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Board Meeting April 9, 2003

Membership Meeting April 11, 2003

NJ Has A PRB-1 Bill And Your Help Is Needed

From the Hudson Division Newsletter

Your help is needed to get action on our New Jersey antenna bill - A 3065 which was introduced last year by Assemblyman Matt Ahearn, KB2PNN, an ARRL member and NJ Assemblyman from Fair Lawn. Matt has informed us that we need to quickly send letters to Assemblymen Jerry Green chairman of the Housing and Local Government Committee and Speaker Albio Sires to get them to have a hearing on the bill and release it for a vote. Please get other hams who may not be ARRL members to write also. Talk up action at local ham clubs and on local repeaters. We have a very narrow window here. Please act now!

You can find a copy of the bill at <http://>

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Elections Are Coming

Annual elections for new officers to serve for the coming year will take place at the April meeting, April 11, 2003. All four officer positions are to be decided, as well as three trustees. The two remaining trustees with a year to go served as this year's nominating committee. They were Mike Varas, KC2CMC and Mike Grohol, KA2TOV.

As prescribed in the by-laws, a slate of candidates was presented at the March meeting, by KC2CMC. The pair will serve as the tally people at the April meeting.

All members whose dues are paid up are eligible to vote. Ballots will be mailed to all members next week, but only those submit-

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HAMFEST 2003

Have I got your attention?

It's that time of year again! The famous Cherryville Hamfest is scheduled for Saturday, March 15 at the North Hunterdon Regional High School. This is our primary fundraising event, and it takes everyone to pull it off successfully.

Committee chair people are already hard at work getting prepared. Elaine, N3ODB has agreed to chair the food concession, and has the menu already planned out.

Pete's getting requests for tables from vendors. The cards and letters have gone out to vendors and buyers alike, the word is on our web site, in QST, and on the repeater, and area newspapers will be publishing stories about the hamfest beginning this week. The Courier News published an article in the Sunday edition.

At the monthly CRA meeting, held a week earlier than usual, a full discussion of the hamfest was held to be sure we're all set.

Vendors will be able to get into the vending areas beginning at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday. The doors open to buyers at 8:00.

All club members are asked to participate in as much of the activity as they possibly can, beginning with Friday afternoon and evening setup. We expect to be able to get into the school by about 4:00 p.m. First thing we have to do is bring tables from the school's

storage area up to the vending area.

That's where we'll need one or two pickup trucks early in the afternoon. The few tables we are renting will also be delivered at 4:00 sharp.

There will be another group at the trailer around 3:00 on Friday, to retrieve a number of items we'll need for the hamfest.

Hopefully, we'll be all set up by 7:30 or 8:00 p.m., if we have enough bodies to get the job done. Which brings up another point. Even if you are not able to be there for the full event (we all sure hope you can be), we can use you during what ever time you can give. We'll take whatever you can give!

Again this year Joe Miketta will be here for SkyWarn training, and the disappointment was that Al Waller, K3TKJ, originator/owner of QSL.net and QTH.net had to bow out of his appearance this year due to a tough work schedule. We will, however have a team from the NJDXA checking QSL cards and providing information on their QSL card services.

There are also lots of prizes, including the top prize donated by Gene, K2KJI of KJI Electronics. Stop by on Saturday and say hi to Gene and tell him how much we appreciate his participation.

On Saturday there are lots of places for members to participate, either the full day or whatever you can spare. Several members are planning to take an

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Upcoming Public Service Events

July 4, 2003—Lebanon Boro Fourth of July Parade
MORE TO COME!

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upgrade test at the VE session, or get the SkyWarn training, so replacements are going to be needed. If you are just arriving later in the morning, check with W2CGX for an assignment. You will certainly be used somewhere!

One of the most important areas, of course, is clean up. A number of members have already indicated they'll be there, but we need every hand we can get. The tables have to be returned, the kitchen and vending areas cleaned up, and items need to go back to the trailer. Again the more we have helping, the faster it gets done. We have an excellent reputation with the school officials, and we sure intend to keep it that way.

Remember this is our one major fundraiser for the year. Success on Saturday, means a good year for the club and the repeaters we own and operate.

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www.njleg.state.nj.us/2002/Bills/A3500/3065_11.HTM

Please send two letters to the following two assemblymen. You may also want to send a copy to your own assemblyman. You can find addresses at: <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/abcroster.asp>

Please write to:

Assemblyman Jerry Green, The Deputy Speaker of the Assembly and Housing and Local Government Committee Chairman District Office: 17 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07060 telephone (908)-561-5757
Assemblyman Albio Sires, Speaker of the General

Assembly District Office: 303 58th Street, West New York, NJ 07093 telephone 201-854-0900

Below is a copy of a sample letter. Please customize it and add your own information where necessary. We hope that all of you will do this so that the letters do not appear to be form letters which are less effective.

This information also appears on the Hudson Division web page at <http://www.hudson.arrl.org>.

(Legislator's name)
(Address)
(District)
RE: A3065

(Date)

Dear Assemblyman,

As one of the thousands of New Jersey Amateur Radio Operators I ask for your support on A-3065. The proposed Bill will clarify municipal power to zone certain amateur radio antenna support structures. It codifies the Federal Communication Commission's PRB-1, which cites the need to reasonably accommodate Amateur Radio communications by federally licensed Amateur Radio Operators. The proposed Bill further states that "no governing body shall adopt zoning ordinances or regulations to prohibit construction, maintenance or use of an antenna and its support structure." Please work to have the Local Government Committee have a hearing on the bill as soon and possible and release it for a vote.

