

Countdown to 2000 !

NEW JERSEY TRAFFIC BULLETIN

Winter 1999

Statewide 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 Acting Mgr.

New Jersey Net (NJN) 3695 KHZ
7 & 10 PM Daily, AG2R Mgr.

Local Nets (VHF)

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

Jersey Shore ARS Traffic Net, 146.91
7:30 PM Daily, KC2ATQ Mgr.

Central Jersey Traffic Net, 147.12
8 PM Daily, N3RB Mgr.

New Jersey VHF Net (late), 146.49 (Weds 146.895)
10:30 PM Daily, N2OPJ Mgr

South Jersey VHF Net, 147.345
10:30 PM Daily, WB2UVB Mgr

ACTIVE ROSTER FOR NJPN / NJN / NJM

P=NJPN C=NJN M=NJM

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N2 BGE	Ed	Rancocas	Bur	P	W2 RWB	Rich	Toms River	Oc	P
W2 CC	Dave	Englewood	Ber	P	WA2 SEI	Ray	Sussex	Sus	PCM
WA2 CUW	Tom	Cherry Hill	Cam	CM	WB2 SFX	Ed	Browns Mills	Bur	P
WB2 CZW	Steve	Elizabeth	Un	PCM	N2 SU	Bob	Clifton	Pas	C
WA2 EPI	Sam	Dover	Mor	PC	AA2 SV	Willie	Brick	Oc	CM
WB2 FTX	Dave	Butler	Mor	P	K2 UL	Dan	Hamilton Sq	Mer	PCM
K3 FX	Charlie	Bradley Beach	Mon	C	WB2 UVB	Gene	Moorestown	Bur	P
N2 GJ	Gerry	Kingston	Som	PCM	WB2 VUF	Bob	Morris Plains	Mor	C
K3 GNZ	Skip	Manalapan	Mon	P	K2 VX	Dave	Newark	Ess	PC
WA2 GXU	Nick	Marmora	CM	CM	W2 VX	Bob	Ridgewood	Ber	P
K2 GZW	Bill	Allenhurst	Mon	P	N2 XJ	Carl	Chatham	Mor	PCM
W2 JG	Joe	Waldwick	Ber	CM	WB2 ZJF	Don	Woodstown	Sal	PC
K2 JJC	Ed	Woodbury	Glo	P	Out-Of-State				
N1 JX	Arnold	Roseland	Ess	PCM	NB2 D	Joe	NY		CM
WB2 KNS	Bob	Morganville	Mon	P	KK3 F	Pat	MD		C
AA2 MH	Ray	Bayville	Oc	PCM	KJ4 N	Jan	FL		C
W2 MTO	George	Parsippany	Mor	PCM	WA2 PCS	Matt	PA		PC
W2 MW	Kurt	Oak Ridge	Mor	P					
W2 NTS	Ed	E. Brunswick	Msx	CM					
K2 OG	Chris	Bridgeton	Cum	P					
WA2 OPY	Jan	Kearny	Hud	CM					
K2 PB	Pat	Plainsboro	Msx	CM					
AG2 R	Gene	Parsippany	Mor	PCM					
NG2 R	Dick	Turnersville	Glo	P					
W2 RQ	Bill	Andover Twp.	Sus	PC					

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New Jersey Morning Net

Stats

Oct. Stats: Qni 225 Qtc 82 Qsp 79 %96 Qtr 373 Sessions/31 18 different Stations

Nov. Stats: Qni/185 Qtc/103 Qsp 96 %93 Qtr/355 Sessions/30 19 different stations

Dec. Stats: Qni/198 Qtc/142 qsp/135 %95 qtr/388 sessions/31 22 different stations

Honor Roll

july: SV 26; PB 25; MTO 21; XJ 21; OPY 18; JG 17.

aug.: PB 27; SV 24; XJ 24; 2R 17; JG 16.

sept.: XJ 26; PB 23; SV 23; MTO 21; 2R 21; JG 18; KJ4N 16.

oct.: XJ 27; PB 26; SV 23; JG 22; GJ 19; 2D 17; 2R 17; GXU 16.

nov.: XJ 27; SV 23; PB 22; 2R 21; MTO 21.

dec.: XJ 28; PB 25; SV 24; 2R 22; KJ4N 18.

