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BEST FIELD DAY EVER!!!

What Field Day is All About



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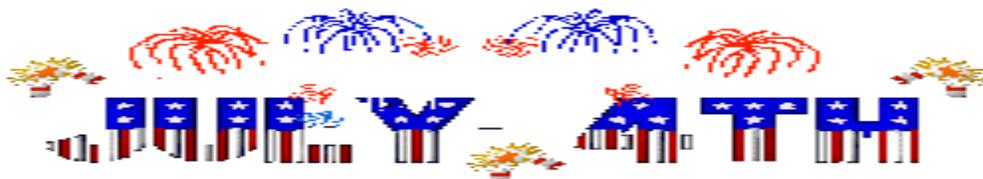
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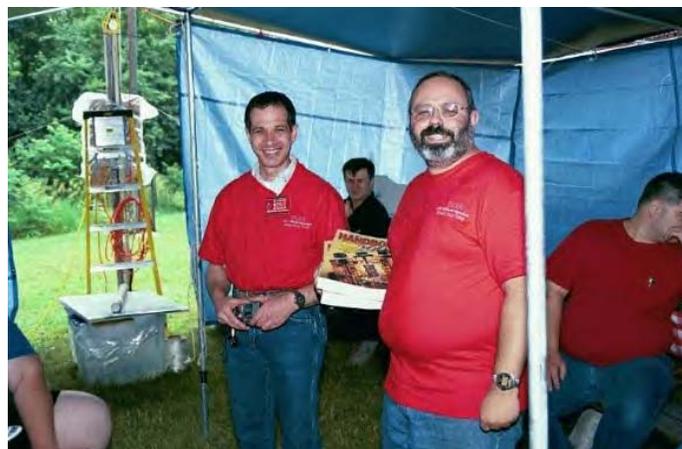


E.N.Y. Section Manager Visits TARA

The Troy Amateur Radio Association was honored to have a special guest come to our Field Day Site. Hudson Division, ARRL ENY Section Manager - Pete Cecere N2YJZ and his group visited with us on Saturday from 12 noon until after we had our official start of Field Day at 2:00 p.m. Field Day Chairman Randy Stein presented Pete with an Official TARA Field Day T-shirt and Pete presented two 2002 ARRL Handbooks to the Club. Pete commented to us that he was very impressed by our attention to detail of having all of the HF stations set up identically to make operation simple and efficient for the operators.

Later he sent us the following email. "Thanks to all at TARA for the VERY kind welcome during my visit on Field Day 2002. What a setup you folks have there! Also, this is the best looking club web page I've seen. Hope to see you all again soon."

73 de Pete N2YJZ SM ENY. N2YJZ@arrl.org



New York City's - New Ladder 10



God Bless The U.S.A.!

FCC Invites Public Comments on New Amateur Band Proposals

Public comments on FCC proposals to create two new amateur bands and to create a new Amateur Service primary allocation in the vicinity of 2.4 GHz are due July 29, and reply comments are due by August 12.

In response to an ARRL petition, the FCC last month released a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (ET Docket 02-98) that proposed to create a new 5-MHz HF allocation and a new low-frequency band in the vicinity of 136 kHz in addition to elevating amateurs from secondary to primary at 2400 to 2402 MHz.

The FCC adopted the NPRM May 2 on a unanimous vote. The NPRM was published June 14 in The Federal Register. A copy of the petition is available on the ARRL Web site, <http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/et02-98>

Interested parties may file comments via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) website, <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Click on "Search for Filed Comments" and enter "02-98" in the "Proceeding" field. All comments and other correspondence--plus a copy of the NPRM--are available for viewing via the ECFS.

If the proposals eventually are approved, amateurs would gain a new, secondary, domestic (US-only) HF allocation at 5.25 to 5.40 MHz and a new LF "sliver band" at 135.7 to 137.8 kHz. The 5 MHz band would be the first new HF allocation since the early 1980s, when amateurs got 30, 17 and 12 meters. The LF allocation would be the first ever for US hams.

