



MORE THAN A CLUB, WE ARE FAMILY!

# THE TARA NEWS

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## TARA MEMBERS HONORED FOR 50 YEARS OF LICENSED OPERATION!!

You read that right, 50 years

years!! These individuals were honored at the June regular meeting of the Troy Amateur Radio Association.

Tony Pazzola, W2BEJ



Steve Vansickle, WB2HPR



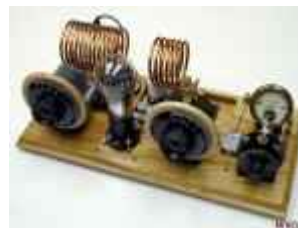
Steve (WB2HPR) and Tony (W2BEJ) cut the 50 Year Club Cake as Dick (W2ABY) and Karen (KS2O) look on.

Shelly Perry, WB2DGE (no photo available)

There may be a couple of others out there who also passed the 50 year mark as amateur radio operators. Don't be shy. Please let us know.

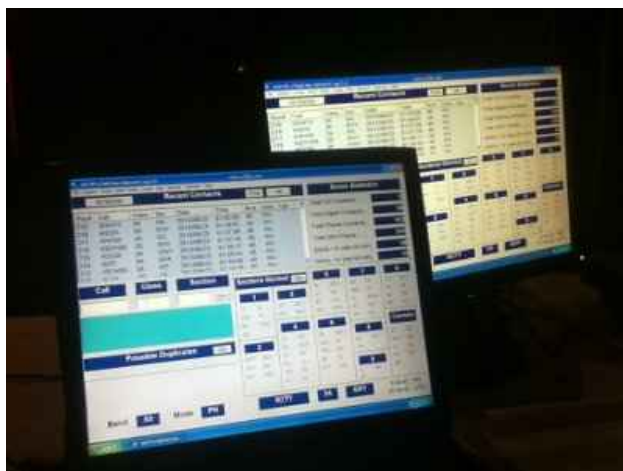
### Congratulations to our Half Century "Hams"!!

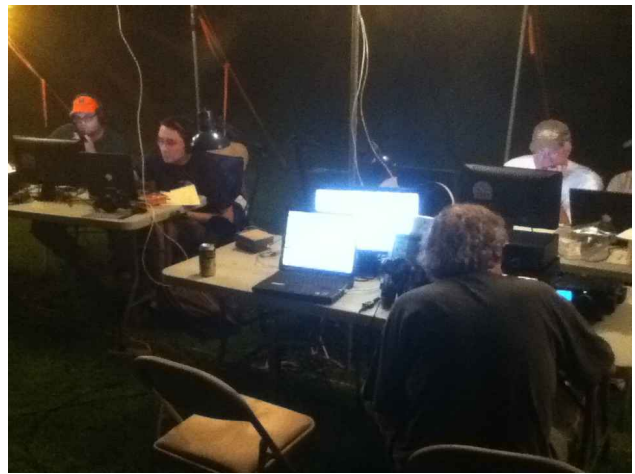
The Troy Amateur Radio Association proudly announces three Amateur Radio Operators who have been "Hams" for 50



# FIELD DAY 2013

*in the best and only way to  
do it: In Pictures*





**THANKS TO  
ALL WHO  
HELPED OUT  
AND TO  
THOSE IN  
ATTENDANCE**



## **OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2014-2015**

**These are the officers and directors for 2014-2015.**

**They are:**

**President - Karen Smith,  
KS2O**

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Stein, KL7TJZ**

**Secretary - Beth Whiting,  
KC2BSC**

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**Steve Kopecky, KF2WA '14**

