



Tri County Radio Association

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NEW MEETING LOCATION

The second meeting of the month has been moved to the Union Elks, 281 Chestnut St., Union, NJ. See page 2 for directions from the Westfield YMCA.

TCRA NEWS JANUARY 2005

TCRA News is published ten times a year, with no issues in August and December.

PROGRAMS/EVENTS FOR JANUARY*

*Subject to change.

January 3rd: "SHOW & TELL" Bring in your new amateur Christmas and Hanukkah toys and tell us about them. (8PM AT THE WESTFIELD YMCA)

January 4th: "VE TEST SESSION" VE testing sessions sponsored by TCRA and the Union County O.E.M will be held on Tuesday January 4th at the Union County E.O.C building, 300 North Avenue East in Westfield. Testing will begin at 7:00PM. All license class tests will be given.

January 8th: "VE TEST SESSION" 8AM at the Union County College Cranford Campus.

January 17th: "STATE OF THE CLUB" Jeff, NJ5R will discuss his plans for TCRA for 2005. He would also like members to bring suggestions of club activities, etc. they would like TCRA to participate in. (8PM AT THE UNION ELKS) **See directions on page 2.**

2005 DUES

Just a reminder: TCRA 2005 dues are due for 2005 membership. Dues are \$20.00. If you can't make it out to a meeting, you may send it to the club PO Box. Please note that although the dues are the same as last year the clubs expenses continue to rise. If you are able please add a donation to your dues payment. In advance thank you for your donation.

**DIRECTIONS TO THE UNION ELKS
FROM THE WESTFIELD YMCA.**

DIST DIRECTIONS

- 00.00 LEFT ONTO NORTH AVE (RT. 28 E.)
01.2 GARWOOD SHOP RITE ON RIGHT
03.6 GSP OVERPASS.
04.1 TRAIN OVERPASS.
04.7 N. AVE TURNS INTO WESTFIELD AVE.
05.0 LEFT ONTO CHUSTNUT ST.
(CHEVY DEALER ON LEFT)
06.1 RIGHT INTO ELKS PARKING LOT JUST PAST HOSPITAL.

IF YOU GET TO DUNKEN DONUTS YOU JUST PASSED THE ELKS. GO BACK.

ELKS
281 CHESTNUT ST.
UNION, NJ

PRESIDENTS CORNER

By Jeff, NJ5R

First I would like to thank Steve, K2SO for his time as president of TCRA. He will be a tough act to follow. I am looking forward to a fun and meaningful year and would like to try some new activities such as a fund raiser. The officers of TCRA want you to know that they are there to listen to you the club member and not just to tell you how the club is going to be run. We are looking for increased participation in the on-the-air meetings held on the 2M repeater on the 4th Monday of the month. Also would you like to bring back the Tech Net, Computer Net or the Swap and Shop net? Either as a full or part time net control operator. Come to the Jan 17th meeting at our new meeting location, the Union Elks and let us know what direction you would the club to go in.

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TCRA REPEATER UPDATE

On 12/24/04 Ed, N2TDM with the help of Robert, KB2BBD and Jeff, NJ5R reinstalled the gas fed pre-amp on the 2 meter Motorola Micor repeater and reactivated the repeater. The ICOM 2 meter repeater has been returned to its backup status.

SKYWARN CORNER

By Kymm, KY2MMM

Skywarn in our area covers all the different types of potentially dangerous weather that affects our area. In particular, nor'easters, blizzards, and general snow events can disrupt our area more than a single tornado. If the National Weather Service (NWS) issues a blizzard watch/warning or winter weather watch/warning, Skywarn is placed on Alert and may be activated as conditions warrant according to general observations (such as radar or surrounding counties). If the NWS requests observations, Skywarn will be activated and may be asked to report wind, flood, and/or snow levels. Under such conditions, ARES/RACES will be placed on Alert and may also be activated if warranted. Remember, such storms can force evacuations of low-lying areas, power outages (forcing residents into shelters), and disruption of communications channels (i.e., telephone and cell phone). In the past we've had limited states of emergency declared at the county and state level. Under such circumstances, radio operators may be pre-positioned prior to the storm's effects.

The key to responding to these events is preparation. Make sure your home and family are prepared with extra food, fueled vehicles, some extra cash, batteries, etc. On the radio side, generators and batteries should be ready, an effective VHF/UHF indoor antenna is helpful, etc. I'm sure you all have emergency preparedness lists to work from if not, read future posts.


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TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION EVENTS



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  HAPPY NEW YEAR
2	3 8:00 PM TCRA MEETING AT THE YMCA "SHOW AND TELL"	4 7:00 PM VE TEST AT THE EOC 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	5	6	7	8 8:00 AM VE TEST UNION COUNTY COLLEGE CRANFORD
9	10	11 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	12	13	14	15
16	17 8:00 PM TCRA MEETING AT UNION ELKS "STATE OF THE CLUB"	18 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	19	20	21	22
23	24 9:00 PM TCRA ON THE AIR MEETING - NJ5R 147.255 MHz	25 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	26	27	28	29
30	31					