Roster: Mon: 2R/MTO; Tues.: --/SV; Wed: OPY/MTO; Thurs.: XJ/OPY;

Fri.: MTO/MH; Sat.: GJ/SV; Sun.: SV/XJ

Dear Net Family,

I hope everyone had a good Holiday, and hope you all got the rigs, computers, and packet software you requested, or perhaps some of you got the Windows 98 package; whatever you received, I wish you lots of luck in its use, and hope it will make life easier for you.

I hope everyone survived the ice all right, and did not have to set up antennas again, and hope you did not have any power outages. I spoke to WA2AJE yesterday, who had to put up his 80 meter antenna because of the ice last weekend in Tennessee.

I again want to thank everyone for their net support, and I sure am wishing for an early spring.

A Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year to all of you, and see you on the air.

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Jan O'Hara, WA2OPY,
NJM Net Manager

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N J P N

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OCTOBER 1998: 35 SESSIONS CHECK-INS: 174 TOTAL / 22 DIFFERENT STATIONS TRAFFIC: 48 LISTED 39 PASSED = 81% 183 MINUTES
NOVEMBER 1998: 35 SESSIONS CHECK-INS: 192 TOTAL / 25 DIFFERENT STATIONS TRAFFIC: 29 LISTED 17 PASSED = 59% 187 MINUTES
DECEMBER 1998: 35 SESSIONS CHECK-INS: 213 TOTAL / 27 DIFFERENT STATIONS TRAFFIC: 84 LISTED 65 PASSED = 77% 236 MINUTES

HONOR ROLL:

OCTOBER: W2CC 33 / NG2R 26 / N1JX 19 / N2GJ 18 / WB2SFX 16
NOVEMBER: W2CC 33 / NG2R 24 / N1JX 21 / WB2SFX 20 / AG2R 15
DECEMBER: W2CC 30 / WB2SFX 27 / NG2R 21 / N1JX 20 / WB2CZW 16
TOTAL NCS: W2CC 61 / WB2UVB 19 / WB2CZW 8 / WB2FTX 5 / AG2R 5 / N1JX 3 N2GJ 2

TOTAL LIAISON: KE2JX 86 / AG2R 4 / N2GJ 2 / WB2UVB 2 / W2MTO 1

FUNCTION

ROSTER:

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

We still need a net control station for Wednesday evening. Let me know if you are interested. Thanks to Arnold N1JX and George W2MTO for picking up the 2RN liaison slots.

Congratulations to those that received the NJPN New Certificate for their 1998 participation. These certificates are issued to those members who have 5 or more check-ins in four or more months. NCS and Liaison stickers are issued for 2 or more net sessions in four or more months. @ = NCS sticker / # = Liaison sticker \ W2CC @ \ WB2CZW @ \ WA2EPI \ WB2FTX @ \ N2GJ \ K3GNZ \ N1JX @# \ AA2MH \ W2MW \ AG2R \ NG2R \ WA2SEI \ WB2SFX \ K2UL \ WB2UVB @ \ K2VX \ WB2ZJF.

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@idt.net

N J S N

The NJSN meets daily at 6:30 PM local time at 37:15 Khz

NOV. QNI 140 QTC 6/5 83% QTR 383 minutes 13 different stations

Checkins GWE 25 NTS 22 SV 22 CUW 20 2R 12 MTO 6 PB 7

DEC. QNI 108 QTC 4/3 75% QTR 296 minutes SESSIONS 29

Checkins GWE 24 NTS 24 SV 18 4N 10 2R 9 PB 4 2D 4

NCS are AA2SV W2NTS AG2R W2MTO, All have done a good job keeping the NJSN challenging and interesting so that to attract new people to the joy of traffic handling . I thank all NCS's for getting the net reports to me promptly, and all who participate for making NJSN an enjoyable time.