The Commission has recommended permitting amateurs to operate at full legal limit on a new 5-MHz allocation, but it left open for further discussion whether to restrict band access to certain license classes. The FCC also has invited further comment on whether the band should be broken down into mode-specific subbands. The band 5.250 to 5.450 MHz now is allocated worldwide to Fixed and Mobile services on a co-primary basis.

On 136 kHz, the FCC has proposed limiting output to 1 W effective isotropic radiated power (EIRP) with a transmission bandwidth of only 100 Hz and limiting access to the band to General and higher-class licensees.



ARRL Part 15 stance draws industry fire

An ARRL challenge to the FCC's authority to permit Part 15 unlicensed operation of radio devices that may interfere with licensed services has drawn heavy fire from industry. The list of those filing opposition comments includes several unlicensed device makers and other industry giants, including Apple Computer and Microsoft. Some industry opponents are claiming that the ARRL wants to undo Part 15 altogether and would require individual licensing of such unlicensed devices as garage door openers and cordless telephones. ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, says the industry commenters have it all wrong.

The industry assault came in direct response to an ARRL Petition for Reconsideration in a proceeding (ET Docket 98-156) to amend Part 15 rules to allow certification of unlicensed, Part 15 equipment in the 24.05 to 24.25 GHz band at field strengths up to 2500 mV/m. The FCC first proposed permitting the unlicensed 24-GHz devices at the elevated field strengths in 1998 in response to a Petition for Rule Making from Sierra Digital Communications. The ARRL wants the FCC to reverse a portion of its Order that addresses the Commission's jurisdiction to authorize unlicensed RF devices that pose significant interference potential to licensed services. The League has made similar points in two other recent rulemaking proceedings, arguing that the FCC is expanding the concept of unlicensed devices far beyond what the Communications Act ever had in mind.

Opposition comments filed on behalf of Agere Systems, Apple Computer, Bluetooth Special Interest Group, Cisco Systems, Microsoft and VoiceStream Wireless asserted that potentially every user of devices that radiate RF--intentionally or otherwise--"would be required to obtain an individual license from the Commission" if ARRL's position prevails. The commenters urged rejection of ARRL's petition. Other comments echoed a similar refrain.

ARRL's Imlay says the industry commenters are missing the point and, he adds, responding to arguments that ARRL never made--such as individual licensing of Part 15 devices. "This is a perfect example of where the FCC went too far," he said of the Order issued last December in the 24-GHz proceeding. "There's a threshold. The trick is where to draw the line between licensed and unlicensed devices." The League contends the FCC has failed at distinguishing between what should and should not be licensed and, in so doing, has violated the Communications Act.

The ARRL argues that the limit of FCC's jurisdiction is reached when it's concluded that operation of such devices "has a substantial interference potential" to a licensed service.

Imlay believes that amateurs and Part 15 devices can co-exist on the same spectrum, "provided there are reasonable power levels that, on a whole, do not pose an interference threat."

The ARRL will prepare a reply for filing by the June 28 deadline in the proceeding. Amateur Radio is primary at 24.0 to 24.05 GHz and secondary on the rest of the band. June 17, 2002



FIELD DAY AWARDS

HOLLINS N2YQW



STEVE KF2WA



RANDY KA2TJZ



KIM N2ZLA



ROY AND MARGARET



N20WC & N2PEK

RAY N2VLY



NICK NW2D



HOLLINS N2YQW



JIM W2JHO



FIELD DAY FEAST



SETTING UP THE KITCHEN



CHEF GARY AT THE GRILL



COLD FOOD



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Compliments to the Food Committee

For those of you that weren't at this year's Field Day, you missed one of the greatest selections of food ever served at our Field Day. Late night pizza and desserts helped take care of those with the munchies. On Saturday, it was non-stop food all day long, by Gary KC2HWE and Karen and the gang which included ribs, sausage with peppers and onion, hot dogs, burgers, chips, soda, coffee, etc...

The TARA Dinner Feast included Popeye's Fried Chicken, Ziti and meatballs and sauce, more ribs, potato, macaroni and toss salads with all of the trimmings and condiments. A Special treat was made by Hollins N2YQW, when he arrived with two beautiful Deep Fried Turkeys that would melt in your mouth. Dessert was a fabulous TARA cake and other wonderful goodies.

