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Meeting – May 8th 2013

The regular monthly meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, April 10th, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, on Upper Ferry Road at Wilburtha Road in West Trenton. The site is easy to reach from I-95 or NJ-29. Talk-in is available on the 146.67 (PL 131.8) and 442.65 repeaters. The directors meeting is 1 hour earlier at the club shack.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of Apr.10, 2013

Directors meeting started at 6:40 pm

- 1.Mike Moreken took pictures of the tower on the ground at the shack to submit for sale on e-bay
- 2.Reminder of March of Dimes Walkathon at Mercer County Park on April 21st register at 8 starts at 9am
- 3.Work parties at shack 2nd Saturday, April, May and June
- 4.KD2CFR lapsed member rejoined
- 5.Ron submitted applications for state and national surplus item purchases
- 6.Reminder of Triathlon \$25 per person for 2 days-our best fund raiser
- 7.Discussion on reducing power costs at the shack-outdoor lighting survey, and reduce use of 220 volts at repeater for 12 volts output -- Consider a marine battery and an Astron power supply and solar power to charge battery and battery for repeater, battery on trickle charge.

Regular meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

- 1.Try to sell tower at shack on e-bay
- 2.March of Dimes event at Mercer County Park on Apr. 21 volunteers needed - registration at 8am, starts at 9am
- 3.Ron reports balance of \$1380.
- 4.Work party to attach ground cable at the roof at the shack
- 5.New member-KC2NIE-Robert Inzano
- 6.Lance will check for new hams in the area from ARRL
- 7.Lloyd.N2APC NE Relay 3pm 7162, 4pm 14325-TenTec certificate in shack, antenna check in
- 8.NAMI walk on May 18th 9-1pm at ETS campus on Rosedale Rd.
- 9.Tour de Cure at ETS campus July20-21, \$25 per member per day-best \$ raiser for the club!
10. Next program-Windows Server in May.

Submitted by Cal Moon KC2CKI

DVRA Nets

2-meter & 70-cm nets on the club repeaters 146.670 pl 131.8, 442.650 pl 131.8

2-Meter Nets:

The Pepper Net 10:00 PM Daily

Mercer Co. Emergency Net 7:30 PM Tuesdays KB2EGI, coordinator.

Training & Upgrade Classes

Don Wright, AA2F, periodically holds Technician and General classes.

Classes are held at various locations. Call Don at 609-737-1723 to register.

Logbook of The World

Mike AB2IO reports that the current W2ZQ LOTW stats

As of: 4/23/2013

Latest QSL matches 2/23/2013

SN3X	2007-11-25	23:36:37	40M	CW	7.06470	POLAND
VK3TZ	2006-10-29	07:45:23	20M	SSB	14.202	AUSTRALIA
IK2WZM	2006-10-28	20:37:50	20M	SSB	14.187	ITALY
W9CA	2012-06-24	16:15:48	20M	SSB	14.20000	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Fame and Fortune Await

Want to become rich & famous – write an article for the DVRA Beacon. Fame among local hams almost guaranteed – fortune is up to you (and your luck in Powerball). Deadline for submission is one week before the monthly meeting (that would make the deadline the first Wednesday of the month). For details contact Alex / AB2RC – ab2rc@ab2rc.net

Upcoming Events

NAMI Walks – May 18th

NAMI Walks for the National Alliance on Mental Illness on Saturday, May 18th. The Walk will be held completely within the ETS Campus off of Rosedale Rd. There is a website [NAMI/Mercer NAMI Walks](#). The event is a very small circuit limited by construction on the campus. The walkers will be making 3 loops of the course. NAMI/Mercer was glad to hear from us and hoped a couple of us could help with directing parking as well as the normal observation role we play. This is an ideal event if you only have a HT to use.

The Walk starts at 10am will be over by noon. Lunch follows till 1pm. We should arrive to setup 8am-ish and the folks helping with parking should be there at 8am, too. Those just operating during the event need to be there and checked-in by 9:30 am.

Tour de Cure – June 9th

American Diabetes Association on their Tour de Cure from Princeton New Jersey on June 9th. The ADA website for the event is: [Princeton Tour Web Site](#).

As of today, May 5th, there are already 461 riders signed-up with 5 weeks to go. Historically, this number shoots up as the date of the tour gets closer, and riders firm up their plans based in part on the weather forecast. The ADA is anticipating that there will be over 900 riders.

The Start/Stop location is again at the ETS campus. We will have at least 6 SAG vehicles (probably more) on the course and at least 1 more break area. The route maps are available online:

10 mile tour: <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/937787>

30 mile tour: <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/2305658>

62 mile (metric century) tour <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/2266057>

100 mile tour: [tour-de-cure 100 mile route](#)

I am moving to a computer based APRS mapping system for use on the day of the event. I will need to borrow some APRS trackers. I have 3. If you are working the event and can bring one or more APRS trackers, that would be great.

Let me know how you would like to support the event. I will have sign-up sheets at the next general meeting on May 8th.

Thanks,

Mark, N2KIV