

NJN

NEW JERSEY NET
3695 7 & 10 pm Dy.

MGR: WA2DSA
BLTN: WB2RKK

January, 1975

WB2AEH	Chris	Holmdel	(Mon)
WA2ASM/2	Doug	Somerville	(Som)
K2BG	Herb	Palmyra	(Bur)
WA2BSU	Bob	Clifton	(Pas)
WB2CST	Fred	Fair Lawn	(Ber)
W2CU	Bill	Morris Plains	(Mor)
W2CVW	Ed	South Amboy	(Mid)
WA2DIW	Ed	Wayne	(Pas)
WA2DQE	Russ	Pittstown	(Hun)
WA2DSA	Phil	Chatham	(Mor)
WA2DVE	Norman	Union City	(Hud)
WB2FOD	Gary	Trenton	(Mer)
WB2FIT	Bob	Oradell	(Ber)
WB2GAV	Dave	Chatham	(Mor)
WA4HCS	Walt	Winter Park, Fla.	
W2IU	Sam	Absecon	(Atl)
K2JOC	John	Moorestown	(Bur)
WB9NGD/2	Jeff	Englewood	(Ber)
W2OPE	Jack	Cranford	(Un)
K2OQJ	(club)	Jersey City	(Hud)
W2ORS	Chas	Audubon	(Cam)
WA2OVE	Bob	North Haledon	(Pas)
WA2PCP	Lew	Manahawkin	(Oc)
WA2QJT	Doug	Elizabeth	(Un)
WA2QNT	Matt	Kinnelon	(Mor)
W2REH	Joe	Trenton	(Mer)
WB2RJJ	Bob	Tuckerton	(Oc)
WB2RKK	Bill	Madison	(Mor)
WB2RMK	Gary	West Orange	(Ess)
W2RUX	Chas	Linwood	(Atl)
WA2SLF	Chas	Ridgewood	(Ber)
WA2SHT	Jim	Bayonne	(Hud)
WA2SRQ	Ed	Whippany	(Mor)
W2SWE	Ed	Kearny	(Hud)
WA2UOJ	John	Basking Ridge	(Som)
W2WOJ	Mike	West Orange	(Ess)
K2ZFI	Jack	Towaco	(Mor)
W2ZQ	(club)	West Trenton	(Mer)
K2KF	Chas	Oakhurst	(Mon)

FUNCTION ROSTER

DAY	NCS/E	2RN/E	2RN/L	NCS/L
SUN	WB2RKK	WB2VPR	WA2DSA	WB2RKK
MON	W2SWE	W2CU	W2CU	WA2QJF
TUE	W2ZEP	WB2RKK	WB2RJJ	WB2RJJ
WED	WA2UOJ	WA2DSA	WB2RKK	WA2DVA
THU	WA2SRQ	WA2OVE	WB2FIT	WB2FIT
FRI	WA2DSA	K2OQJ	WA2BSU	WA2DVE
SAT	WB2AEH	W2ZEP	WA2DSA	WB2GAV

Please try to get a sub or tell the Mgr if you know you're going to miss a function!

DECEMBER STATISTICS

	SSNS	QNI	QTC	QSP	%QSP
EARLY	31	427	312	238	76%
LATE	31	239	266	145	54%

Traffic has doubled from last month, QNI has stayed about the same, and %QSP has stayed about the same (overall). Actually, as long as a message is delivered in reasonable time, the 54% QSP won't hurt too much. It's pretty ridiculous to keep bringing back the same message for nights on end, though. If no one can 'fone it in, someone can certainly mail it (assuming there's an address). This has been standard practice on NJN since it began!

HIGH QNI

STN	EARLY #QNI	STN	LATE #QNI
WA2DSA	31	WA2DSA	31
W2IU	31	WB2RKK	28
WB2RKK	28		
W2CVW	24		
W2OPE	21		
K2ZFI	21		

Congratulations!

(K2KF is ex-WB2CNO)

Obviously we need people from Sussex, Cumberland, Warren, Salem, and Cape May counties. Does anyone know someone from these places that might be interested in NJN?

SET

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1975 SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST

Each year amateur radio operators, including traffic handlers and AREC groups, hold a drill to test their emergency preparedness. This year's "Simulated Emergency Test" will take place on the weekend of Jan 25-26. Most of the EC's in the state are probably aware of the simulated disaster to take place (in NNJ, at least). If not, contact your R SEC.

Where does NJN come into the picture? Well, how many of us would be able to use the radio for communications in an emergency where it is the only means of communications--AND a power failure has occurred? Do we know how to operate in an orderly fashion when the chips are down? How long can we last under a heavy load of traffic during an emergency? Are the people that need our service even aware that we exist?