PAT K2PB

CONFAB REPORT

We had good weather and a good turnout for this year's Confab. Unfortunately, the campus folks decided on some major re-construction of the usual parking lot, resulting in a bit of confusion on entering the TCNJ campus. Not to worry, we think everyone found us. Among the 27 attendees were WB2UVB, NB2D, N2DB, AG2R, W2MW, WB2FTX, WB2ZJF, N2SU, N2XJ, KB2VVB, N1JX, N2RPI, N3RB, WA2JSG, K2UL, N2OPJ, KA2CQX, AA2SV, N2GJ, W2MTO, N2VQA, KB2OZE, K2VX, KB2YZA, KJ4N, W2CC, and WA2CUW. The usual net reports were given, with generally good results reported by NJN/AG2R, NJPN/W2CC, NJM/WA2OPY and all the others.

Of course the highlight of the event was the surprise birthday party for Carl N2XJ, who just turned 90. Carl was completely surprised. You just had to be there !

And the other highlight of the Confab is always the awards presentation. This year the winning nominees were :

N3RB for the K2SE VHF Award

KB2VVB for the W2UEZ Rookie of the Year

W2CC for the W2SWE Award (for umpteen years of dedication to NJPN)

Congratulations to all. Unfortunately, your editor was busy plotting in the back room, so there weren't many meeting minutes taken.

73, Dan

K2UL

NJN STATS 'N' STUFF

de ag2r, Official Net Mgr

I hate Net Stats... But, you have to feed the "Hungries" out there who just love to see their names/calls in print. Me??? I'm an introvert and could care less... :-)

Notable Notes: I can tell you the exact date that WA2CUW got his antenna back up. October 22, 1998. Talk about somebody being missed. Since then he's just this side of solid on both nets... I'm taking up a collection to "forcibly" move KJ4N back to Egg Harbor Twp. An illness kept her up North and away from the Sunshine State longer than planned. During that time she averaged over 25 qni's a month for both nets. I need an assistant Mgr. As you will see below, George, W2MTO, Pat, K2PB, Willie, AA2SV and Carl, N2XJ are the early session standard bearers. Late session boasts Joe "Boats" W2JG, when he's up here, Tom, WA2CUW, Dan, K2UL and Ms. Jan, KJ4N. Checkins for NJN/E look super. A dopey average of 7.880 buries a lot of 10, 11 and 12 qni sessions. I'm not happy with a three month NJN/E 81 percent QSP rate. I'd like to see stuff moved to the VHF nets. Or spend a dime to deliver outside your zone. NJN/L's 79 percent QSP is because we only average a 4.4 QNI's per session. I wonder what the .4 guy looks like.. Overall, things look pretty good. I guess the "cold" wx keeps the gang at home where they can play on the nets.... I urge you to support NJSN and NM, K2PB. QNI and talk it up at club meetings as a great place to increase code speed. The practice messages are great for training.

Confab was great. I'll never forget N2XJ crying like the end of W.W.II when they brought in the birthday cake. AG2R presented K2UL, Esteemed NJTB Editor with a glass plaque from all the CW Gang for his 20+ years effort publishing our Traffic Rag. What a guy..... We need to put somebody else in charge of "Direction Signs" at next years Confab. Unbelievable..... Thank heavens Willie was there directing traffic..... Okay, enuff of this. Now on to the boring stuff.....

Oct/e: mto-30, aa2sv-25, k2pb-24, n2xj-24, w2jg-24, wa2gxu-23, n2gj-18.....
Nov/e: mto-29, n2xj-27, k2pb-26, aa2sv-26, wa2cuw-23, ag2r-19, kj4n-18, wa2gxu-18.....
Dec/e: **aa2sv-31**, mto-29, k2pb-29, wa2cuw-22, n2xj-22, kj4n-21, wa2gxu-19, ag2r-17, k2ul-15.....
Oct/L: kj4n-26, k2ul-25, ag2r-20, wa2gxu-18, k2vx-12, n2xj-11, wa2cuw-8.....
Nov/L: kj4n-26, ag2r-24, wa2cuw-19, k2ul-17, n2xj-13, k2vx-11.....
Dec/L: kj4n-25, k2ul-24, wa2cuw-23, ag2r-17, k2vx-14.....
Note: AA2SV checked into the late session four times in Dec. Kept falling outta bed.....

