



# Tri County Radio Association

## W2LI Since 1934



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**May 6th: “HF ANTENNA INSTALLATION AND ELKS PA UPGRADE”** Members wishing to show their appreciation to the Elks for hosting TCRA meetings can help upgrade their Public Address System following completion of the HF antenna installation. Please contact Jeff, NJ5R at [nj5r@arrl.net](mailto:nj5r@arrl.net) if planning to attend. (9AM AT THE UNION

### TCRA NEWS MAY 2006

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

### PROGRAMS/EVENTS FOR MAY\*

*\*Subject to change.*

**May 1<sup>st</sup>: “ANTENNA DESIGN DISCUSSION”** Antenna designs that can be built as a club project will be discussed. (8PM AT THE UNION ELKS)

**May 6th: “HF ANTENNA INSTALLATION AND ELKS PA UPGRADE”** See note in left column.

**May 13<sup>th</sup>: “VE TEST SESSION”** 8AM at the Union County College Cranford Campus.

**May 15<sup>th</sup>: “TCRA CONSTITUTION/BY-LAWS UPDATE”** Suggestions for changes to the TCRA Constitution/By-Laws discussed at the March 20<sup>th</sup> and April 17<sup>th</sup> meetings will be further refined. The current Constitution/By-laws can be located on the club’s web site. Click on Club Member Packet, and then click on Current Constitution. Note this will be the last meeting to suggest additional changes before they are published prior to a vote. Those attending the meeting will then have an opportunity to test the clubs HF antenna installed at the Elks. For those who have not operated HF before or since last Field day this is a great way to get ready for field Day. (8PM AT THE UNION ELKS)

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>: “ON THE AIR MEETING”** (9PM W2LI 2M 147.255 PL 141.3).

## MID ATLANTIC QSO PARTY

The 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 1200z May 13 until 2400z May 14 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.maqp.info/> for full details.

## TCRA REPEATER UPDATE

Many concerns have been brought up at club meetings concerning the signal from the 2M repeater. Several things are being considered. First a donation of hard-line is being arranged and second the replacement of the antenna is being looked into. For the antenna replacement to occur donations are being requested. Note the club currently has approximately 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the needed funds donated. Please bring donations to a club meeting or send donations to TCRA, P.O. Box 412, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076. Please contact Jeff, NJ5R at [nj5r@arrl.net](mailto:nj5r@arrl.net) or Bob, KB2BBD at [kb2bbd@arrl.net](mailto:kb2bbd@arrl.net) for more information.

## UPCOMING TCRA EVENTS

A field trip to ARRL headquarters is being planned for the spring preferably on a Friday. Please contact Jeff, NJ5R at [nj5r@arrl.net](mailto:nj5r@arrl.net) with a date you would be available. We would like to choose a date that would accommodate the most club members and their families/friends.

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## HAMFESTS = From April 2006

### Hudson Division Beacon - # 61

Sect: Northern New Jersey

13 May 2006+W2EGB 3rd Annual Hamfest  
East Greenbush ARA

<http://www.w2egb.org>

Talk-In: 147.270

Contact: Thomas Scorsone, KC2FCP

1310 10th Avenue

Watervliet, NY 12189

Phone: 518-272-1494

Email: [kc2fcp@aol.com](mailto:kc2fcp@aol.com) Rensselaer, NY

Firehouse

Phillips Road

Div: Hudson

Sect: Eastern New York

27 May 2006+Annual Spring BARA Hamfest  
Bergen Amateur Radio Association

<http://www.bara.org>

Talk-In: 146.19/79 (PL 141.3)

Contact: James Joyce, K2ZO

286 Ridgewood Blvd North

Township of Washington, NJ 07676

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Washington, NJ

Westwood Regional JR/SR High School

701 Ridgewood Road

Div: Hudson

Sect: Northern New Jersey

### Swap & Shop

TCRA members are welcome to list any amateur related items for sale, trade, or swap. Please contact Bob, KB2BBD at [kb2bbd@arrl.net](mailto:kb2bbd@arrl.net) if you have anything to list.

### 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.



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# TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION EVENTS



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:00 PM TCRA MEETING AT THE UNION ELKS "ANTENNAS"	2 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	3	4	5	6 9:00 AM "ELKS ANTENNA INSTALL"
7	8 8:00 PM TCRA MEETING AT THE UNION ELKS "CONSTITUTION"	9 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	10	11	12	13 8:00 AM VE TEST UNION COUNTY COLLEGE CRANFORD
14	15 8:00 PM TCRA MEETING AT THE UNION ELKS "CONSTITUTION"	16 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	17	18	19	20
21	22 9:00 PM TCRA ON THE AIR MEETING - NJSR 147.255 MHz	23 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	31			

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