



## Troy Amateur Radio Association - N2TY

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

*(Use a PL Tone of 127.3 Hz on the INPUT)*

## Summer 2024

### In the Summertime

Happy Summer. Whether you're up to camp, at the grill, on the beach, or inside with the AC on Max make sure you've got your equipment up and running for all that sporadic E. and Summer DX!!!



<https://www.dxzone.com/dx33078/camping-with-ham-radio.html>

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### TARA Food Drive

First I want to thank Pat Decker, KB2SRC for having this idea, the TARA Food Drive. If you don't already know, the Watervliet Senior Center has a food drive where anyone can bring non-perishable food items to donate to the needy. If you can manage, please consider donating any non-perishable food to the Watervliet Senior Center by bringing it to any TARA meeting.

As always, please remember; if you know of any interesting articles, facts, upcoming events, or random comments you'd like to see in an upcoming edition of the newsletter (published quarterly), please email them to: **[davidjaegerjr@gmail.com](mailto:davidjaegerjr@gmail.com)**, they are appreciated and requested, thanks.

# Northeast HamXposition 2024

Join us at the Northeast HamXposition, the premier ARRL New England Division Convention, from August 22-25, 2024. This highly anticipated event will be held at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel in Marlborough, MA. Hosted by FEMARA, this convention offers a rich and diverse experience for amateur radio enthusiasts with a wide range of activities, forums, and exhibits.

## Event Details:

- **Date:** August 22-25, 2024
- **Location:** Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, 181 Boston Post Road W., Marlborough, MA 01752

**Website:** <https://hamxposition.org/>

- **Sponsor:** FEMARA
- **Type:** ARRL Convention
- **Talk-In:** See website for details

## Admission:

- **General Admission:** \$18
- **Convention Package PLUS:** \$139 (Includes General Admission, NEW Thursday Night Comedy Kickoff, Friday Dinner, Saturday Banquet)

## Schedule:

- **Thursday Night:** Comedy Kickoff
- **Friday:** Dinner, presentations, forums, and more
- **Saturday:** Banquet, presentations, forums, and more
- **Sunday:** Presentations, forums, and more

## Activities and Features:

• Mini Contest University	• Parks On The Air Track	• QRP Forum
• Outdoor Flea Market	• Tech In A Day Review	• ARRL Volunteer Exams
• WIXPO "Get On The Air" Station	• Ham Radio Exhibit	• Awards Card Checking/QSL Bureau
• Kit Building	• YCCC Forum	• EmComm Track & Vehicle Display
• YL Forum	• Open Mic Storytelling	• Vendors

- **Talks, Presentations, and Forums:** Including sessions on the New England Wireless & Steam Museum, Getting on EME, ARRL Section Meetings, Youth Forum, MARS Forum, Minuteman Repeater Association Forum, AREDN-Another EMCOM Tool, Using the Tiny SA, Installing Andy's Ham Radio Linux, Choosing the Best Radio for Contesting, New England SciTech Kit-Building Workshop, ARRL New England Division News and Activities, Winter Field Day, Effective Contest Station without Towers, STEM and the Teachers Institute (Keynote speech), EmComm program track with outdoor vehicle display

## Contact Information:

- **Public Contact:** Michael Raisbeck, K1TWF
- **Address:** 85 High St., Chelmsford, MA 01824
- **Phone:** 508-574-5432

## Directions to the Venue:

- **Address:** Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, 181 Boston Post Road W., Marlborough, MA 01752

## Ticketing Information:

**Online Ticketing:** [Purchase Tickets](#)

- **General Admission:** \$18
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Join us at the Northeast HamXposition for a weekend filled with learning, networking, and fun. Whether you're a seasoned amateur radio operator or new to the hobby, this event has something for everyone. Mark your calendars for August 22-25, 2024, and come to Marlborough, MA for this exciting event. See you there!



# Summer Contests:

## August 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest

**Objective:** Work as many stations as possible on the 222 MHz through 241 GHz bands using any allowable mode. A station in a specific grid locator may be contacted from the same location only once on each band, regardless of mode.