NEW JERSEY CW NET ROSTER

EARLY SESSION

Sunday	Monday	Tues	Wednes.	Thurs.	Friday	Saturday
ncs need	aa2sv	w2mto	ag2r	n2xj	need	k2vx
745 k2pb	need	n2xj	wa2cuw	k2pb	need	n2xj

LATE SESSION

ncs k2vx	need	n2xj	wa2opy	k2ul	need	n2xj
930 k2vx	need	n2xj	need	k2ul	wa2cuw	need

..... and dats da name of dat tune..... 73

Central Jersey Traffic Net

The CJTN meets nightly @ 8:00 pm on the W2CJA repeater 147.120 +.
Rich, N3RB Net Manager, Net Control Stations:

Sunday - KB2OZE, Bill
Monday - WA2HPD, Jim
Tuesday - W2OD, Bob (Past Net Manager)
Wednesday - W2KEI, Jack
Thursday - KC2AMA, Geoff
Friday - K2PB, Pat
Saturday - N2RPI, John

October 1998 Activity Report:

Sessions = 31, QNI = 310, QTC = 55/46 in 274 minutes with 28 different stations. We averaged 10.0 check-ins per session, with 1.5 messages sent in 8.8 minutes. (I'm glad I have a spreadsheet ready to calculate all these numbers). Willie, AA2SV and Bill, KB2OZE were the top check-ins with 28 each. They were closely followed by Pat, K2PB who had 27. Next was Bernie, W0MYA with 23, John, WA2FVL and Al, WA2TTC both with 22. Jim, WA2HPD, Jack, W2KEI and Ed, W2NTS all had 19. Bob, W2OD had 13. I would like to welcome Bill, KB2OZE who is now the NCS for Sundays. And, I would like to thank Jack, W2KEI who has managed to be a NCS station for 10 times this month. This is truly terrific. To everyone, thanks again for your continued support and contribution.

73 de Rich, N3RB

November 1998 Activity Report:

Sessions = 30, QNI = 323, QTC = 86/66 in 305 minutes with 27 different stations. We averaged 10.8 check-ins per session, with 2.2 messages sent in 10.2 minutes. Willie, AA2SV & Pat, K2PB were the top check-ins with 26 each. They were followed by Bill, KB2OZE who had 24. Next was John, WA2FVL & Al, WA2TTC with 23 and then Jack, W2KEI with 22. Bernie, W0MYA & Bob, W2OD followed with 21. Jim, WA2HPD had 17 and Bob, WB2KNS had 15. I would like to again thank Jack, W2KEI who has managed to be a NCS station for 8 times this month. This is truly terrific. To everyone, thanks again for your continued support and contribution. Have a great holiday month.

73 de Rich, N3RB

December 1998 Activity Report:

Sessions = 31, QNI = 338, QTC = 115/78 in 358 minutes with 31 different stations. We averaged 10.9 check-ins per session, with 2.5 messages sent in 11.5 minutes. Willie, AA2SV & Pat, K2PB again were the top check-ins, they had 28 each. They were followed by John, WA2FVL & Bob, W2OD who had 26 each. Next was Bill, KB2OZE with 21 and then Ed, W2NTS & Jack, W2KEI with 19 each. Bernie, W0MYA & Al, WA2TTC each had 18. Geoff, KC2AMA had 15 and Jim, WA2HPD had 14. I would like to again thank Jack, W2KEI who has managed to be a NCS station for 8 times this month. This is truly terrific. John, N2RPI has passed on another message which we should keep on file. It is a "R" HXE from KC2DNO with a check of ARL17, originate @ Hastings NY. The message is: ARL Fifty League of Young Radio Amateurs at WWW . QSL . Net / Lyra / 73. Signed: Codi, KC2DNO

Welcome to the last year for this century. I wish everyone a great time. 73 de Rich, N3RB

OTHER SORTED AND SUNDRY TIDBITS from Bill W2MTA, 12/27/98

Hello Dan,

I'd say that I'm long overdue on writing to your "subscribers" to the New Jersey Traffic Bulletin. The last time that yours truly helped on the postage coffee can at K2UL was when you and I were both at a CONFAB -- hmmm, maybe it was in the mid-eighties! So, if you think any of this is printable, be my guest.

