



THE TARABLE FACTS

TROY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER, 1992

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 15, 1992, 7:30 P.M. TALK IN 147.27 OR 449.225 FOR LOCATION.

AMATEUR RADIO PUBLIC AWARENESS DAY IS SEPTEMBER 19, 1992

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Bill Eddy, NY2U

No information provided this month.

NEWCOMER'S NOOK

The following is a continuation of information for new hams. Also in another section of this newsletter, there is a listing of handy telephone numbers of radio suppliers.

ARRL APPOINTMENTS

TARA is an American Radio Relay League (ARRL) affiliated club. We are located in the Hudson Division which is headed by Steve Mendelsohn, WA2DHF. The Division consists of three sections. We are located in the Eastern New York (ENY) section headed by Paul Vydareny, WB2VUK, Section Manager.

Section Manager (SM) - has the authority to make a number of leadership appointments to ARRL full members in the eastern NY section. Below is a listing of some of the major positions, what they consist of, and the incumbent.

Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) - position is responsible for all matters pertaining to emergency communications and ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services). Robert Schaps, WB2NVR, 149 Brewster Rd. Scarsdale, NY.

Section Traffic Manager (SM)- coordinates the activities of all traffic nets in the section. Tom Cody, WE2G, RFD 1, Box 451, Germantown, NY.

Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC)- the contact and resource person for amateur clubs in the section. Millie Feeny, KV2A, 5 Cosea Drive, Saratoga Springs, NY.

Bulletin Manager (BM)- responsible for recruiting and supervising a team of Official Bulletin stations. Allan Sniffen, WB2IXR, 49 Wood Road, Bedford Hills, NY.

Official Observer/RFI Coordinator (OO)supervises Official Observers and provides assistance to amateurs in the section on RFI problem solving. Bob Wilson, N2DVQ, 2 Soundview Avenue, White Plains, NY.

State Government Liaison (SGL)- collects and disseminates information on state laws/regulations affecting amateur radio and represents the interests of amateur radio at governmental levels. Phil Bradway, KB2HQ, 1119 Hedgewood Lane, Schenectady, NY.

In addition to the above, there are numerous field appointments that are available to ARRL members; Emergency Coordinators (EC), Official Relay Station (ORS), Official Bulletin Station (OBS), Official Observer (OO's) etc. For additional information, contact Paul Vydareny, WB2VUK.

FEEDBACK:

We received some feedback from Fred, N2KFR on the article in the last issue on Repeater Operating Tips:

Bashing CBers Again

While reading the August, 1992, The Tarable Facts, I came across the article, Repeater Operating Tips.

I am guilty of #7 frequent pauses. But #5, Q signals/Phonetics/Jargon/look out CBers, the hams are after you again! "The use of CB terminology such as 10 codes should not be used."

I wish someone would find out where the CBers got the 10 codes from so we could say, "You sound like the_?_." How about (Roger?)"You sound just like a pilot." Nobody says that, so why are we bashing just the CBers?

Also, in #5, it says, "The idea is to talk as you would normally talk to another. Well, maybe QTH is normal. I've heard hams off the air ask other hams, "Where is your QTH?" So maybe the Q's are normal to some people.

I hope someday the hams will stop bashing the good CBers.

Again from Galway,

N2KFR, Fred

Ed. note: Fred, there was no intent to bash CBER's with the article. Many of us began in CB radio and we're proud of it. The intent of the article was to identify common practices (not rules) to assist newcomers. While CBER's do not use "Q" signals on CB because it is not the practice, we recommend that hams do not use 10 signals on VHF/UHF because it is not the practice. The bottom line is to use the practices you feel comfortable with.

REPEATER UPDATE

Bob, N2LUD, informs us that the Club Repeater was reinstalled at the Helderberg Site during July. The repeater was taken down to rebuild its squelch circuit. As part of the upgrade project, a new Celwave Antenna with 6db gain was installed at the very top of the 135 foot tower. Conditions at the site during the installation were marginal with much wind and rain, making the tower climbing a very unpleasant task. All of us thank the intrepid team of WA1YXQ, N2LUD and KB2LNG for their dedication.

The team was given moral support and encouragement from N2SHA. Given the work that has been done to improve the coverage, all of us should get on 449.225 more frequently and make use of it. On some evenings, the repeater is as quiet as too many other machines in the area!!.

AUGUST MEETING RESULTS

We all met at Mr. Bill's house on August 18, for the monthly meeting. Fred, N2KFR talked about the upcoming VHF contest in September and those who are interested in participating should contact him. Kenny, KB2KFV, discussed the sale of Dine-a-mate to obtain additional funds for the Club. Bob talked about the repeater. John, KA2VBI is looking for volunteers for the Troy Parade on September 13, 1992. Mr. Bill reminded everyone to please pay their dues and he's looking for volunteers to chair the Activities Committee and the Refreshment Committee. Orders for club name tags has been delayed so those who placed orders and do not want to wait can request refunds from WA2IWW.

CLUB PICNIC

The first TARA club picnic was held Sunday, August 23 at The Brunswick Town Beach. The event was a huge success with enough food to feed an army. Special thanks to Brian, KB2LTU in securing a beautiful site, the food patrol, Dorothy, KB2LGA, Rudy, N2JZK, TARA's resident chef, and Clayton, KB2LSQ, for providing the cookers, June, KA2VEK, Skip, KE2XF, (The ice man) Betty, N2POS, Paul, N2PEN, for the famous brownies, Clayton and Jimmy brought the Rensselaer RACES Communications Van. And last but not least thanks to the big guy up above for giving us a beautiful warm and sunny day. There is even talk that this may become an annual event.