For those of you that were there all night, Randy KA2TJZ prepared a "Steinfest" Breakfast which included eggs and blueberry pancakes and sausage early, Sunday morning.

More of the same great food was served for Sunday Lunch.

If you went hungry, it was no one's fault but your own !!!

Ken - KB2KFV

More Field Day Pictures



A Special Moment



The TARA Field Day Committee and the Board of Officers knew Field Day this year would not quite be the same without Our Friend Paul "Skip" Wilson. He was our First Field Day Chairman and was there for each and every Field Day giving his all. For this reason, we came up with the idea to have a Special Pin made for this Field Day to remember Skip with.

Skip always said "Just One More QSO" for this reason, each and every person received one of these pins who attended this Field Day. Our Special Thanks to Stan WA2UET and Mary Ann who made the pins and then donated them to the club.



Make Just One More QSO for Skip

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Well, I hope all of you enjoyed Field Day 2002 as much as I did. I've been attending Field Day's since our first one back in 1988 and none matched up to this one. Back then we held our Field Day's up at the Boy Scout Camp up near Roy & Margaret in the hills of Poententkill. Every year since then, I have proudly participated in the annual Field Day exercise but NONE has ever measured up to the one we had this year. I can't help but think just how proud my buddy Skipper, KE2XF would have been of all of you.

Once again this year we were blessed with a lot of good things. First, on Friday we had an exceptionally good setup team that worked their fannies off to get everything setup on Friday night. By Saturday morning the only things that needed to be done was to address a few computer problems and ground the stations. Other than that we were ready to run by well before noon time! Even our ARRL Section Manager, Pete, N2YJZ, was on hand for the official 2:00 PM start of Field Day. And, he remarked several times about how prepared and efficient our team was. I hope all of you that were there on Saturday had a chance to talk and visit with him. Personally, I think he was a "First Class" act and he made every effort to meet everyone.

Later Saturday we had without a doubt our largest crowd ever, we had nearly 70 folks that were in attendance for our Annual Awards Ceremony and Dinner. Plus, these folks not only ate hardy but they racked up a good amount of QSO's too!! I could write for hours here but I still could never explain just what a fantastic job our Food/Refreshment Committee did this year. For those that attended, I know you were just as taken back as I was with all the food and tasty desserts. Our new gas grill sure got a workout and the food was not only delicious but plentiful too! I would like to thank the following for their assistance with the food/refreshments. Let me start with Karen, KB2UUC and Jim, W2JHO. The amount of donations that these two were able to obtain would stagger you. It wasn't easy for sure, but they did one hell of a good job! Next, we had Gary, KC2HWE, who did an outstanding job with just about all of the cooking on Saturday. He took charge of our new kitchen and he sure made us some beautiful dishes. Along with the ones, that Karen brought from here house. And we need to thank Gary's wife Margaret for her help too. Oh yes, and let's not forget Hollins, N2YQW, who showed up with 2 roasted turkeys that were donated by Steve, W2GB & Family. Sunday morning Randy, KA2TJZ took over the grill and he treated all those that attended his 2nd Stein Breakfast, complete with blueberry pancakes & sausage links. Another fine job, Randy! Others that helped with the food area were: Margaret, N2PEK; Cathy, N2XLD; Pat, KB2SRC; & Beth, KC2BSC who brought a lot of salads and goodies.

On-The-Air.....did we ever make some QSO's this year, like pretty near 1,900 worth. That's up about 800 QSO's from last year's effort. In doing so we managed to set an all time QSO Record, so congratulations to ALL that operated! One thing I'd like to point out right now is the FACT that if it were not for a lot of the younger crowd, (those under 15) we would have never had the successful Field Day that we did. For all those younger volunteers I owe you a great deal of thanks from this organization for a job well done!

On the computers and server side of things I'd like to once again thank Kim, N2ZLA & Steve, KF2WA for the top notch system they put into service for us. This year it really worked flawlessly!