First let me tell you a funny one -- It happened during the August '98 Traffic Handlers' Picnic held at K8TPF's QTH in Elkins WV -- Some guy kept vrooming around the neighborhood on a Hog that wouldn't shut off! (Sumpin' about a stuck solenoid.) K8TPF offered this guy a half-a-chicken, but he sez "Nope, I only eat 'em on the half shell or on pasta!"

Anyways, this guy finally sits down at a tent table across from that reknowned traffic handler that paddles around in a Heritage wooden canoe, named Jack KA8WNO, and he sez to Jack, "Do I know you?"

Jack just stares back at him from under that Blue baseball cap with big white letters KA8WNO across the front, and sez "Ain't you from someplace in New Joisey?" Aghh! Can you imagine? That's some first rate guy that Jack, he knows a spaghetti bender when he sees one!

Now seriously, that's not the Eastern Area Net Picnic. It's the Traffic Handlers' Picnic, which will be held in Annapolis MD in 1999, on the weekend of October 2, at the Anne Arundel ARC grounds after a usual Friday night supper, followed by the daylong Picnic. Tony, WA3YLO, our host, can provide information as we travel thru 1999, come join the fun at Annapolis!

This event has been held for some forty years at several sites located in New York State. It originally was the NYS CW Net Picnic under W2RUF, Clara Reger's, sponsorship and then later in 1974, it became the Second Region Net - Traffic Handlers' Picnic here in Newark Valley. I can still see them softball daze with Ostroy and the Gnercks toiling under the hot sun! (And Ed, WA2SRQ, slamming them homers into the creek!)

At the 1979 picnic, the currently known NTS four cycle plan was presented to ARRL Communications Manager, W1XX, and his assistant CM, Bob Halprin, WB2NOM of NNJ fame, by attending members of Eastern Area Staff. The plan was adopted in Nov. 1979 at a special ARRL Hqtrs meeting attended by NTS Officials from the Central, Eastern and Pacific NTS Area Staffs, and was finally implemented in late 1980 across the two nations.

With regard to the Bill Shaw WB2VEJ Award that's made annually "to the outstanding station/operator(s) in the Second Region providing significant and dependable service to the Second Region Net during 19__." This award was begun by W2MTA in 1974 as Net Manager of 2RN after that great amateur radio public servant Bill Shaw went Silent Key.

To bring you up to date, here's the history of the "WB2VEJ Award" --

1974 WB2LZN	1975 WB2LZN-WA2PJL (now W2CS)
1976 WA2WKH-WB2ASD(SK)	1977 W2RUF(SK)
1978 WA2ELD	1979 WA2SPL (now in VT)
1980 W2UEZ(SK)	1981 W2XD
1982 W2AHV(SK)	1983 AG2R N2AKZ-W2AET

1984 KB2HM-KC2TF N2AKZ-N2XJ	1985 W2PKY-WA2FJJ-WB2IDS WB2QIX
1986 No Award made	1987 KA2UBD-N2XJ
1988 NJ3V-W2QNL-W2WSS WA2FJJ-WB2VUK	1989 K2JLD-KC2HJ(SK)-W2MTO-W2XS WB2FTX-WB2MNA-WB2VUK
1990 K2JLD-KC2HJ(SK)-WI2G N2XJ-W2MTO-W2QNL WA2FJJ-WB2VUK	1991 K2JLD-KA2GJV-N2JAW-N2XJ W2MTO-W2QNL-WB2VUK-WI2G
1992 W2QNL	1993 N2JAW
1994 KA2VZX-KE2JX-N2JAW N2LTC	1995 KA2VZX-KE2JX-KF1L-N2JAW W2FR
1996 KA2GJV-KA2VZX-KE2JX KF1L-N2JAW-W2MTO	1997 KA2GJV-N1JX (FORMER KE2JX) KA2VZX-KF1L-N2LTC

In 1998 the Bill Shaw "WB2VEJ Award" is made to four 2RN station/ops:

KA2GJV KF1L N1JX and N2LTC

"WB2VEJ Awards" are announced annually as a QNC message traffic item in New York and on Second Region Net sessions. I would hope that information flows to New Jersey Section Nets via the assigned Second Region reps. (I do note that there are always a ton of openings in the NJPN-2RN liaison roster, so that may in part answer why you haven't been hearing about the awards over the years.)

