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FIELD DAY?

It is not too early to start thinking about Field Day. Would you like to try something new? Start thinking about how you can participate: setup, operating, Field Day Chairperson??? Bring your ideas to a club meeting.

March 28th: "ON THE AIR MEETING"
(9PM W2LI 2M 147.255 PL 141.3).

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TCRA NEWS MARCH 2005

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

PROGRAMS/EVENTS FOR MARCH*

*Subject to change.

March 7th: "FOX HUNT PLANNING MEETING" Plans for a Fox Hunt to be held in the spring will be discussed. (8PM AT THE WESTFIELD YMCA)

March 21st: "NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE" Scott Reynolds, KC2JCB will talk about The National Weather Service. Note: this will **not** be a skywarn training session. (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

ATTENTION DUES PAYING

MEMBERS

Just a reminder: ***This is your last copy of the newsletter if your 2005 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. 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 Jeff, NJ5R at (908) 241-5758 or E-mail at nj5r@arrl.net.

SKYWARN CORNER

By Kymm, KY2MMM

The week of february 20-26...2005 has been declared flood awareness week by NOAA's National Weather Service.

Flooding kills more people in the United States on an annual basis than any other storm-related weather hazard. About 110 people succumb to the ravages of flooding each year in the U.S.

We are vulnerable to floods...which can occur anytime of year and from a variety of causes.

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Ice jams, snow melt, heavy rain, thunderstorms, nor'easters and tropical systems all cause flooding. The beautiful scenery that we enjoy year-round is a major contributing factor to our vulnerability to floods. Hills, mountains, lakes and our expansive river systems and waterways all contribute to the risk of flooding when too much rain and runoff occur. This makes New York particularly vulnerable to flooding.

In the last 20 years...34 people were killed by flooding in New York. Flood related damages were approximately 3/4 of a billion dollars. Many of these deaths can be avoided if people are properly prepared and understand the power of water. The number one cause of flood deaths is when people attempt to drive through a flooded road. Many of these deaths can be avoided through education and awareness.

Watch for upcoming Skywarn 1 classes coming to Union County either in April or May. It will be followed by a level 2 later in May or June.

We need some trained hams for a few events coming up. There will be a table top exercise and a NY parade. If anyone is interested, please contact KY2MMM at ky2mmm@arrl.net.

Anyone interested in joining ARES please contact KY2MMM at ky2mmm@arrl.net.

UPCOMING NPARC MEETINGS

March 14th: "REGULAR MEETING"

March 29th: "PROJECT MEETING"

Note: All New Providence Amateur Radio Club Meetings for 2005 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.nparc.org/>.



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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 "FOXHUNT PLANNING"	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 MEETING AT THE UNION ELKS "SCOTT REYNOLDS - NWS"	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	29 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	30	31		