



## Troy Amateur Radio Association - N2TY

PO BOX 1292 - Troy, New York - 12181-1292

145.17/R \* Troy's Full Service Repeaters \* 447.075/R

(Use a PL Tone of 127.3 Hz on BOTH INPUT/OUTPUT)

Repeaters are now Yaesu Fusion running in automatic mode

Summer 2018

## Field Day 2018:

Every June, more than 40,000 hams throughout North America set up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill and service to our communities and our nation. It combines public service, emergency preparedness, community outreach, and technical skills all in a single event. Field Day has been an annual event since 1933, and remains the most popular event in ham radio.

### Field Day is ham radio's open house.

As always, the Troy Amateur Radio Association will host its annual field day on the fourth full weekend of June. This year, Field Day will be held on June 23rd and 24th.

Same as last year, Field Day will be held at Grafton Lake State Park, at the Shaver Pond Nature Center area on Shaver Pond Rd. in Cropseyville, NY 12052.

The event will begin at 1800 UTC Saturday and running through 2059 UTC Sunday, and any Amateur Radio band except 12, 17, 30 and 60 Meters can be utilized. Entries must be postmarked, emailed or submitted by Tuesday, July 24, 2018. Late entries cannot be accepted.

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# Field Day 2018 Continued:

In addition to public support to help man the stations for Field Day, we also ask that people please donate soda and water to the club so that we have enough refreshments for the festivities.

Like last year, food will be provided for lunch before Field Day begins on Saturday, but soda and water are essential to the operation since it may get hot and in the past a lot of soda and water has been consumed.

We ask that any soda or water donations be brought to the June 19th. Meeting so that we can get them ready for Field Day the following weekend. Cash donations are also accepted and appreciated. Thank you.

Below are some photos of past Field Days:

The Whole Nine Yards:



Logging:



The Team, Hard at Work:





## In the News:

### Amateur Radio Case Attracts Attention of an FCC Commissioner

FCC Commissioner Michael O'Rielly has used the latest chapter of an Amateur Radio proceeding to reiterate his call that the Commission abolish its Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) system. The long-standing case involves efforts by William F. Crowell, W6WBJ (ex-N6AYJ), of Diamond Spring, California, to renew his license. Late last week, the FCC denied reconsideration of Crowell's petition to have the Commission assign a new ALJ to his case, arguing that the current ALJ, Richard L. Sippel, is biased against him. Attaching his own comments to a Memorandum and Opinion Order (MO&O) released on April 26, O'Rielly said he approved the Commission's opinion that Crowell's appeal was justifiably denied, but he expressed concern that the ALJ "took unnecessary actions" in Crowell's case and in another unrelated proceeding.

"On a larger scale, complaints about the ALJ process are not isolated incidents, but paint a picture of questionable decisions coupled with an elevated level of inefficiency," O'Rielly said in comments attached to the MO&O. "It seems to me that, too often, the Commission has had to reverse the decisions of the ALJ or address one ALJ decision or another. This reality only reaffirms my call to consider eliminating the ALJ process altogether."



Commissioner Michael O'Rielly

It has been 10 years since the FCC set Crowell's license renewal application for hearing, and nearly as long since Crowell requested disqualification of the ALJ assigned to his case. Crowell's license renewal hearing centered on whether he had violated FCC Part 97 rules by intentionally interfering with and/or otherwise interrupting radio communications, transmitting one-way communications, indecent language, and music, and whether he is qualified to be and remain a Commission licensee and have his renewal application granted.

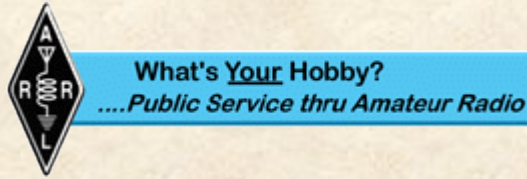
In 2016, the FCC imposed a \$25,000 fine on Crowell for intentionally interfering with the transmissions of other radio amateurs and transmitting prohibited communications, including music. The penalty included "an upward adjustment reflecting Mr. Crowell's decision to continue his misconduct after being warned that his actions violated the Communications Act and the Commission's rules," the FCC said at the time.

"Mr. Crowell does not deny that he made the transmissions that prompted the fine, but argued, in large part, that those transmissions were protected by the First Amendment," the Forfeiture Order said.

The FCC concluded in this month's MO&O, "We have examined Crowell's claims of bias in accordance with our precedent, a task made more difficult because Crowell provides virtually no detailed factual support or references to the record for his allegations." Crowell's license, which expired in 2007, has not been renewed, but Crowell may continue to operate while his renewal application is pending.



## Public Service Events:



Thank you to all those who have volunteered in the past for various events; your help is greatly appreciated and we hope you will continue to donate your time in the future.

