



Tri County Radio Association

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W2LI



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UPCOMMING NPARC MEETINGS

March 8th: "REGULAR"

March 22nd: "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/>.

Any Ideas???

Do you have an article you'd like to submit for publication in the TCRA News? The TCRA News editors are always seeking articles for future issues. It needn't be a lengthy piece, and it may be handwritten, typed, or a file from a word processor on a floppy disc. If you have any ideas, please contact Bob, KB2BBD at kb2bbd@arrl.net.

Swap and Shop

TCRA members are welcome to list any amateur related items for sale, trade, or swap. You may also list wanted items as well. Please contact Bob, KB2BBD at kb2bbd@arrl.net if you have anything to list.

YOUR ITEM HERE

"TO SOUND LIKE A LID"

By Michael Adams, WA2MWT

Step One: Use as many "Q" signals as possible. Yes, I know they were invented solely for CW and are totally inappropriate for two meter FM, but they are fun and entertaining. They keep people guessing as to what you really meant. I.E. "I'm going to QSY to the phone." Can you really change frequencies to the phone? QSL used to mean, "I am acknowledging receipt", but now it appears to mean, "yes" or "OK". I guess I missed it when the ARRL changed the meaning. It is also best to use "OK" and "QSL" together. Redundancy is the better part of Lid-dom.

Step Two: Never laugh when you can say "HI HI". No one will ever know you aren't a long time CW rag-chewer if you don't tell them. They'll think you've been on since the days of Marconi.

Step Three: Utilize an alternative vocabulary. Use words like "destinated" and "negatory". It's OK to make up your own words here. I.E. "Yeah Tom, I "pheelbart zaphonix" occasionally myself."

Step Four: Always say "XX4XXX" (Insert your own call) "for I.D." As mentioned in Step One, anything that creates redundancy is always encouraged. That's why we have the Department of Redundancy Department. (Please note that you can follow your call with "for identification purposes" instead of "for I.D." While taking longer to say, it is worth more "LID points".

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PROGRAMS/EVENTS FOR MARCH*

**Subject to change.*

March 1st: **"PROPOGATION"** Rich Moseson, W2VU Editor CQ magazine (former SEC NNJ) will discuss Propagation-What is it all about. **(8PM AT THE WESTFIELD YMCA)**
Note: after the meeting Jeff, NJ5R will discuss basic soldering techniques.

March 13th: **"VE TEST SESSION"** 8AM at the Union County College Cranford Campus.

March 15th: **"ARRL/HUDSON DIVISION UPDATE"** Frank Fallon, N2FF Director ARRL Hudson Director will discuss the latest events going on at the ARRL. **(8PM AT THE CHURCH)** **Note: If you can not attend the first meeting Jeff, NJ5R will once again discuss basic soldering techniques after the meeting.**

March 22nd: **"ON THE AIR MEETING"** (9PM W2LI 2M 147.255 PL 141.3)

ATTENTION DUES PAYING MEMBERS

Just a reminder: ***This is your last copy of the newsletter if your 2003 dues are not paid by March 1st.*** 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. Continued on page 5.



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TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>1</i> 8:00 PM TCRA MEETING AT THE YMCA "PROPAGATION"	<i>2</i> 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> 8:00 AM VE TEST UNION COUNTY COLLEGE CRANFORD
<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> 8:00 PM TCRA MEETING AT THE CHURCH "FRANK FALLON"	<i>16</i> 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> 9:00 PM TCRA ON THE AIR MEETING - NJ5R 147.255 MHz	<i>23</i> 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	<i>31</i>			