OFFICERS

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Fred Wilcox, N2KFR

NEWS FROM OTHER CLUBS

FROM SARA:

The SARA Annual Henry Primm Boughton Award was presented at the June meeting. The recipient is Dan Whelan, WB2WHD who has been an active participant, promoter, and instructor for Amateur Radio for many years. Congratulations to Dan on receiving this most cherished award from the Schenectady Amateur Radio Association.

New Contest Chairman: The Schenectady Amateur Radio association congratulates Joe Clement, K2UF, for being the new Contest Chairman.

FROM ARA:

Fall Novice Course Planned: W2XM will be teaching a Novice Class course on Thursday evenings through South Colonie Continuing Education. It will be a 10 week course beginning in mid September. Further information is available by contacting Bob Raffaele, W2XM at 459-8435.

FROM RVWARS:

Rip Van Winkle Club - will be sponsoring Novice, Tech and Tech/HF classes beginning on September 23 at 7 P.M. at the Ichabod Crane Middle School. This will be an 8 week course, 7 weeks of instruction and the last week a VE session. For additional information contact Dr. Dave, WD2K at 732-7532 or call the school at 758-7676.

They will also hold their monthly club meeting on September 21, 1992 at the John L. Edward School in Hudson, Talk-in on 147.21.

HAMFEST

The Saratoga County RACES Assn. is sponsoring their annual hamfest on September 12 from 7 am to 5 pm at the

Fairgrounds in Ballston Spa. Each year it gets bigger and bigger so plan on attending. Admission is \$4.00 and includes a tailgate spot. Tables are \$5.00. VE sessions will also be conducted. For information, directions or location for VE session, contact Dave Atwell, N2FEP on the 147.00 or 147.24 repeater. TARA will have a booth at the hamfest.

VE SESSIONS

The joint VE team from the Albany ARA and Troy ARA have scheduled exam sessions for all classes of Amateur Radio license at RPI, Troy for the following dates:

October 10th	Saturday	9:00 a.m.
November 14th	Saturday	9:00 a.m.

Exams will be held in the CII building, Room 3051. Doors open one half hour before the exam. No one is admitted after exam start time. Please bring an original license and a photocopy, two forms of identification, any original CSCE's and \$5.40. Contact Bill Eddy, NY2U or Bud Hovey, WF2B for further details.

WEEKLY NETS

Net	Freq	Times
CDRN	146.94	Daily 6:30 p.m.
Traders	147.27	Thurs 9:30 p.m.
Ren Races	147.18	Weds 7:30 p.m.
Albany Races	147.12	Tues 7:15 p.m.
Aviation	146.94	Sun 9:00 p.m.
Columbia		
Co Races	147.21	Thurs 7:00 p.m.
Saratoga		
ARES	147.24	Sun 8:30 p.m.

Editors Note: Congratulations to the Traders Net - it celebrated its 1st Birthday on August 27, 1992.

Albany County RACES will hold classes for Novice, Tech, Tech H/F and **General** on Thursdays beginning September 17 at the Cohoes Kwannis Club 71 Columbia Street. For further information contact Bob, WB2ZCM at 518 237-8473.

CONTEST CORNER

Sept 12-14 ARRL September VHF QSO party. From 1800 UTC Saturday, September 12 to 0300 UTC Monday, September 14. All authorized frequencies above 50 MHz.

Sept 26-27 CQ World Wide RTTY DX Contest

Oct 17-18 1992 ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) This is not a contest but is an opportunity for hams to practice their skills for emergency communications (e.g. Hurricane Andrew). To get involved, contact your local ARES group.

PUBLICATION DEADLINE

In order to issue the Tarable Facts in advance of our monthly meeting date, a deadline of the 1st of each month has been set. So, if have any information or articles you would like to see published, please forward to the Editors, TARA, PO Box 584, Latham, NY 12110, no later than the first of each month. Also, information may be sent via packet to N2LBZ at WA2UMX-5 (144.95) We've heard from Mr. Bill that each month at least one member receives a shredded copy of the newsletter thanks to the postal service. Since Mr. Bill has to contact the editors to send out another copy to the member, it wastes time. So if you do not get a "readable" copy, please let us know directly and we'll send you out a copy very quickly.

SQUELCH TALES

Two local hams received quite a surprise when visiting a fellow club member. Seems the treasurer conserves on everything, including clothes. So be sure to call ahead before stopping in to review the club accounts or you might get a unexpected surprise.

While staying in Long Island in late August I heard a strong station with a familiar sounding voice coming into the 147.045 Asbury Park machine. It was none other than Fred, N2KFR operating from his Galway location.

Jerry, please be nice to the Albany PD and shut that "scanner" off. None of us can afford bail money.

I suggest we all pay attention to the Sergeant-at-Arms at future TARA meetings so he doesn't get ulcers trying to keep the noise level down. Lets give him a break.

Just as we were going to press with this issue, we heard some very happy news. Bob, N2LUD and Elena, N2SHA announced their engagement with a wedding date of June, 1993. We congratulate them and wish them the very best.

INTERESTING STATISTICS:

From 1/1/92 to 6/30/92 28,278 new amateur licenses were issued; 20,822 technicians, 7,046 novice and 410 other classes. There are now more than 571,000 licensed hams in the USA.

FOR SALE COLUMN

Bearcat Model 950XLT, 100 Channels with full 800 MHZ coverage. Service manual and AC Adapter included \$185. Call Tom, N2CKV, 785-5050