**Dates:** The first full weekend of August, (**August 3-4, 2024**)

**Contest Period:** Begins at 1800 UTC Saturday and ending at 1759 UTC Sunday.

## September VHF Contest

**Objective:** For amateurs in the US and Canada (and their possessions) to work as many amateur stations in as many different 2 degrees x 1 degree Maidenhead grid squares as possible using authorized frequencies above 50 MHz. Stations outside the US & Canada (and their possessions) may only work stations in the US (and its possessions) and Canada.

**Dates:** The second full weekend in September (**September 14-16, 2024**)

**Contest Period:** Begins 1800 UTC Saturday, ends 0259 UTC Monday.

**Notice:** Participants in the FM Only category can now count contacts made on 902 MHz and 1.2 GHz toward their scores. Previously, only contacts on the four lowest VHF bands (50, 144, 222 and 432 MHz) counted toward participants' scores in this category.

For contest information contact [contests@arrl.org](mailto:contests@arrl.org) or (860) 594-0232

# TARA Committees:

In case you didn't know, one of the things that makes TARA so successful in the area with membership from the entire Capital District, is the committees that are set up and managed by members to keep the club running smoothly and allowing its members to have a more rewarding experience.

<u>Packet Radio:</u> Mike Styne K2MTS	<u>Contesting:</u>	<u>Field Day Team:</u> Steve Kopecky KF2WA Karen Smith KS2O	<u>Repeater Manager:</u> Randy Stein KL7TJZ	<u>Technical Advisors:</u> Robert Isby K2RHI James McKnight K2LM	<u>Equipment Manager:</u>
<u>Food/Refreshments</u> Pat Decker KB2SRC Karen Smith KS2O	<u>Public Service</u> <u>Events:</u> Karen Smith KS2O	<u>Radio Direction</u> <u>Finding:</u> Dick Neimeyer W2ABY	<u>Newsletter Team:</u> David Jaeger, Jr. K2DEJ	<u>VE Liaison:</u> Myron Getman KB2DSR	<u>Webmaster:</u> Randy Stein KL7TJZ

Above is a list of the 12 Committees of TARA and the current members of each one. We always encourage members to become part of a committee to benefit themselves and to improve TARA as a whole.

# 2024 Public Service Events:

Watervliet  
Arsenal City Run  
Sunday September 22, 2024  
10:00 AM

Hudson-Mohawk Marathon  
Sunday October 13, 2024  
8:00 AM

Pumpkin Patrol  
Wed & Thurs  
October 30-31, 2024  
6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

If you have any questions about TARA's Public Service Team;  
Please contact Karen Smith, KS2O, at 518-273-6594 or [ksmithkb2uuc@aol.com](mailto:ksmithkb2uuc@aol.com).



## Krimskrams (Odds and Ends):

### Rigs for Sale:

Call or text Peter Harvey W2FW at (518) 729-0325 for more information.

Radios:

Uniden BCD436HP Scanner

Many HF radios for sale , please contact Peter W2FW at the number above via phone or text message.

Email Ruby Garcia KE5MKG for pictures and prices. [ruby73garcia@gmail.com](mailto:ruby73garcia@gmail.com) Phone: 818 538 5017.

Radios:

Elecraft KPA500, Elecraft K3, Elecraft KX3

Icom IC-7800, Icom 7600

Yaesu FTDX-5000MP, Yaesu FTDX-3000

Kenwood ts 990s, kenwood ts 2000.

Flex 5000A, Flex 6500, Flex 6700.

Amps:

Icom PW-1

Acom 2000

Ameritron AL82.

Alpha 87A

Email Shirley Bethel KB5SIN for more information. [sbesthel@gmail.com](mailto:sbesthel@gmail.com)

Radios:

Icom IC 7700, Icom IC-7800, Icom IC-756 PRO III .

Yaesu FT-1000MP, Yaesu FTDX-5000MP.

Kenwood ts 990s, kenwood ts 2000.

Flex 5000A, Flex 6500, Flex 6300.

TenTec OMNI VII

Amps:

ICOM PW-1 HF AMPLIFIER

Alpha 9500 and

Acom 2000

Alpha 87A



I hope you enjoy the Newsletter —David.