NEWS ITEM: With Ron Raposo, N2JAW, remaining incapacitated from a series of strokes in the Fall of 1996, the assignment as Second Region Digital Coordinator (2RDC) and Associate Member of the NTS Eastern Area Staff has been transferred to Tom Hesler, N2LTC, in Taberg NY. Tom is also Section Net Manager of the New York Phone Net and is an assistant manager of 2RN cycles 2 & 3 with yours truly.

In the Data modes world of the NTS, the Eastern Area Digital Coordinator and EAS Member-at-Large is Nick Zorn, N4SS, in Florida. With an intention of having an RDC in each region in the Eastern Area. The current Associate Members/RDCs are:

1RDC-open, 2RDC-N2LTC, 3RDC-open, 4RDC-WX4J,
8RDC-K8MHR, 11RDC (Eastern Canada Region)-VE3BDM

Data mode networks of ARRL certified Digital Station MBOs are in daily operation. Many are active 24 hours a day, with especial use as pipelines/collection points to "pool" NTS message traffic during times of disaster. Often the only Caribbean outlets for H&W traffic to PR, VI and other island nations after a hurricane is via these digital operations. Stations are primarily on PACTOR and Clover II, with some to yet update from AMTOR. You can find more information about these operations in the latest ARRL Net Directory on page 7.

Happy New Year!

Bill Thompson, W2MTA, 2RN/2&3
NTS Eastern Area Staff Chairman

Thoughts from the Pit

By ag2r

As I sit here addressing my computer I'm listening to a CD entitled, *"The Idiot's Guide to Classical Music"*. It's a neat CD. It has about 45 seconds of different classical pieces. You get the CD along with their "Handy RCA Buyers Guide." This and \$13.99 buys you an album. Whoa!!!! Oddly enough, as I'm already in a fog, playing now is *"Lullaby"*. You know, the one your Beloved Grandmother used to sing while trying to get you to sleep so she could get back to "The Friday Night Fights....."

Pondering the end of my nose, my thoughts drift to the learning process. The longer I live, the more I seem to learn. Learn, that is, if I point my mind in that direction as opposed to "ye ole closed mind." Oh great!!! *"The Funeral March" is playing now...* Oooooooh! *"Fanfare For The Common Man."* You've heard that a million times at the Olympics.

What is there to "learning." Well, it's coming out of your box. That which you have put around your mind to keep out new/different tangibles. It's dumping your thought pattern from the way it always has been to scrambling out of your paradigm logic and asking, "What is that dude saying, anyhooo???" It's giving some credence to the information trying to enter your brain. *"Going Home Theme" is on....* When I take the Harley out on the back roads of Sussex County and roll along at 45 mph, dodging killer insects and enjoying the warmth of the sun, I do a lot of thinking and hopefully, learning. *"The Sorcerer's Apprentice from Fantasia...." The one with the dancing brooms.....*

Bringing it down to the topic we're all interested in, here is what I'm thinking.... Random thoughts, mind you. My mind does not function unrandomly.....

1. Why don't these guys slow down their keyers so as not to make so many mistakes. Listen to that sloppy sending..... *"Funeral March of Marionette... Heard on the ole Alfred Hitchcock TV show..."* If I rode the Harley the way some people send cw, it would take me a week of Thursdays to get from here to WA2SEI's QTH which is half way to Jabib anyway. Drive fast, run into a tree.... Drive fast, run into a tree... NADA, KEMOSABBI!!! Drive slow, don't run into a tree and save time not having to keep picking splinters from your rear bumper. Learn to send cw with a straight key before "moving on" to that high tech wizard that rips along at 50 wpm with a net speed of eight because of all the errors. How many of my peers fit into this shoe???

