



THE TARABLE FACTS

TROY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

JULY, 1992

This issue of the Tarable Facts marks the second anniversary of the Troy Amateur Radio Association. With this edition, Tom, N2CKV and Barbara, N2LCD have agreed to take over as co-editors. We thank Steve, WA3RKB, who has been the editor since the very first edition for the great job and accomplishments during this past year.

It has been a while since the newsletter has been issued so we decided to send out this transition edition in rough format. As we acquire desktop publishing capability, we will change the format. We also intend to change the focus of the Tarable Facts somewhat. We believe that the CDARC bulletins and the many ham radio publications available provide a wealth of information about general amateur radio happenings. We would like to focus this newsletter almost exclusively on items of specific interest to our members. We feel that the Tarable Facts must reflect the membership. It is after all your newsletter.

So look for news on club meetings, club sponsored events, our repeater and our membership. We will be asking Mr. Bill, NY2U, to write a regular monthly President's column. We intend to add a for-sale column that members may use to sell or swap their equipment. For newcomers to the club, we will have a Ham tips section. We will of course continue to include information on VE sessions, upgrades, hamfests dates and other items of club interest. We would most welcome any ideas, articles, suggestions, criticism, etc. from members at any time. In the final analysis, each of you are the editors of the Tarable Facts.

Please note that we have a new Club address for receiving mail. All correspondence related to the newsletter should be addressed to:

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MEMBERSHIP ROSTER/DUES

TARA began in May, 1991 with a group of hams who wanted an alternative to existing clubs. It has grown steadily since then. All of us are very pleased with the progress the club has made this year. We now have our own repeater, held our first field day, participated in contests and increased our member base. While we accomplished a lot this year, there is lots more we want to do. We need every member's support. It is time for many of us to pay our annual dues to continue to support the club. We realize these are hard economic times and funds are in short supply but we do need the dues. If you cannot pay all at once, work out a plan with Dave, WB2HKR, to pay in installments. We have included a current membership roster with this issue for your reference. Keep it close by for your use and please remember to pay your dues.

REPEATER UPDATE

John, WA1YXQ and Bob, N2LUD have relocated the club repeater (449.225 Mhz) from its former location in North Greenbush to a site in the Helderbergs, east of Albany. They invite everyone to get on and try the repeater and most importantly let them know how you're hearing it. This may not be the final site as several other locations are also being considered. John and Bob apparently will not rest until they find the ultimate site for all the club members to work the repeater with their with HT's. We are with you guys-- keep up the good work!

NEW OFFICERS

At the June Annual Association Business Meeting, new officers of TARA were elected. They begin their term with the August meeting and all of us wish them the best. We also extend our appreciation to those who served in a position during the past year.

OFFICERS:

President:	Bill Eddy, NY2U	273-9248
Vice President:	Jack Culliton, N2LBZ	271-6763
Secretary:	Marilyn Davis, KB2JZI	272-0112
Treasurer:	Dave Pascale, WB2HKR	785-5040
Sgt at Arms:	Skip Wilson, KE2XF	664-4521

DIRECTORS:

Steve Anderman, WA3RKB	439-4519
Rudy Ault, KB2JZK	271-7282
Ken Davis, KB2KFV	272-0112
Bud Hovey, WF2B	283-2337

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

Newsletter Editors:

Barbara Agneta, N2LCD
Tom Articola, N2CKV

Repeater Liaison: Bob Isby, N2LUD

Repeater Technical Advisors: Dave Edwards, WA2GBO
John Pritt, WA1YXQ

Membership Committee: Bruce Roberts, KA2HRM

Contest Coordinator: John Clement, KA2VBI

These are your officers. Contact them with any gripes, suggestions, praise, compliments. They will listen!

JUNE MEETING SUMMARY

All of us met at Bill Eddy's home for the June Business Meeting. As noted earlier in the newsletter, we elected officers for the coming year. We agreed upon amendments to the Association By-Laws, and we finalized the order for name badges. Field day was discussed as well as future plans for an additional 440 repeater.

