



THE TARABLE FACTS

TROY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER, 1992

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 17, 1992, 7:30 P.M. TALK IN ON 147.27 OR 449.225 FOR LOCATION: GREEN ISLAND MUNICIPAL BUILDING, GREEN ISLAND, NY

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Bill Eddy, NY2U

No information provided this month.

NEWCOMER'S NOOK

Each evening at 6:30 p.m., the Capital District Repeater Net (CDRN) meets for the purpose of passing traffic (messages) into and out of the Capital District. The net meets on the 146.34/94 repeater each day except for the last day of the month when it meets on the 147.78/18 repeater. This article will discuss the relationship of the CDRN to the larger National Traffic System (NTS) and how each of you may participate in it.

The NTS is a large interconnected system of ARRL - Affiliated and independent nets throughout the country that assist in the movement of traffic from one location to another. The NTS is a hierarchial system which begins with local nets covering a small geographic area to sectional nets covering larger geographical areas to regional nets that encompass still larger localities and then to area nets. The local nets are generally found on VHF/UHF and as the geographical coverage increases, area and section traffic



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nets are found on HF. Within the network, most amateur modes are used for traffic handling from CW, SSB and FM to the digital modes.

The CDRN begins each evening with the Net Control Station(NCS) identifying the purpose of the net, and his/her name and location. Next the NCS will begin the check-in routine, first requesting other net representatives to check in, then repeater representatives and then stations with traffic. If you have traffic for a distant location, this is your opportunity to check in. You would respond to the call for stations with traffic with, "This N2XXX, traffic, one piece for California". Net Control will acknowledge your traffic and request you to stand by. At some point during the net, a station who is going to a regional or section net will volunteer to take your traffic to one of these nets. Net control will request that station to call you to pick up your traffic. In response to the call, you will pass the traffic and the receiving station will acknowledge receipt of the traffic.

Later in the evening, your California traffic will be passed to someone representing a larger net and so on until it is passed to its final destination. Traffic destined for the Capital District from some other location would work in the reverse. The traffic would be passed down from large traffic nets to a smaller net like the CDRN. Again the CDRN NCS will frequently ask if someone on the net can pickup and deliver traffic to Albany, Troy, Hoosick or some other local spot. If you are able to deliver it by telephone, etc. to the identified city, let NCS know by stating at the appropriate time, "N2XXX can take the Troy Traffic. Once you pick it up, it becomes your responsibility to ensure its delivered in a timely manner.

Checking into a traffic net like the CDRN is fun and everyone is willing to help a newcomer get his/her feet wet. After a few check-ins, you rapidly become one of the

regulars. Try it!

BOARD MEETING:

The Next Board meeting for TARA is November 10, 1992, 7:30 p.m.

REPEATER UPDATE

Information not provided by Bob, N2LUD for this month.

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Fred Wilcox, N2KFR

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 date:

November 14th Saturday 9:00 a.m.

An additional schedule of exams will resume some time beginning in January of 1993.

The exam 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.

Other Available VE sessions:

Saratoga County RACES Association Inc. will conduct its next test session on Saturday, December 12 at 9:00 a.m. at the Solar Building in Ballston Spa. There is no pre-registration required. Contact for the exam is Jim Polewczak, KG2H at 695-6878.

WEEKLY NETS

For your information, the following are some of the Capital District nets on VHF/UHF. Take the time to check into them. They all welcome your participation.

Net	Freq	Times
CDRN	146.94	Daily 6:30 p.m.
YL Net	146.94	Mon 8:00 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.

TARA NETS

Traders Net	147.27	Thurs	9:00 p.m.
Digital Net	147.27	Wed	8:30 p.m.
Ragchewers	28 mhz	Sun	7:30 p.m.

YL NET

Calling all YL's, a new net is being held on 146.94 at 8:00 p.m. Mondays beginning November 2, 1992. Check in and meet some interesting people. For further information contact Kathy Casey at 462-9487.

CDARC BULLETINS

The following is a listing of when and where the CDARC bulletins may be heard. They always contain interesting and informative items; so tune in.

Freq	Monday	Thursday
145.19, 147.27	7:00 PM	5:00 PM
146.82, 224.14, 224.42, 444.0, 447.225	7:15 PM	5:15 PM
147.00 & 147.06	7:30 PM	5:30 PM
146.91, 147.12	7:45 PM	5:45 PM
146.76, 147.18, & 442.2	8:00 PM	6:00 PM

CONTEST CORNER

Sweepstakes- By now the CW portion will have concluded. This gives us plenty of time to whip the Rippers for the Phone portion on November 21-22. Contact Walt WA1KKM or Sue, N2LBR at 456-3637 evenings before 9:30 p.m. for club entries and additional information.

November 28-29 CQ World Wide DX Contest

December 12-13 ARRL 10 meter contest phone and cw.

MEETINGS

SOVARC MEETING:

The Southern Vermont ARC meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Bennington Public Library, Bennington VT. Stop over some time to visit Micky, N1JIF and the group.

SARA:

The Schenectady Amateur Radio Association meets the first Monday of each month at Schenectady High School(formerly Linton H.S.) in Schenectady, NY. Talk-in on 147.06.

RVWARS

The November meeting of the Rip Van Winkle Club will be held on November 16, 1992. The program will consist of a demonstration of antique radio equipment by N2EUT and N2ZNO. Talk-in on the 147.21 repeater.

ALBANY

They will hold their next meeting on Friday, November 13 at the Colonie Community Center in Albany. Talk-in on 145.19.

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.

SQUELCH TALES

We extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Clayton, KB2LSQ who recently underwent outpatient surgery.

Look for John, KA2VBI to be putting a real strong signal out on HF now that he has a tower and big beam antenna.

We heard that the Schenectady Museum Amateur Radio Association (SMARA) is back in full swing. Pete, WB2FWK is doing a good job revitalizing that operation.

Congratulations to Tony Pazolla, WB2BEJ on his recent appointment as Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) Good choice for a difficult job.

Seems like everyone's putting up loop antennas these days. Could it be someone is onto a good thing.

We understand there are several TARA members making weekly trips to Cohoes to study for General upgrades. Good luck to all of you! Maybe now is the time to restart that CW net--hint hint Dave.

We see that the Rippers Club have decided to issue printed membership cards. We think this is a long overdue action, since its been very awkward for the members to have to identify themselves with the labels their mummies sewed on their clothing.

FOR SALE

NX 1000 printer, \$125 Contact Jack, WA2YBM - 869-1074.

ARRL/VEC SESSIONS

The following are the results of the October test session held at RPI in Troy, NY. The session was conducted by the joint Albany ARA and Troy ARA VE teams. (Courtesy of Bud, WF2B)

October 10, 1992

<u>Name</u>	<u>Call</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Lake, Kimball L.	N2BOA	General	Advanced
Brown, Roger G.	N9NBQ	T/HF	General
Rutkowski, Jeff N	KB2NFL	T/HF	General
Kroth, Eric J	None		General
Skee, Janet	KA2JZC	Novice	T/HF
Moeller, Thomas C.	None		T/HF
Reed, Eric H.	None		Tech
Patrick, James A.,Sr.	None		Tech
Backhaus, Rita	None		Tech
Rea, Linda A.	None		

We extend to all the above our congratulations.