2. Another thought..... Why aren't the CW bands crowded.... Straight Key Nite was something to hear. You couldn't find a slot to jump into sideways. There was N2XJ out there for hours, pounding the brass with joy radiating from his signal.... *"Symphony No. 94..."* I could "see" the smile on his face. He was having a ball. I was trying to find a space to move some 2rn and couldn't.... It was super. *"Leoncavallol!!!!" Pagiacci to you Rock 'n' Roll buffs.....* And you know something???? These guys who were pounding the brass (no electronics) were making very few mistakes in sending. And, they had "fists/personality/style/class/tradition." Did you ever listen to WA2CUW???

I'll put my money on "Ole Buddy" against 50 percent of the wrist-wrigglers out there. I challenge anyone of you to get through NJN without making a mistake. Okay, I'll give you one mistake.....*"Cavalleria rusticana...."* Sounds like something I should put tomato sauce on..... I'm not pushing straight keys. I'm pushing good, clean Morse code. Or is it "Morris...." Anyhow, try it, maybe you'll like it.....

3. And another thing....I want to thank the "folks" from NYS for the great job they are doing with Second Region Nets. They are all over the place. If it were not for them the bands would be quiet. Everyone needs a motivator. *"William Tell Overture....The Lone Ranger Theme"* How appropriate..... They have this fella, Ole Whatsizname.. Bill Thompson, W2MTA, WNY SM, 'way up there in Newark Valley, N.Y. as their primary motivator. "Ques qua say la puush..." in my French-French...So I'd like to say "THANKS" from the New Jersey Gang to all our "Cohorts" North of the border. *"The Stars and Stripes Forever....Sousa...."* I love this CD.....

Anyone out there who was in traffic in the early 80's?? Like the glory days of traffic handling. Well, ninety eight percent of those reading this won't relate to what follows so just skip to W2CC's paragraph ;-)

Some time ago, I received this message from someone very special to me. One of my mentors in traffic handling. It went like this.....

NR 1 R AF2L QNS OLD BRIDGE NJ APR 27
AG2R
BT
NJN/L QNS CW DREAM TEAM NET X QNI 27 QTC 100/100 IN 15 X
QNS WA2CUW W2CVW W2GD W2GWS AA2H RU AF2L/NCS
LTP WB2NSV WA2OPY W2QNL AG2R WB2RMI W2RQ K2SB K2SE
W2SQ W2SWE/FM 2RN KF2T/8 EX WB2TOM THE BOY WONDER FROM
SOUTH BELMAR W2UEZ/TO 2RN K2UL/ESTEEMED EDITOR K2VX KB2WI
W2XD N2XJ W2ZEP X 73
BT
THE ANIMAL FROM 2 LAND
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Remember, it's only a hobby. Let's have fun.

BUT !!!!

"Sloppy ain't Cool."

Let's keep our standards where they used to be.

"Who Luvs ya, Baby???" Me.... dat's who.....

73 de ag2r "zut"

Would you believe, *"Romeo and Juliet??"* What a way to end it....

December 18, 1998
To my Good Traffic Handler Friends —
I can't thank you enough for the surprise
birthday party you gave me at the Plec 5
Confab. I was deeply touched and will never
forget being remembered by my brother and
sister traffic handlers on my 90th birthday.

Amateur Radio has meant much to me
over the years since 1924 when as a high
school kid in Peking, China I had a
Ford spark coil rig and used the call XJ.
So, in my mind, N2XJ recalls both my
early ham radio experience and my
WW II service in the U.S. Navy.

Thanks, again and 73/88 —
Carl, N2XJ

N J V N / E

Nightly at 7:30 PM on the WS2Q repeater 146.895 –600

Oct 98: QNI 321, QTC 71, QSP 51, 316 mins, 31 sessions, 50 different stations

Nov 98: QNI 315, QTC 65, QSP 45, 267 mins, 30 sessions, 49 different stations

Dec 98: QNI 347, QTC 41, QSP 33, 268 mins, 31 sessions, 55 different stations

Honor Roll: (15 or more check-ins per month.)

