



Tri County Radio Association

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Robert Brown, KB2MET SILENT KEY

It is our sad duty to report that Robert Brown, KB2MET of Linden became a silent key on April 3, 2005.

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.
May 2005

TCRA NEWS MAY 2005

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

PROGRAMS/EVENTS FOR MAY*

*Subject to change.

May 2nd: "MINIATURE PORTABLE CW KEYBOARD" Gary, N2OT will discuss the design and fabrication of a miniature portable CW keyboard. (8PM AT THE WESTFIELD YMCA)

May 16th: "FOX HUNT" Bob, KB2BBD and Jeff, NJ5R will conduct a Fox Hunt. Note this meeting will be an outdoor meeting. It will be start at the **Union Elks**. Please note that it will start at **7:30 PM**, a half hour earlier than normal meeting time. See additional info on page 2. (7:30PM AT THE UNION ELKS)

Any Ideas???

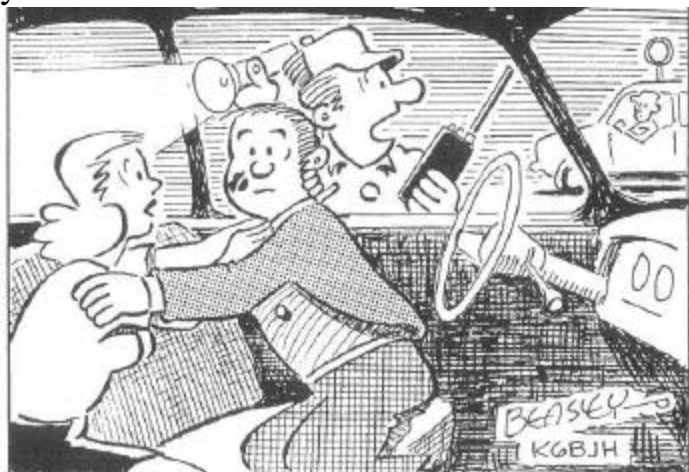
Do you have an article you'd like to submit for publication in the TCRA News? The TCRA News editors are always seeking articles for future issues. It needn't be a lengthy piece, and it may be handwritten, typed, or a file from a word processor on a floppy disc. If you have any ideas, please contact Bob,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

FOX HUNT May 16th

Our meeting will start NO LATER THAN 7:30PM so show up at least 15 minutes early at the Union Elks to form your teams. We are going hunting with the antennas built at the April 18th club meeting.

Make sure that your DF antennas, and/or other equipment, are all in working order. You can test this by DF-ing NOAA radio on 162.455 MHz FM or our Murray Hill Repeater site on 145.255 FM (as long as it is keyed up). CAUTION: do not transmit while connected to your DF equipment.

The meeting will consist of an active Fox Hunt. Robert, KB2BBD and others?, will hide somewhere in Union County and transmit on a pre-arranged frequency. He/they may transmit for periods of time, for brief moments, at high power, at lower power, i.e., use all the tricks that a malicious jammer would use. Jeff, NJ5R, will be at the Union Elks to give all you new DF-ers pointers, directions and encouragement and a send off in, hopefully, the right direction. There will also be soft drinks and donuts hiding with the fox for the participants. Since we will be hiding in a public location, the hunt will end at sundown. Come join us and try your hand at DF-ing with your new DF antennas.



Courtesy of "the best of BEASLEY by Robert Beasley, K6BJH"
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SECOND ANNUAL MID ATLANTIC QSO PARTY

The second 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 on May 14th 2005 1600 UTC - 0400 UTC and May 15th 2005 1100 UTC - 2400 UTC on 160 - 10 meters (NO WARC bands) and 50, 144, 222, and 440 MHz. No cross-mode/cross-band/net/repeater contacts permitted.

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.

UPCOMMING NPARC MEETINGS

May 9th Regular Club Meeting: Club member Jerry Sevick W2FMI will give a dress rehearsal of his Dayton Hamvention presentation on Broadband RF Transformers.

May 23rd **Projects Meeting**: open meeting to discuss Field Day and other items of interest to members.

Note: All club meetings for 2004-5 will be at the Salt Brook School on Mondays at 7:30p.m. For further details please visit NPARC's web site at <http://www.nparc.org/>.

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



May 2005

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION EVENTS



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 8:00 PM TCRA MEETING AT THE YMCA "MINI CW KEYBOARD"	3 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	11	12	13	14 8:00 AM VE TEST UNION COUNTY COLLEGE CRANFORD
15	16 7:00 PM TCRA MEETING AT THE UNION ELKS "FOX HUNT"	17 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz				