



## Tri County Radio Association

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### FOX HUNT SUNDAY AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>

The winners of the May 16<sup>th</sup> Fox Hunt Jim, WB2EDO and Stu, N2YMI will conduct a Fox hunt on August 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 2PM at the Union Elks. Please show up early to form your teams. Those without DF equipment can help by driving or looking at a map to help find the fox.

July/August 2005

### TCRA NEWS JULY/AUGUST 2005

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

#### PROGRAMS/EVENTS FOR JULY/AUGUST\*

\*Subject to change.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>:** "NO MEETING" Due to the first meeting of July falling on July 4 there will be no meeting held.

**July 5<sup>th</sup>:** "VE TEST SESSION" See note on page 2.

**JULY 18<sup>th</sup>:** "BEHIND THE SCENE AT SHADOW AND METRO TRAFFIC" Pete, KC2NNW will discuss the basic operations of America's premiere traffic reporting service. Some of you may recognize Pete's voice in the mornings as he guides you thru the traffic jams. (8PM AT THE UNION ELKS)

**July 25<sup>th</sup>/August 22<sup>nd</sup>:** "ON THE AIR MEETING" (9PM W2LI 2M 147.255 PL 141.3).

**August 1<sup>st</sup>:** Plans were not finalized at press time. It may be a social meeting or a topic you would not want to miss. **Note in addition to the meeting topic a vote deciding weather to continue meeting at the Y or holding all future meetings at the Elks will be taken. If you want to continue holding meeting at the Y please attend and show your support.** (8PM AT THE WESTFIELD YMCA)

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## **Estelle Roehm, WA2PBD SILENT KEY**

It is our sad duty to report that Estelle Roehm, WA2PBD of Cranford became a silent key on May 29, 2005.

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## **FOX HUNT LESSONS LEARNED**

**By Gerry, AA2ZJ**

An unwelcome visitor came to the Monday, May 16 Fox Hunt here at TCRA. We gathered at the Elks location at 5 points in Union. The well known but not welcome Murphy and in infamous "Law" paid a visit to Gerry, AA2ZJ and his guests (who will remain anonymous).

1. The Doppler unit designed by Mike, WA2EBY, worked well 3 years ago, why shouldn't it work well now. No need to check it out, its ok!? You guessed it, and that was just the beginning. We don't need another mobile, we have a small HT (battery powered) with us. Yup!! After about 10 minutes into the hunt, we realized that the Doppler receiver (RS Pro-70) wasn't working. When we tried to contact the fox thru a repeater, you guessed it again, the batteries in the HT were weak and no replacements with us. Zippy de do dah off the youngster's home for the replacement pack. But then we still had a problem getting a strong enough signal into the repeater.

2. OK, let's try using my mobile radio with the DF. Oops, only one DC outlet in the car. Off to Radio shack for a DC splitter. While in the RS parking lot, I accidentally shorted the power line to the Doppler. Once again back into the store for a package of fuses. By this time it was getting dark and we all needed a pitt stop. At that time, I was able to put together an adapter from the miscellaneous ones I had with me and was able to get my mobile rig hooked to an antenna. Did I forget to mention, I loaned my BNC to PL 259 RF adapter to the club president at the beginning of the hunt. Soooo, we crossed Rte. 22 and went to the Mickey De's. The hunt was to last July/August 2005

until sundown, by the time we all got back into the car, it was getting very dark. At that point, we gave up and asked for the location to the Fox.

3. Lessons learned? Always, always, always confirm that your equipment is working correctly before going on the hunt. Make sure the cables are longer than needed and that you need and that you have spare fuses. Don't let anyone tell others about your capabilities in fox hunting. I was told by my traveling companions that I was touted as the best the club had in DF just because I came in first 3 years ago! Before going to the Fox location, I had to profusely apologize to my traveling companions for wasting their time because Mr. Murphy had chosen to be a not so silent partner on this fateful trip.

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## **VE TEST SESSION**

VE testing sessions sponsored by TCRA and the Union County O.E.M will be held on Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## **TCRA/ARRL CHARTER OF AFFILIATION DOCUMENT**

Recently while moving some TCRA documents, etc. the Charter of Affiliation dated June 13, 1935 between TCRA and ARRL was rediscovered. The document has been scanned and a copy put up on the club web site at <http://www.w2li.org>. A point of special interest is the signature of then ARRL President: Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW.

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## **FIELD DAY 2005 PRELIMINARY RESULTS**


Although Field Day 2005 was abruptly cut short Sunday morning at about 9 by an uncooperative generator TCRA made 266 phone contacts. By the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting we should have the total score including bonus points. Note pictures from Field Day 2005 are on the clubs web site at <http://www.w2li.org>.



July 2005



# TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4  INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 7:00 PM VE TEST AT THE EOC 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	13	14	15	16
17	18 8:00 PM TCRA MEETING AT THE UNION ELKS "SHADOW TRAFFIC"	19 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	20	21	22	23
24	25 9:00 PM TCRA ON THE AIR MEETING - NJ5R 147.255 MHz	26 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	27	28	29	30
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August 2005



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>1</i> 8:00 PM TCRA MEETING AT THE YMCA "TBA"	<i>2</i> 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> 2:00 PM "FOX HUNT" START AT UNION ELKS	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> 8:00 PM TCRA MEETING AT THE UNION ELKS "TBA"	<i>16</i> 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> 9:00 PM TCRA ON THE AIR MEETING - NJ5R 147.255 MHz	<i>23</i> 8:30 PM SATERN NET 449.975 MHz	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
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