Some of these questions will be answered as we conduct our annual SET in a couple of weeks. Although the SET is not a contest as such, we will be rated on such things as participation, emergency power, and public contact. We will see our weaknesses and strengths. Then hopefully we can work to make things better for the following year. Naturally, I hope that we've improved over last year.

What are the plans for NJN for this SET? Actually no formal plans have been made for NJN for this year's SET. There are a couple of reasons for this. First, now that the daytime MTS is in operation, we're not sure of the need for extra sessions of NJN during the day (in fact, at present there are no planned sessions of SA or 2RN that I know of; this could change, however, depending on the volume of traffic generated during the SET). The second, of course, is that in any real emergency nothing is planned. (except for plans that have been made beforehand that go into effect should a disaster arise--if that makes any sense). The point is that we don't know when we may be hit with a very large volume of traffic during the SET. I therefore propose the following: The NJ Phone net will be meeting at 12 (noon) and 4:30 pm on both days (maybe more often depending on traffic) on 3950. Monitor these sessions for any announcement of additional sessions of NJN that may be added. Chances are very good that we'll need extra sessions, because we have some coverage areas that the fone net doesn't have. For you non-fone operators, you might find it interesting--many of our top-notch CW operators on NJN are quite active on fone. I further urge as many as possible to QNI the 7 pm session of NJN Saturday night, because if we'll need extra sessions Sunday, we will announce them then, plus try to get people to do liaison/NCS duties (the NCS/2RN will also be true of any extra nets announced on the phone net; ie, if an extra net is announced on the phone net, you can bet that we'll need people to NCS or go to 2RN). Finally, there will be one session conducted on an emergency power only basis. Please do not QNI this session unless you have emergency power or if NCS announces the "power failure" has ended. One more thing (sorry about that!)--traffic should be handled in the following order: Emergency, Priority, Q, Routine, Test Emergency, Test Priority, Test Q, and Test Routine. Note that actual traffic should be cleared first. Also, when making up messages for the SET--if they're "simulated" messages, insert the word "test" before the precedence and somewhere in the text. It is also a good idea to use the handling instruction HXB (which is understood to mean "cancel if not delivered by the end of the SET" in this case) in the preamble. This will eliminate much of the large volumes of SET traffic.

which has often lingered around for days on end after the drill is over.

More information regarding NJN's role during the SET will be made available during the week preceeding the drill, probably in the form of QNC's. QRV?

WB2VEJ Award

At the annual NJN confab held in November, it was decided that an award would be given annually to the person who has done the best job on NJN during the preceeding year, in honor of the late WB2VEJ. In this way we are encouraging the upgrading of operating procedure, reliability, and usefulness of net members.

Unfortunately, at this time I am not aware of any nominations for this award. It must be apathy, because I know there are a number of people on the net who would qualify. We are therefore requesting that nominations be submitted for this award to the net mgr. Please give the matter some thought and make your nominations as soon as possible. (Rules for eligibility are in the Dec bulletin)/

QSL?

Recently I have received a number of letters suggesting that the subject of accuracy be discussed. How many times have you received a message for delivery with the wrong telephone number or misspelled names or streets or garbled texts? Well, if you handle much traffic, you will probably run into this quite a bit, unfortunatately. True, it is good if you can receive a message perfectly the first time without any fills; however, to QSL a message when you're unsure about any part of it is sloppy operating. I'm sure that most operators have QSL'd for a message that they were unsure of at some time (I defy anyone to be perfect!), but the point is that this practice should be avoided. You will not be looked upon as a LID if you have to ask for a fill, but one can get a reputation for garbling messages...and this does NOT fall into the same category as the reputation of an AI Al-op club member!

Deliveries

Once again, I feel that the skeleton of message delivery should be brought up again...primarily that of messages that no one can deliver toll-free. I (and apparently others) have always been under the impression that customary practice on NJN was to give the station nearest the address the message to mail or telephone in at a small toll (10 cents or something). Maybe it's a sign of the lousy times and economy, but it seems there have been an awful lot of refusals on this recently. I have personally mailed quite a lot of messages (those that I was unable to deliver by phone mainly--we have free phone service here, so I'm not including what would ordinarily be a toll call) and don't feel it's that much of a burden. Those that say they are out of stamps--are they really well-prepared traffic handlers? It's no use to relay a message across the country if when it gets to NJ it gets canned because no one can afford a dime! I'd really appreciate some feedback on this subject (BOTH SIDES, please). Maybe better recruiting of new members would solve the problem... Let's give the matter some thought...