**Mike Styne, K2MTS '14**

**Dick Neimeyer, W2ABY '15**

**Roy Warner, N2OWC '15**

**Margaret Warner, N2PEK  
'14**

## **Huge Tracking Dish to Become Available for EME Through Efforts of OMARC and InfoAge Museum**

Posted on by [Mike](#), N2YBB, July 12, 2013

The [InfoAge](#) Science History Museum in Wall Township, New Jersey, plans to make a 60 foot tracking dish antenna available to hams for moonbounce, secondary to its function as a radiotelescope. It was on the InfoAge site, then part of Fort Monmouth, that the US Army's "Project Diana" team in 1946 first received radio signals bounced from the moon. According to InfoAge's [Martin Flynn](#), W2RWJ, Daniel Marlow, K2QM, an InfoAge board member who teaches physics at Princeton, wants to use the dish, currently under rehabilitation after being dormant since the 1970s, to pursue radio astronomy for instructional purposes. Marlow's primary goal is to restore the [TLM-18](#) dish antenna to working order and use it to see the 21 centimeter radiation from the Milky Way. But he also wants to observe radio pulsars, and since that activity can be performed at 70 centimeters, the TLM-18 will be made available to the Amateur Radio community for EME at 432 MHz on a secondary basis. The dish, adjacent to the Ocean Monmouth Amateur Radio Club's ([OMARC](#)) N2MO at InfoAge, offers a gain of 35 dBi at 465 MHz. Project Diana occupied the building housing N2MO, Flynn noted. The after-effects of Hurricane Sandy continue to hinder the dish rehab project; power on the InfoAge campus remains out since the storm last year, and the facility is running on generator power. "It has slowed down the efforts at putting the TLM-18 back into service but has not stopped them," Flynn said, noting that OMARC members have been behind the project from Day One. It's hoped the dish will be ready for service next year.

# SPECIAL EVENT STATION HELD LAST APRIL AT HOME OF SAMUEL MORSE TO HONOR THE 222nd ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BIRTH

On Saturday, April 27th, 2013 The QSY Society operated special event station W2M from the front porch of Samuel F.B. Morse's historic mansion. The mansion, an Italianate-style villa, is located on the grounds of Locust Grove, Poughkeepsie, NY about 100 miles north of New York City. Morse built his mansion in 1847, three years after he invented the electrical telegraph. Nearly penniless at the time of the invention, the proceeds enabled him to acquire Locust Grove, build his mansion, and return to his first love which was painting. Thus, the villa is often referred to as "the house that the telegraph built."

Watch video here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=40NMs-X25N8>

## NOW IS THE TIME

How many times have we dropped everything and spent hours passing traffic during a real emergency, willingly, with no expectation of recognition or thanks? How often have we told the sponsors of a public service event, "yes, we can provide communications for you! You don't have to rent expensive Nextels that never work. And, of course, we do it for free!"

How many times?

- Superstorm Sandy
- Hurricane Irene
- Floods

- Skywarn activations
- Shelter operations
- Great Northeast Blackout
- 9/11
- New York City and Long Island Marathons
- Run for the Wounded Warriors
- Operation Santa
- Countless 'Athons' and public service events in every community

We have always served our communities selflessly. Not because it is required of us, but because we want to.

Right now we face threats to our ability to help others, threats that we would never have imagined a mere decade ago. We have seen our rights eroded on both the state and federal level, including:

- Threats to our spectrum.
- Cell phone and distracted driving laws that fail to clearly exempt Amateur Radio.
- No PRB-1 law on the books in New Jersey and New York.
- Conditions, Covenants & Restrictions in housing developments in all of the 50 states that choke our ability to operate where we live.
- Lack of support on the federal level.

There is no clear advocate for us in Congress. No Barry Goldwater leading the charge to protect Amateur Radio. And certainly, no one on a state level who champions our cause.

**Now is the time to put the goodwill we have generated from our acts of service to work for us.**

It is imperative that we cultivate the relationships we have created in our communities. Too often we're not even aware of the political importance of the people and groups we serve. This is a critical mistake that must be corrected now!

We are constituents. We have a voice. We **MUST** use it!

We have to become actively political, not just passive letter writers. This approach can and will insure our future as hams. It is our duty to fight to defend our spectrum and our antennas. Without them, we're not hams, we're SWLs! It is our responsibility to fight for our right to operate mobile.

The only way to do this is through legislation. Otherwise we will continue to see our rights erode over time. What then will we be able to pass on to future hams?

Let's not kid ourselves. This is a time-consuming effort that will take a while to bear fruit. It will require a coordinated effort throughout the Division. We need to develop a strategy that involves recruiting and training volunteer activists who will work with our legislators in pursuit of our goals.

We must do this, and it must start today. I am asking each of you to please provide me with the following information:

1. Who are your state representatives?
2. Who are your Representatives in Congress?
3. Are you politically active in your community? In what way?
4. Party affiliation?
5. Do you personally know any legislator? Who? Can you get us an appointment to see this legislator?
6. Do you know someone (other than yourself) who can introduce us to a legislator? Who?

This information will be used to develop a database that will show us our assets and liabilities as we form our game plan. Our goal: the strengthening of our ability to obtain legislation that supports Amateur Radio's needs.

There is no quick-fix! This is a long term process which I believe will allow us, over time, to develop the political relationships we need in New York and New Jersey that will protect Amateur Radio well into our second century as hams.

I don't have all the answers, but I do see the

problem with the way we've approached these issues over the past decade. It's not insurmountable, and I believe in my heart that this can be done! It will require a strong team of dedicated people devoted to the task of making change. I ask for your help.

Please think about this and take the time to respond.

73,

Mike, N2YBB, ARRL Hudson Division  
Director



Thanks Bill, W2XOY