FIELD DAY

TARA participated in its very first field day on June 28-29. By all accounts the event was a huge success. No, we didn't break any records for the ENY section but that isn't what we are about. We set up antennas, got the generator running, operated three stations and did what we do best --enjoyed each other's company. Those of us who attended and the majority of club members were present at least some point during the weekend had a ball. Saturday was rainy and windy but we were treated to a beautiful Sunday.

Thanks to Kenny's efforts, TARA got very good press coverage for both days as well as film footage on Channel 13. An unfortunate earthquake in California early Sunday morning interrupted our contesting causing us to shift over to 20 meters to monitor health and welfare messages. This brought Channel 13 back to our location and we were given the opportunity to inform the general public just how useful amateur radio can be in an emergency ---its what field day is all about.

Regardless of the final club score, all of us thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and we are looking forward to next year. We want to express our special thanks to Skip, KE2XF, June, KA2VEK, Rudy, N2JZK, and Dorothy, KB2LGA for the superb job they did in coordinating the field day effort. We also want to thank the members who brought the delicious food that we all ate too much of.

Last, but certainly not least, TARA extends its appreciation to the following retailers who made generous donations of food or materials to our effort:

Popeyes Hoosick Street Troy
Mullins Rigging and Hauling
Pizza Hut (5th Avenue)
Sunnys Deli, Albany
City of Troy
Tony's Sycaway Subs
Hoosick Street Beverage
Predigers Bakery, Green Island
Densmores

Rumor has it that a Club picnic is in the works. Stay tuned for details.

CONTEST CORNER

August 1-2 ARRL UHF Contest
August 1-2 Ten International Net Summer Phone QSO Party
August 11-12, CQ World Wide VHF WPX Contest
August 29-30 Empire State QSO Party - Albany ARA

MEETING NOTICE

The July meeting of TARA will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 1992 at the home of NY2U. There will be a board meeting at 7:00 followed by the general meeting at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Talk-in will be available on 147.27 or 449.225.

UPCOMING VE SESSIONS

The joint Albany ARA and TARA VE Teams will conduct examinations for all classes of license per the following schedule:

Wednesday, July 15, 1992 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 19, 1992 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 10, 1992 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, November 14, 1992 9:00 a.m.

All sessions will be held at the RPI campus in Troy, Room 3051 of the CII Building. Absolutely no admittance after the times given above so be sure to arrive early. Check radio station WGY in the

TARA MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

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Michael O'Brien		389 5th Avenue Troy, NY 12182	518-235-9502
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John Pritt	WA1YXQ	PO Box 12502 Schaghticoke, NY 12303	518-753-6231
Bruce Roberts	KA2HRM	2 Eastview Drive Ravena, NY 12143-1603	518-756-8996
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Frederick Wilcox	N2KFR	1535 Hermance Road Galway, NY 12074-9711	518-882-1238
Skip Wilson	KE2XF	112 Hillside Colony Park Stillwater, NY 12170-9759	518-664-4521

event of late cancellations. Also, to assist the VE's, remember to bring to the exam the following: proper identification, current license and photocopy of license, original CSCE's and cash or check for \$5.40. For additional information, contact either Bill, NY2U at 273-9248 or Bud Hovey, WF2B, at 283-2337.

REPEATER NETS

Traders Net	147.27	Thursdays, 9:30	EDT
CDRN	146.94	Daily	6:30 EDT
Albany Co Races	147.12	Tuesdays	7:15 EDT
Renn. Co. Races	147.18	Wednesdays	7:30 EDT

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations go out to Clayton, KB2LSQ for reaching the half century mark (though some would argue he's been there for the last 10 years). He was treated to a surprise party by his family and all who attended had a good time.

(Ed. note.) Please let us know about other member's birthdays or events significant to them so we can give them proper recognition in future newsletters.

TEE SHIRTS

The club tee shirts have finally arrived. If you have ordered some and have not yet picked them up please contact Mr. Bill to make arrangements for pick-up. The cost is \$7.00.