



## 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

Just came back from the skywarn coordinators conference at Brookdale Labs on Long Island. There will be some changes to the way the reports are issued from National Weather. There will also be some changes to the trainings. Many of the coordinators may be giving some of the basic spotter presentations. This will allow more people to start participating in the nets while they are awaiting a class to be presented National Weather in their area. Emphasis was put on the discussion about the opening of the Skywarn nets. It was reiterated that there are very specific guidelines for opening the net. We as spotters are a supplemental public service to National Weather and provide a valuable amount of information, but we are aiding THEM.

A few of the most basic criteria are when they call the coordinators to open a net and present the reportable information are: if there is a warning issued(they will supply specific info), if there is a death directly related to weather conditions, any tornados or water spouts, microbursts, thunder storms with winds of 58 mph + any gusts that take down powerlines or cause structural damage to homes etc, gusts 40mph +(important but not high priority), Hail 3/4 inch or larger(penny size), Any flooding(not street pooling), rainfall over an inch in 1 hour, 2-3 inches/ hour anywhere.

### UPCOMMING NPARC MEETINGS

May 7<sup>th</sup>: "AUCTION AND FLEE MARKET" 7PM  
May 10<sup>th</sup>: "REGULAR MEETING" 7:30PM  
May 24<sup>th</sup>: "PROJECT MEETING" 7:30PM

**Note: All New Providence Amateur Radio Club Meetings for 2003-4 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/>.**

## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT OF TCRA

This year is going by very rapidly. We have been increasing our meeting turn out slowly, but we can still do better. We have started new club activities, including a soldering workshop and we are planning a Special Events Station celebrating the clubs 70th year (Oct 9-10). We are planning to pick a simple item (we need your ideas) to build later in the year (planned for Sept-Oct). However, we need you there, if it is to be a club activity we need a participating club.

On another note, it is almost June and that means Field Day. We did well last year, we had good participation but I know we can do better. Put the date in your calendar now and plan on helping our club be #1 - this year it is June 26-27.

Be advised, the club Constitution and By Laws have been revised. A Copy will be sent to all members in May - review the changes and be ready to VOTE.

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### Swap and Shop

**FREE** for a deserving HAM, A USED TRIBAND BEAM 10-15-20. The antenna is on the ground and just needs to be taken apart and removed from its current location in Scotch Plains. For additional information, contact Gerry, [AA2ZJ@Juno.Com](mailto:AA2ZJ@Juno.Com) or at 732-283-2795.

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### TECHNICIAN LICENSE CLASS

The next Tech class will be starting on April 27. It will be at the Union County Administration building, 300 North Avenue in Westfield. Classes will be at 1900 each Tuesday for about 7-10 weeks.

Any interested party should contact Gerry Miller, AA2ZJ, at 732-283-2795 or [AA2ZJ@JUNO.COM](mailto:AA2ZJ@JUNO.COM)

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### PROGRAMS/EVENTS FOR MAY\*

*\*Subject to change.*

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>: "BATTLESHIP NJ"** A presentation on the Battleship NJ. (Tentative) **(8PM AT THE WESTFIELD YMCA)**

**May 8<sup>th</sup>: "VE TEST SESSION"** 8AM at the Union County College Cranford Campus.

**May 17<sup>th</sup>: "STATE POLICE AND RACES"** Bob Schroeder, N2HX the Communication Coordinator for the State Police of NJ and Dennis Dur, N2DCD will discuss the relationship of RACES with the State Police and also talk about the emergency communication program in NJ. **(8PM AT THE CHURCH)**

**May 24<sup>th</sup>: "ON THE AIR MEETING"** (9PM W2LI 2M)

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### FIRST ANNUAL MID ATLANTIC QSO PARTY

The first annual Mid-Atlantic QSO Party (MAQP) is a good old fashioned QSO Party, focused on Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and DC. It will run from May 8th 2004 at 1600 UTC until May 9th 2004 at 2400 UTC on all HF bands except WARC, and on VHF/UHF from 50 to 450 MHz.

The MAQP seeks to provide a competitive challenge with a low-pressure atmosphere. In short, the purpose is to have fun, enjoy the event, and find your own desired level of participation.

Please visit the MAQP website at <http://www.qsl.net/maqso> for full details.

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# TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 8:00 PM TCRA MEETING AT THE YMCA "BATTLESHIP NJ"	4 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	5	6	7	8 8:00 AM VE TEST UNION COUNTY COLLEGE CRANFORD
9	10	11 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	12	13	14	15
16	17 8:00 PM TCRA MEETING AT THE CHURCH "STATE POLICE"	18 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	26	27	28	29
30	31 "MEMORIAL DAY"					