



Tri County Radio Association

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W2LI

Tri County Radio operates repeaters on 147.255 (PL 141.3)
and 449.975 (PL 141.3) using the W2LI memorial call sign.
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SKYWARN CORNER BY KYMM, KY2MMM

Each and every spotter is valuable. Not only for the service we provide to national weather but as hams. Often we are in our vehicles as a storm may approach, especially in the spring and summer months. Do not try to chase the storm. This is not the west...Here in NJ we have very little open areas and there is a lot of congestion on our roadways. SAFETY is your #1 priority. JUST observe what comes to you...Watch the road as well or pull over....we need each and everyone of you!

UPCOMING NPARC MEETINGS

April 12th: "REGULAR MEETING" 7:30PM **Jerry Sevick W2FMI** talks about his new book "The Short Vertical Antenna and Ground Radial" (May 15, 2004 release date). **Special Note: Because the School will be closed for Spring break on this day, this meeting will be held at the Lincoln Community Center on Academy Street. in New Prov.**

April 26th: "PROJECT MEETING" 7:30PM **at the Salt Brook School on Maple Street.**

For further details please visit NPARC's web site at <http://www.qsl.net/nparc/>.

NPARC AUCTION AND FLEA AMRKET

The New Providence Radio Club will be holding it's annual auction and flea market on Friday May 7th 7PM in the cafeteria of the Salt Brook School 40 Maple Street, New Providence. Talk-in 145.75 simplex. Donation \$2.00. For additional information contact Barry, N2JV, at 908-464-1730 or Al K2AL at 908-464-1323 or visit NPARC's web site at <http://www.qsl.net/nparc/>.

"TCRA 70TH BIRTHDAY SPECIAL EVENT"

The Fort Monmouth special event for the clubs 70th birthday will be held on Sat and Sun, Oct. 9&10. Starting time 0800 to 1700 EST both days. We are hoping to have three stations on the air, SSB, CW, FM. FM will be on the W2LI repeaters for those who cannot make the Fort. Come join the fun... More info to follow as we get closer to the dates.

Kymm, KY2MMM & Harry, KB2MDO

"TO SOUND LIKE A LID"

By Michael Adams, WA2MWT

Step Five: The better the copy on two meter FM, the more you should use phonetics. Names should be especially used if they are short or common ones. I.E. "My name is Al... Alpha Lima" or "Jack... Juliet Alpha Charlie Kilo." If at all possible use the less common HF phonetics "A4SM... America, Number Four, Sugar Mexico." And for maximum "LID points", make up unintelligible phonetics. "My name is Bob... Billibong Oregano Bumperpool."

Step Six: Always give the calls of yourself and everyone who is (or has been) in the group, whether they are still there or not. While this has been unnecessary for years, it is still a great memory test. You may also use "and the group" if you are an "old timer" or just have a bad memory. Extra points for saying everyone's call and then clearing in a silly way "K2PKK, Chow, Chow."

Step Seven: Whenever possible, use the wrong terminology. It keeps people guessing. Use "modulation" when you mean "deviation", and vice-versa.

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PROGRAMS/EVENTS FOR APRIL*

**Subject to change.*

April 5th: **"SOCIAL MEETING"** Club business will be taken care of and members will be free to chat afterward. **(8PM AT THE WESTFIELD YMCA)**

April 6th: **"VE TEST SESSION"** VE testing session sponsored by TCRA and the Union County O.E.M will be held on Tuesday April 6th 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.

April 10th: **"VE TEST SESSION"** 8AM at the Union County College Cranford Campus.

April 19th: **"ARRL/HUDSON DIVISION UPDATE"** Rescheduled from March 15th Frank Fallon, N2FF Director ARRL Hudson Director will discuss the latest events going on at the ARRL. **(8PM AT THE CHURCH)**

April 26th: **"ON THE AIR MEETING"** (9PM W2LI 2M 147.255 PL 141.3)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO TCRA

Frances Dietz, KC2LSI
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TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION EVENTS

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