New Jersey Amateur Radio operators have contributed much to the State in times of need by volunteering their time and personal resources. The New Jersey Legislature, on December 12, 2002, recognized this sacrifice by presenting a Proclamation to all New Jersey Amateur Radio operators thanking them for supporting the World Trade Center Disaster.

With the required emphasis on emergency preparedness and Homeland Security New Jersey Amateur Radio Operators must have the proper tools to support their town, the state and the nation. An effective antenna and its support structure are a necessary tool to provide effective communication in times of need.

Having a hearing on the bill and releasing it for passage will insure that all of New Jersey's Amateur Radio Operators have the ability to support their community and the nation in an effective manner.

Very truly yours,
(Your name)

FROM THE PREZ...

Barry Campbell, W2CGX

We're still in the midst of winter and there's so much going on that it seems like it must be spring. The rash of snows recently sure brings the harsh reality that spring really isn't here after all!

The major project coming up, of course is the Hamfest. Lots of vendors have already signed up for table space, VE testing will be available, and Joe Miketta will hold another SkyWarn session. The one disappointment is that Al Waller, "Mr. QSL.net" won't be able to make the hamfest after all. He works for NASA, and has a project in the Bahamas that will take him out of the country.

On another area, club elections are coming up very soon, and Mike, KC2CMC and Mike, KA2TOV are the nominations committee, and will be looking for members to run for an office or one of the three trustee seats open this year. I encourage you to get involved and run for office, particularly if you are a new member. What better way to learn the inner workings of the club and to be able to contribute your ideas and views?

I know I'm breaking with tradition, but I must bow out of contention for a second year as president. A number of factors have brought me to this decision, including work and home schedules, health, and others. I will, however, remain a member of the board as the outgoing president as prescribed by the by-laws. This has been a very fulfilling year in many ways for me, with another winning Field Day, a super Awards Dinner, an expected super Hamfest, etc. I've had lots of support from the board and members, and I appreciate that very much. I expect to stay very active with this organization, I'm not ready to go away yet!

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ted by dues-paying members will be counted.

Anyone who wishes to toss his or her hat into the ring should contact either Mike by the Hamfest in order to have the name on the ballot. Further nominations could have been made at the March meeting, but there were none.

For the new members, the procedure is this: Your ballot will arrive with an added envelope inside. When your ballot is marked, you can seal it in the envelope, then mail it to the club's address on the envelope. Each envelope is numbered, with no return address of the sender. The number is used by the tally committee to verify the ballot is from a paid member.

Alternatively, members can bring their ballot to the April meeting, but all ballots MUST be submitted by 7:35 p.m. to be counted. Again, the number on the envelope will be checked to verify it was sent by an eligible voting member. The winners will be announced that evening after all votes are tallied.

Thanks in particular go to Mike, KC2CMC who put together the slate of candidates on short notice, and to all the members who agreed to participate by running for office.

The nominating committee's slate of candidates is:

For President

Charlie Seymour, KC2ISW

For Vice President

Elaine Kita, N3ODB

For Secretary

Pete Sneed, K2YSY
Bruce Campbell, N2SVK

For Treasurer

Bill Greenhalgh, W2NCN

3 Seats, Board Members

Tom Kachnowski, AB2FG
Gary DeMave, N2AUO
Brian Campbell, N2RDL
Ed Kita, N3MSK

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SkyWarn	N2VWL	(908) 475-4716	n2vwl@epix.net

NET SCHEDULE:

Hunterdon County Traffic and Emergency Net	Thursday, 8:00 PM	147.375
Races Net	1st Thursday, 8:30 PM	147.375
SkyWarn Net	Thursday 9:00 PM	147.015
HF Net	Tuesday 8:15 Meet first on:	147.375 Then to HF

MAJOR EVENTS:

W2CRA Hamfest	March 15, 2003	Talk-in 147.375
W2CRA Field Day	June 28/29, 2003	147.375

Community Service Through Communication

New Technician Class Underway

Lou, KB2VCI is off and running with Roberto, K2PA and the latest Technician class at the Red Cross chapter in Flemington.

It was nip and tuck there for a while, until two days before the start of the class there were just two signed up. Now there are 9, and the promise of two more to come. The snow caused cancellation of the second class, but things will resume again next week.

Most of the teaching positions are filled, but if you didn't get a chance to sign up to teach, you can contact Lou and he'll let you know what's available. We're looking for more new hams in May, when the VE testing for the class will take place, and hopefully new members too.

ISS Crew To Return To Earth Via Russian Soyuz Capsule

The all-ham crew aboard the International Space Station will return to Earth in early May via the Russian Soyuz escape vehicle. Appearing before the US House Science Committee February 27, NASA Chief Sean O'Keefe said that the 16 ISS partner countries have agreed to use the Russian capsule to ferry a new two-person crew to the station--one American and one Russian--and to bring the current three-man crew home. The shuttle fleet remains grounded in the wake of the Columbia tragedy.

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"There are no threats to the ISS or its crew in the near term, and we are working options to be able to sustain both over the long term," O'Keefe said in remarks prepared for delivery to the lawmakers. O'Keefe noted that the ISS would run short of potable water by June and that the Soyuz 5S vehicle now attached to the ISS will reach its lifetime limit in late April or early May and need to be returned. The fresh crew would remain in space until October, when a new crew would be sent up.

Swap & Shop

**Swap & Shop?!? We're going to the
Cherryville Hamfest instead!**

**March 15, North Hunterdon R.H.S.
Doors open: 6:00 for vendors
8:00 for buyers**

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