Oct 98: N2RPI 30, KG2CV 23, N2OPJ 22, KC2AHS 22, N3RB 21, W2LOP 19, KB2VVB 19, W2PTZ 19, W2MTO 15

Nov 98: N2RPI 26, N3RB 23, N2OPJ 21, W2PTZ 20, KC2AHS 20, KB2VVB 18, KG2CV 16, WB2KNS 15

Dec 98: N2RPI 26, KC2AHS 26, N2OPJ 25, KB2YZA 21, W2PTZ 21, N3RB 21, WB2MGU 17, KB2VVB 16

Mike KC2AHS has agreed to take the duties of NECOS for Monday sessions. I would like to take this time to thank all participants for their support of NJVN/E. The following stations are recognized for their roll as alt. NECOS, George W2MTO, Carl W2PTZ, Mike KC2AHS, Herb N2OPJ, and Stew KB2VVB. Keep up the good work !

73, John N2RPI
Net Manager

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Oct: QNI 329, QTC 54, QSP 53, QTR 392 minutes

Nov: QNI 379, QTC 73, QSP 65, QTR 376 minutes

Dec: QNI 419, QTC 197, QSP 195, QTR 597 minutes

Hope everyone will have a great 1999.

73,
Gene WB2UVB

NJVN/L NEWS

OCTOBER 1998

QNI 200 QTC 38 QSP 33 IN 193 MINUTES 87% OF TRAFFIC PASSED
WITH 20 DIFFERENT STATIONS IN 31 DAYS

NOVEMBER 1998

QNI 234 QTC 53 QSP 42 IN 238 MINUTES 79% OF TRAFFIC PASSED
WITH 29 DIFFERENT STATIONS IN 30 DAYS

DECEMBER 1998

QNI 257 QTC 97 QSP 80 IN 353 MINUTES 82% OF TRAFFIC PASSED
WITH 28 DIFFERENT STATIONS IN 31 DAYS

HONOUR ROLL 15 OR MORE CHECKINS IN A MONTH

OCTOBER 1998

N2OPJ 31 KB2YZA 31 N2RPI 22 KC2AHS 19 KB2UJN 18 WB2KNS 17
K2BTP 16

NOVEMBER 1998

N2OPJ 30 KB2YZA 30 N2RPI 28 K2BTP 22 KB2VVB 21 KC2AHS 20

DECEMBER 1998

N2OPJ 30 KB2YZA 30 N2RPI 28 K2BTP 26 KC2AHS 25 KC2DNO 23
K2UL 16

YOUR NET CONTROLS ARE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
KC2YG	KB2VVB	W2PTZ	N2RPI	N2OPJ	K2BTP	KC2AHS

COMMENTS:

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

GREAT TO SEE YOU ALL AT CONFAB. WE HAVE NOW RELIEVED THE NET
OF THE FLOOD OF TRAFFIC FROM N2FF AND AB2RE. THESE NOW COME
FROM ME N2OPJ THRU N2DB AND I ROUTE THEM AS REQUIRED NETS
OR PACKET.

I NOW HAVE E-MAIL MY ADRESS IS N2OPJ@HOTMAIL.COM

FEEL FREE TO USE IT TO REACH ME.

HERBERT N2OPJ

JSARS

JSARS Net meets nightly at 7:30 PM on 146.91 (-600) on
the W2DOR repeater in Ocean County

JSARS Stats:

Dec: QNI 312, QTC 56/45, 248 minutes, 31 sessions

Net Manager, Jim KC2ATQ

Editor's Corner

Great Confab ! Enjoyed seeing everyone again. especially the 90-year old boy wonder. Several of the CW gang went out to lunch later which was also enjoyable.

W2QNL. Got a great picture from Carl showing Lee at the wheel of his motorized scooter, tooling around Novato. Wish I could have printed it in this bulletin, but color photos just don't work well. Lee looks great. His address is Deer Park Retirement Center, 646 Canyon Rd, Novato CA 94947, 415-897-4491

Thanks W2MTA for the info in this issue. That guy has the best memory of any one I ever knew.

Less happy note: Former NJN manager Doug W2XD reports that his wife Paula has been diagnosed with leukemia. They have been down in South Carolina for bone marrow transplants and will probably be there until April. For those so inclined, a prayer couldn't hurt. Or a card. The address is: 180 Stoneridge Drive, Columbia SC 29210.

73 from your Esteemed Editor,

K2UL