To top things off our tear down crew had everything torn down by 3:00 PM and everyone was out of the park by around 4:15 PM!! This team of workers busted their backs and again we had loads of help. Plus, the younger guys pitched in and did more than their share of the work.

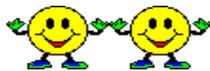
I need to personally thank a couple of folks that worked tirelessly with me on this years event; Roy, N2OWC, Karen, KB2UUC, Randy, KA2TJZ, Nick, NW2D and Kenny, KB2KFV who usually is the first guy to start working on Friday and remains until the very end. Kenny your efforts DO NOT go unnoticed!!

A special treat this year was our tribute to Skipper, KE2XF. On Saturday we distributed special FD pins in his honor and everyone wore them proudly! I would like to thank Stan, WA2UET & Maryann for their donation of the pins to our Field Day. It was a "First Class" job and something I'm sure we'll remember for years!

If you missed Field Day, you missed it all! There were loads of other folks that I know I should acknowledge but the space just does not permit. Please know that ANYONE that helped us in any way, shape or form that we salute you too! In closing , I would like to wish everyone a " Safe and Happy 4th of July.

73 de NY2U "Mr. Bill"

FIELD DAY FUNNIES



Craig N2UID made a mistaken mad dash into the Ladies Room. He was sitting in there peacefully when Margaret N2PEK walked in and heard a male voice. Craig said, Margaret what are you doing in the men's room. Margaret advised Craig that he was in the Ladies Room. Craig's response to his realization that he was in the LADIES Room gave new meaning to the name "blue room."

Editor's comment: If you miss the markings on the door when entering a rest room, look for the conspicuous absence of the urinal.

When Jim W2JHO offered to read the inscription on his plaque, everyone got a good laugh but now we know the real truth. Jim gave it away. Now the girls won't bring him to the ladies room with them any more.

Question: How many men does it take to take down an antenna? **Answer:** Six and one YL with a pair of vise grips!

As usual, Ken KB2KFV has to make at least one big boo-boo every year. This year he topped it. Chiefly was loading up his trailer to return the first batch of generators and being the type of person not to leave a running vehicle unattended, he locked his truck. Unfortunately, his keys were still in the ignition with the truck running and the air conditioner on full blast. Thank God, he still remembers how to pick a lock.

Someone should tell Kirk N2LGE that you are supposed to land your RC controlled planes on the ground, not in a tree....

Some serious contester's have difficulty getting out of contest mode, don't they John KA2VBI? Hint: "It's CQ Field Day"

We won't mention any names, but someone accidently locked themselves in the restroom. The vote was 7-2 to leave the person in there, but someone let her out anyway !!!

T.A.R.A. ELECTION RESULTS

Chairman: Steve Kopecky - KF2WA

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As Nominations Chairman, it is my duty to inform all members that the following positions were filled in the T.A.R.A Election of officers for 2002. The election was conducted at the June 18th meeting of the Troy Amateur Radio Association.

The following positions for office were up for election and nominations were closed at the June 18th meeting after a last call for any additional nominee's. Having no other nominations, a motion was made and seconded from the floor to have the Secretary cast one ballot for the following slate of officers:

President: William J. Eddy - NY2U

Vice President: Karen Smith - KB2UUC

Secretary: Marilyn Davis - KB2JZI

Treasurer: Nick Demos - NW2D

Nominations for the Board of Directors were received and placed on the ballot, as follows:

Board of Directors: Term of Office (2002 - 2004)

Mac Smith - KB2SPM

Ken Davis - KB2KFV

Roy Warner- N2OWC

Margaret Warner- N2PEK

Ballots were handed out and cast by the membership, in what turned out to be a very close race, as follows:

Mac Smith - KB2SPM

Ken Davis - KB2KFV

I extend my thanks to all of the membership that participated in the election or ran for office and furthermore express my congratulations to our new Board of Officers.



White House greets Amateur Radio operators

NEWINGTON, CT, Jun 19, 2002--President George Bush has sent his greetings to all Amateur Radio operators, acknowledging their role in emergency communications and in generating international good will. The White House letter comes as hams in the US mark Amateur Radio Week June 17-23 and prepare to participate this weekend in ARRL Field Day--an emergency preparedness exercise.



