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Club Callsign

Meeting scheduled for Monday June 9, at the Salt Brook School Topics are Field Day and other Club Activities

Abbreviated Edition

As you all can see this is a very abbreviated issue of Spark Gaps. The pressure of time on your conductor, and the lack of input from members makes it a little difficult to get a full size issue out to all the members this month.

We have however had a great series of activities over the past couple of months, and even though things may slow down after Field Day, there will be plenty of Ham Radio related activities to keep us busy during the summer.

Those members and guests who attended the first May meeting will long remember the presentation by Jerry Sevick W2FMI. It was a Blockbuster meeting and Jerry



gave the same talk at Dayton later in the month. He will soon be able to join us on our Sunday night net since we are setting him up with a Stealth antenna. He has been invited to return for a club meeting in the fall and to present his work on short vertical ground plane antennas, for which he is internationally famous.



If you missed the second meeting in May, you missed out on Al's Birthday Cake. It disappeared real fast but not before we had the chance to explain to those present the meaning of the inscription "ARL Forty Six." If you don't know the meaning of this term, maybe you should find out!!

Club Meeting on Monday

This one is the Field Day preparation meeting, and everyone interested in participating in this annual activity is urged to be present. Field Day can be "all things to all people" but often appears to be just a great big picnic. But for those who want some serious operating time, under less than favorable conditions, in competition with some of the best Ham Operators in the world, this is the chance to do it.

Our Field Day site will be the same as last year, but if you want to have an input into the activities, better be at this meeting.

Last Meeting at the Library

On Monday June 23rd we will have our regular meeting at the Library. **THIS WILL BE THE LAST MEETING AT THIS LOCATION FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR.** The new construction project at the Library building is scheduled to commence in July, and the downstairs meeting room will not be available to us until the construction is completed.

Your executive committee has been considering alternate potential meeting places. Once the schools reopen in September it may be possible to have both monthly meetings at the Salt Brook School. However since the schools are not available in July or August, there will be some suggestions presented to the members for meetings during the summer.

New Providence July 4th

The annual July 4th celebration **will be held on July 3rd!!** NPARC's ERT will participate and make this a communications drill especially for those members who did not participate in the Memorial Day drill. Watch your e-mail for details.

Meeting Schedule

Regular Meeting: 7:30 - 10:00 PM
2nd Monday of each month at the
Salt Brook School Cafeteria
Springfield Ave. and Maple St.
New Providence.

4th Monday each month: 7:30 - 9:00
Informal Project Meeting, at the
New Providence Memorial Library
Elkwood Ave. and Academy St.
One Block North of Springfield Ave.

Everyone is Welcome

If a normal meeting night is a holiday
we usually meet the following night.
Call the contacts below.

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On the Air Activities

Club Operating Frequency
145.750 MHz FM Simplex
Sunday Night Phone Net
Whippany Repeater at 9:00 PM
Transmit on 147.63 MHz
Receive on 147.03 MHz
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RTTY Net

Sunday evenings 8:00 to 9:00 PM
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Climatological Data for the Watchung Mountain Area Provided by WB2QOQ, Month of May



	2003	2002
Maximum Temp.. °F:	78	82
Minimum Temp. °F:	39	35
Average Temp. °F:	57.14	57.9
Total Precip Rain (in.):	5.44	5.11

The above information was provided by WB2QOQ, who has been recording daily weather events at his station for the past 22 years.

Calendar of Coming Events

June 9th: **REGULAR MEETING** at Salt Brook School
Field Day Planning Meeting

June 23rd: **PROJECT MEETING** at the Library. This will be the last meeting held at the Library for at least one year. See the article on the first page.

June 28/29: **FIELD DAY**

July 3rd: New Providence July 4th Celebration.

Local Hamfests Coming

Raritan Valley R.C. Saturday June 21

Held at the Piscataway High School. For details see their web site at:
www.w2qw.org

Dayton Report

Some of you may have heard that the Dayton Hamvention isn't as much fun as it used to be. Is that ever a lie. We keep discovering new things about Dayton, and this year one of them was a terrific Mexican Cantina where many of our members and their friends gathered for a sociable evening. As most of us know, Dayton is more than a Flea Market!



Gathered around the table are (L-R) KB2FCV, Gary, N2JT, W2CGX, W2FMI, Kirsten, and KC2RLM. Behind the camera was K2JV.