



## Tri County Radio Association

W2LI Since 1934



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### 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.

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### TCRA NEWS FEBRUARY 2005

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

### PROGRAMS/EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY\*

\*Subject to change.

**February 7<sup>th</sup>:** Plans were not finalized at press time. It may be a social meeting or a topic you would not want to miss. (8PM AT THE WESTFIELD YMCA)

**February 21<sup>st</sup>:** Plans were not finalized at press time. It may be a social meeting or a topic you would not want to miss. (8PM AT THE UNION ELKS)

### 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

## HAM RADIO ANTENNA BILLS INTRODUCED IN 2 NORTHEAST STATES

Amateur Radio antenna legislation has been proposed in New Jersey and Connecticut. Introduced January 10, the New Jersey measure, Assembly Bill 3641 (A3641) is sponsored by District 22 Assemblywoman Linda Stender. It's virtually identical to a bill sponsored by Assemblyman Matthew Ahearn, KB2PNN, that failed to make it through the state's last legislative session. The new legislation would incorporate the essence of the limited federal preemption known as PRB-1 into the Garden State's law books.

Northern New Jersey ARRL Section Manager Bill Hudzik, W2UDT, said the state's PRB-1 group plans to meet with lawmakers this month in Trenton.

"Please remember, the bill's passage is not a given, and we all must continue to put Amateur Radio in the best possible light--as many clubs did during this past Field Day--whenever we can," Hudzik exhorted members on the NNJ Section Web site. "And there will continue to be opposition from local governments who may view the bill as a threat to home rule." Hudzik thanked Bob Bednard, KA8SAF, with helping to coordinate the bill's introduction with Stender's office.

ARRL Southern New Jersey SM Jean Priestley, KA2YKN, also alerted her section's members via the SNJ Section Web site. "We are back in business and need to work on developing cosponsors and supporters," she said. "There is lots of work to do on this in the coming year, so sharpen those pencils."

A3641 has been referred to the Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee. The proposed law would keep municipalities from adopting zoning ordinances that prohibit construction or use of antenna structures by Amateur Radio operators. It also would require

that any application fees be in line with those generally assessed for residential neighborhood variances. The New Jersey bill also would prevent localities assessing applicants for legal, technical or other consultation or advisory expenses incurred by any agency evaluating an antenna support structure application.

In Connecticut's General Assembly, an antenna bill has been introduced in the Senate by 6th District Sen Donald J. DeFronzo. If approved by the Senate and House of Representatives, the measure, Senate Bill No 92 (SB 92), would require municipal regulation of Amateur Radio antenna structures to comply with the limitations on local regulation spelled out in PRB-1.

"To allow amateur radio station antenna structures to be erected at proper heights and dimensions to accommodate amateur radio communication and otherwise reasonably accommodate amateur radio service communications," says the bill's Statement of Purpose. SB 92 has been referred to the General Assembly's Joint Committee on Energy and Technology.

To date, 21 states have adopted PRB-1 bills, and laws in some of those states include a schedule of minimum regulatory heights for Amateur Radio antenna structures. A PRB-1 bill has also been introduced in Vermont, and ARRL anticipates similar measures to be introduced in other states as legislative sessions get under way around the US.

For more information on PRB-1, visit the ARRL PRB-1 Package page [http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/PRB-1\\_Pkg/index.html](http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/PRB-1_Pkg/index.html).

The FCC discusses PRB-1 on its Web site <http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/amateur/prb/index.html>.

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TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION EVENTS



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