"I salute amateur radio operators for your work on behalf of public safety officials," the President said in a letter dated June 18. "I also commend your interest in communicating with persons in other parts of the world and learning about other cultures and countries.

Your involvement builds understanding and goodwill around the globe." For the first time, Field Day will be open to participation by amateurs throughout the Americas and the Caribbean. The President's letter acknowledged ham radio's "important role in emergency communications, assisting law enforcement personnel and other emergency services as they carry out their responsibilities."

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, expressed his delight at the presidential communication. "I'm extremely pleased that the president has decided to recognize the accomplishments of Amateur Radio operators throughout America," he said today. "Amateur Radio is a real asset to America, and even more so after September 11. Amateur Radio has always played a big role in disasters and emergencies, and I'm very proud of it." President Bush said First Lady Laura Bush "joins me in sending our best wishes." Governors in several states have issued proclamations designating Amateur Radio Week or Amateur Radio Month.

See President Bush "Official Proclamation" on next page * W*

Recipes of the Month

Salami and Pasta Salad

The warm weather is coming and so does the need for lighter cooking. Here is a great salad that you can make it and store it in your refrigerator to have for a whole week.

Ingredients:

7 oz. small pasta shells, uncooked	1 cup cherry tomatoes, sliced in half	1 cup ripe olives, sliced in half
6 oz. of mozzarella cheese, cut into thin strips	4 oz. of salami, cut into thin strips	1/2 cup red bell pepper, chopped
4 green onions, chopped	1/2 cup Miracle Whip salad dressing	1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. black pepper	1 tsp. dried basil	1 tsp. dried oregano
1/4 tsp. garlic powder		

Preparation:

Cook pasta shells according to package directions. Drain and rinse in cold water. Place in a large bowl and add tomatoes, olives, mozzarella cheese, salami, bell pepper and onions. Combine Miracle Whip dressing or mayonnaise, black pepper, salt, basil, oregano and garlic powder in a small bowl. Mix well. Pour over salad and toss to coat. Refrigerate for 1 hour.

Marinated "Red and White" Tomato Salad

Plan ahead of time; go to your local vegetable stand to get ripe, fresh tomatoes still on the vine.

Ingredients:

6 tablespoons Extra Virgin Olive Oil	1 1/2 teaspoons Dijon Mustard	2-3 tablespoons Balsamic Vinegar
2 large Garlic Cloves, chopped fine	12 Basil leaves, in finely chopped	2 tablespoons Shallots, chopped
3 tablespoons Chives, chopped	1/4 cup Oil Cured Olives, pitted & sliced	
Salt and freshly ground Black Pepper to taste	6 large or 12 small very ripe Tomatoes (red or yellow), cut into wedges	
1/2 pound fresh Mozzarella Balls		

Preparation:

Make Vinaigrette by placing all ingredients except tomatoes into a non-reactive bowl and combining thoroughly with a whisk.

Dip each tomato slice into the vinaigrette and arrange in a pretty, oval, flat serving dish with low sides.

Add the mozzarella balls, and pour remaining vinaigrette over all. Let sit for only 15 minutes before serving.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 18, 2002

I send greetings to those celebrating National Amateur Radio Day, sponsored by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL).

As we face the challenges of a new era, we are reminded of the importance of neighbors helping neighbors in times of need. Ham radio operators have long played an important role in emergency communications, assisting law enforcement personnel and other emergency services as they carry out their responsibilities.

I salute amateur radio operators for your work on behalf of public safety officials. I also commend your interest in communicating with persons in other parts of the world and learning about other cultures and countries. Your involvement builds understanding and goodwill around the globe.

Laura joins me in sending our best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George W. Bush". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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Next Meeting

Tuesday July 16,2002 6:30 p.m.

Green Island River Park

Summer Picnic

North end of Hudson Ave.

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

Parking in Ford Motor Co. Lot

No Pets No Glass No Alcohol Bev.

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