The most recent event that TARA provided communication support for was the Freihofer's Run for Women, an All-female 5K run in Albany, NY that has been going on for 40 years.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped provide communications support.:

John: K2QY      Linda: K2QYL      Ridge: KB2HWL      Bill: N2WML      Dick: W2ABY  
Peter: KD2JKV      Dick: WA2DNR      Art: KB2JZJ      Tom: N2TR      Karen: KS2O  
Stephen: KC2USX      Debbie: KC2ULU      Paul: KD2JMM      David: KD2CDH

**“There were over 2500 runners for the Freihofer's Run for Women on Saturday, June 2nd. Thanks to all who helped me with this run!” —Karen Smith KS2O.**

### Remaining Events this Year:

Veterans Ruck March:

- Saturday Sept. 22nd

Arsenal City Run:

- Sunday Sept. 23rd....10 AM

Pumpkin Patrol:

- Tuesday October 30th and

- Wednesday October 31st  
....6 PM - 10 PM

Stockade a Thon:

- Sunday November 11th....7 AM





## Ham Shack Hotline:

Hamshack Hotline (HH) is a FREE dedicated VOIP telecom service for the Ham Radio community. Typically, phones are established in hamshacks, EOCs, Clubs & club members, ARES, and other Ham related areas and functions.

It is not the intention of HH to replace traffic carried over radio in an emergency or other tactical operation, but rather to augment it, by offloading managerial tactical operations and providing a full duplex path for such communications when spectrum is occupied, conditions diminished, or otherwise unavailable. HH also supports faxing of information (with appropriate equipment) which allows tactical offices to share documents & data between tactical locations.



In a non-tactical use, HH is an effective resource for off-air troubleshooting when you need to coordinate a troubleshoot of a radio circuit off-air and between multiple SMEs. In addition to all this, conference bridges on the HH network allow large groups of Hams to coordinate & meet in real time anywhere in the world.

Getting on board HH is easy! Just acquire a supported SIP capable phone (the network prefers to register hardware phones first), and open a ticket once you have your phone. If you have one of the phones on the supported hardware list, then also include a picture of the Phone's MAC address for super easy provisioning. Before joining HH, please read and understand the irCovenant If you have any questions, our FAQ may help, if not – feel free to open a ticket on the help desk.

Join today to gain access to a worldwide network of Ham's who are happy to talk and help.

Look up your local group today. For our area the local "Bridge" or group is: ARRL EASTERN NY.



## Echo Link:

The N2TY Echo Link node is back on the air again!!! After a brief period where the system was down, we are happy to announce that it has been repaired and is up and running again. Feel free to use it and don't hesitate to ask questions at the next meeting or send someone an email on the website if you have questions or concerns.

Information on activating the link are below:

### ECHO LINK OVER THE AIR DTMF COMMANDS Updated 11/17/14

Echo Link Node 618264

(Maximum of 8 Links connected at one time)

[www.echolink.org](http://www.echolink.org)

\*\*1234 Call Node number 1234

# Disconnect Mode

## Disconnect All Nodes

\*\*99 Echo Link Node UP

\*\*88 Echo Link Node DOWN

\*\*09 Reconnect to LAST Node Connected

\*\*08 Echo Link System Status

ECHO LINK PORT FORWARDING INFORMATION [Click here](#)

ECHO LINK PROXY SERVER INFORMATION [Click here](#)

TEST NODE IS 9999 - (Key \*\*9999) YOU CAN HEAR YOURSELF BUT PLEASE REMEMBER TO DISCONNECT ## TEST NODE IS 9999 - (Key \*\*9999) YOU CAN HEAR YOURSELF BUT PLEASE REMEMBER TO DISCONNECT ##



## Special Event, "13 Colonies":

Once again, the 13 Colonies Special Event stations will be on the air. This year the dates are from July 1 to July 7. There will be a total of 15 call signs being activated. K2A through K2M (one for each of the original 13 colonies), WM2PEN (in Philadelphia) and GB13COL in Great Britain. Each call has a nice QSL associated with it, and a nice certificate is available. Karen, "KS2O" will be on as one of the K2A stations from NY. She is also the K2A QSL manager once again. Further information is available on QRZ as well as <http://www.13colonies.net/> The web site has a log sheet available along with certificate information.



