



Tri County Radio Association

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W2LI

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and 449.975 (PL 141.3) using the W2LI memorial call sign.
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SWAP AND SHOP

Free: Assorted lengths and sizes of high quality aluminum tubing, plastic pipe, stainless steel clamps and coax. If you purchase new center sections from GAP Antenna, you will be able to assemble a GAP Challenger vertical. Yes it is all free, but a \$10.00 donation to TCRA would be welcomed.

Contact Don, K2AHH at (908) 232-5795

SKYWARN CORNER

Storm spotters are an integral part of the NWS warning decision making process; their reports are invaluable in making accurate and timely forecasts and warnings:

Radar tells us about rotation in thunderstorms, but spotters can tell nws if it is a tornado and precisely where it is. Radar detects hail in thunderstorms, but spotters tell nws how large it is. Radar data, satellite imagery, and automated surface observing equipment help develop forecasts, but spotters provide critical information that confirms weather warnings, and sometimes filling in information that radar can't provide.

Note: in view of the weather we have been experiencing....difference between a snow storm and a blizzard...

A BLIZZARD WARNING IS ISSUED WHEN SUSTAINED WIND SPEEDS OR FREQUENT GUSTS OF OVER 35 MPH ARE EXPECTED WITH CONSIDERABLE FALLING & OR BLOWING & DRIFTING SNOW. VISIBILITIES WILL BECOME POOR, WITH WHITEOUT CONDITIONS AT TIMES. THOSE VENTURING OUTDOORS MAY BECOME LOST OR DISORIENTED. SO PERSONS IN THE WARNING AREA ARE ADVISED TO STAY INDOORS.

From the President

I have said all along it is your club, we need your participation and ideas. This year I want the club to concentrate on education. That is, since there are so many aspects of this wonderful hobby we owe it to ourselves become more knowledgeable about areas we may not use or even think we care about. With this in mind I have arranged for speakers to cover a wide variety of topics. But without your attendance both you and the club will loose out. It just may be that a topic you had no interest in prior to the talk will become a new focal point for you.

On another note, you are aware that the club is having financial troubles and is in danger or having to make some drastic cuts. In order to keep within our funding we may need to stop the use of autopatch, and or to eliminate one meeting a month. Neither of these is desirable. It is up to you to bring in new members, show some renewed enthusiasm for the hobby and to help with club activities. We can no longer live by the 80 – 20 rule. With 80% of the clubs work being done by 20% of the membership.

I am forming committees for several important programs. Please volunteer to join one of these teams. 73

Steve, K2SO

NPARC MEETINGS FOR JANUARY

February 9th: Presentation on Digital Voice methods for Ham Radio.

February 23rd: “PROJECT MEETING”

Note: All New Providence Amateur Radio Club Meetings for 2003-4 begin at 7:30PM and will be at the Salt Brook School on Maple Street. For further details please visit NPARC’s web site at <http://www.qsl.net/nparc/>.

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

PROGRAMS/EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

**Subject to change.*

February 2nd: “CQWW” Bill Hudzik, W2UDT (SM – NNJ) will discuss CQWW - Life on the other side of the Pile up, from V26. **(8PM AT THE WESTFIELD YMCA)**

February 16th: “DIGITAL MODES” Don Rotolo, N2IRZ (CQ Editor for Digital Modes) will discuss Getting Started in PSK. **(8PM AT THE CHURCH)**

February 23rd: “ON THE AIR MEETING” (9PM W2LI 2M 147.255 PL 141.3)

2004 DUES

Just a reminder: TCRA 2004 dues are due for 2004 membership. Dues are \$20.00. If you can’t make it out to a meeting, you may send it to TCRA, P.O. Box 412, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076. 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. The suggested amount is \$10.00. In advance thank you for your donation. Please note that the cost of publishing and mailing each newsletter is about \$0.80, times 10 issues totals \$8.00/year. You can help in one of the following ways. 1. Make a donation covering the cost of the newsletter. 2. Receive the newsletter by E-mail. 3. Have a club member who receives the newsletter by E-mail print you a copy. OR 4. By getting the newsletter from the club web site <http://www.w2li.org>. If you would like to receive the newsletter other than the printed version please contact Bob, KB2BBD at (973) 379-6405 or E-mail at kb2bbd@arrl.net or Steve, K2SO at (908) 289-6573 or E-mail at k2so@arrl.net.

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TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION EVENTS

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2 8:00 PM TCRA MEETING AT THE YMCA "CQWW/V26" | 3 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 8:00 AM VE TEST UNION COUNTY COLLEGE CRANFORD |
| 15 | 16 8:00 PM TCRA MEETING AT THE CHURCH "PSK-31" | 17 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 9:00 PM TCRA ON THE AIR MEETING - NJ5R 147.255 MHz | 24 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
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