would real like them.

At this time I wish to thank everyone that sent cards, e-mail, radiograms, and attended the funeral. The last words I would like to say Janice I always will love you and miss you forever, I know you are with God and that you are my guardian angel. Your voice will never go silent in my mind. You are in a better place and some day I will join you.

73's 88's and 161's forever
Jannie good nite I love you
Gene WB2UVB

AMERICAN RED CROSS NETS

Gerry Jurrens, N2GJ, serves Mercer County ARES/RACES and the American Red Cross as Assistant Emergency Coordinator. Consider this a general invitation to NJ Traffic Handlers to get involved with your local chapter of the Red Cross as a radio operator. It's fun, and serves a really useful purpose, especially in the event of a local or national disaster. Contact n2gj@arrl.net for information on contacting your local chapter.

The Red Cross statewide nets are held on the last Monday of each month except May and December. At 7:15 PM there is a role call net on the Northern NJ ARES repeater in Morristown for chapters in the northern half of the state. At 7:30 PM a similar net is held on the SNJ ARES Repeater in Waterford Works for chapters in the southern half of the state. At about 7:45 PM there is a test of the Red Cross 47.42 simplex radios, (but obviously they don't reach statewide.)

The CNJ Chapter of the Red Cross in Princeton is the Net Control Station for the monthly nets, as they are the lead chapter for disaster in NJ.

Here are the specifics:

7:15PM on 146.895 (PL 151.4) - Morris County OEM Repeater aka "Mt. Freedom" (until 7:30)

7:30PM on 147.345 (PL 127.3) Waterford Works (until 7:45)

7:45PM on 47.42 MHz.

Columbia Tragedy

Although the initial news of the shuttle disaster was heart rending, it was even more so to learn that 3 of the seven astronauts were hams...

“The STS-107 crew, headed by Commander Rick D. Husband, also included Pilot William C. McCool and Mission Specialists Kalpana Chawla, KD5ESI; David M. Brown, KC5ZTC; Laurel B. Clark, KC5ZSU, Michael P. Anderson, and Payload Specialist Ilan Ramon--a well-known Israeli Air Force pilot who had waited two years for a chance to go into space. “