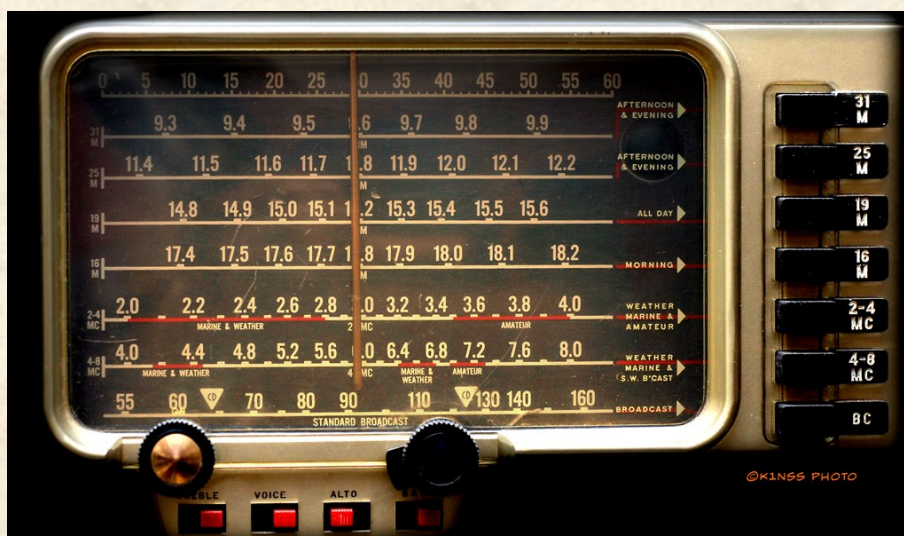
### *The Original 9th Annual "13" Colonies Special Event*

*GB13COL Independence Week 2017 WM3PEN*  
*NY - K2A*

<i>VA - K2B</i>	<i>DE - K2E</i>	<i>MA - K2H</i>	<i>NH - K2K</i>
<i>RJ - K2C</i>	<i>MD - K2F</i>	<i>NJ - K2I</i>	<i>SC - K2L</i>
<i>CT - K2D</i>	<i>GA - K2G</i>	<i>NC - K2J</i>	<i>PA - K2M</i>

The 13 Colonies Special Event enlisted one dedicated SSB/CW QRP operator for each state for the 2014 event and beyond. No special station requirements, except the operator must be a General class or higher. We want to give the low power QRP station a chance to get a 13 Colony States "Clean Sweep" endorsement on your certificate. We know the thrill of a QRP station breaking a pile up, but with 200+ QRO/and higher stations in a pile up, well, most of the times +/-5 watts just wont work

This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year of this event. It started with about 12,000 contacts, and there were over 127,000 contacts last year!





## In Memoriam:



Duffy, Richard E. AUSTIN, Texas

Richard Eugene Duffy, 80, of Glenmont died peacefully on Monday, June 4, 2018, at Autumn Leaves of South Austin in Austin, Texas with family by his side. Born in Watervliet, he was the son of the late Margaret Rapisarta and Richard J. Duffy; and husband of the late Marian Duffy. He resided in Glenmont since 1973 and moved to Austin, Texas in 2016. He graduated from Greenville High School, served in the United States Air Force from 1956 to 1960, and earned a diploma from the LaSalle Extension University in computer programming. Richard worked for 43 years at the United Parcel Service (U.P.S.) in Albany. He was a member of the Troy Amateur Radio Association and his call sign was N2TZQ. Survivors include three daughters, Karin A. Duffy of Dallas, Laurin M. Sgroi of Fort Worth, Texas and Sharin G. Perez of Austin; and three grandchildren.





# Election 2018:

Troy Amateur Radio Association, Inc. holds election of officers at their regular business meeting each June. The office of President, V.President, Treasurer and Secretary are all one year terms of office The Board of Directors are elected to 2 years terms, with the exception of a special seat for outgoing presidents, which is a 1 year term\*.

## Current officers and board members:

President: Karen Smith, KS2O  
V.President: Randy Stein, KL7TJZ  
Secretary: Chris D'Allaird, AK2CD  
Treasurer: Jack Culliton, N2LBZ

## TARA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

### Director:

Steve Kopecky, KF2WA '18  
Hollins Meaux, N2YQW '18 (holding position vacated  
by Mike Styne, K2MTS)  
Dick Neimeyer, W2ABY '19  
Roy Warner, N2OWC '19

\*Tony Pazzola, W2BEJ '18 (holding position since  
there was no outgoing president last year)

## On the ballot:

President: Randy Stein, KL7TJZ  
V.President: Ray Ginter, N2ZQF  
Secretary: Dick Neimeyer, W2ABY  
Treasurer: Chris D'Allaird, AK2CD

## TARA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

### Director:

Steve Kopecky, KF2WA  
Tony Pazzola, W2BEJ  
David Jaeger, K2DEJ  
Margaret Warner, N2PEK

(Three director slots to be filled, one that was supposed to expire next year, vacated by Dick Neimeyer, W2ABY as he is going for Secretary)

One year slot for outgoing president to be filled by: Karen Smith, KS2O (No voting needed)

As there are more people than positions to be filled, there will be paper ballots at the June meeting.

The two of the spots will be for 2 years and 1 will be for the 1 year that was remaining in the W2ABY slot.

The nominations are still open, if any other club member wants to get on the ballot.

You will need to be nominated by another club member prior to the vote.

Anyone who is interested in running or has any questions can contact any current board member.

