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TARA Supports Frank Fallon - N2FF for Hudson Division Director

Dear Hudson Division, ARRL Member,



I am writing to ask for your support in the coming election for Hudson Division Director.

I asked Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF, to run for Vice Director. As no one else filed a petition she has been declared elected and will become the Hudson Division Vice-Director in January 2004. She will be a real asset. She lives in Ridgewood, NJ. Together we will make a very good team for the division.

My full time job is ARRL Hudson Division Director. As a retiree, I have been devoting all of my time and energy for the past six and a half years to ARRL and Division business, to legislative goals in Albany, Trenton and Washington, and to the need to grow Amateur Radio by attracting more young people.

I have traveled extensively throughout the Division to meet members at countless club meetings and hamfests, and I am the only ARRL Director who sends out a monthly informational electronic newsletter.

- **I have made numerous trips to Albany and assembled a professional team to advocate for our New York antenna legislation, and have begun to replicate that team in New Jersey.** I do not think the other candidate, who is as of this writing still employed full time, has the time, contacts or skill set to complete this vital job.
- * **I have traveled to Washington with ARRL President Jim Haynie, and played a major part in getting Congressman Steven Israel to introduce the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act to deal with the threat of homeowner associations banning ham antennas in planned communities, where hams are not covered by PRB-1 protections.**
- **I served on the ARRL Executive Committee, where I pushed for financial assistance for tower test cases and was part of the team that formed the Antenna Assistance Committee which now decides which cases to recommend to the ARRL Board for financial assistance.** I am proud of the fact that, I am the only non-lawyer on that committee.

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More than a Club



We're a Family



Support Frank Fallon-continued

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- **I have formulated a plan for an ARRL Science Fair**, which would be funded by corporate contributions and eventually become part of "The Big Project" that ARRL has implemented to attract young people to Amateur Radio.
- **I have the support of all three Section Managers** whose cooperation has been invaluable in getting these and other jobs done. All three – N2YJZ, N2GA and W2UDT – have told me that they will work to keep the team together and see me re-elected as Hudson Division Director.

I need your help to continue my efforts. I need you to help me get out the vote.

Please talk to your ham friends and let them know you support me. Remind them to return their ballots when they receive them at the end of September. Please make some phone calls on my behalf. Be sure to call again in early October to remind folks to send their ballots back to HQ.

A BIG thank you for your support. If you have any questions or ideas call me at 516-746-7652.

73 de Frank Fallon – N2FF.....

Frank

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ARRL Urges Improved RFI Immunity

Standards for Consumer Electronics

From ARRL Headquarters, Newington CT July 29, 2003

The ARRL has told the FCC that improved interference standards for consumer electronic devices is the most pressing need as the Commission considers the interference immunity performance of receivers. The League filed comments July 21 in response to an FCC Notice of Inquiry (NOI), "Interference Immunity Performance Specifications for Radio Receivers" (ET-03-65), released last March.

Stating that no receiver immunity standards are necessary or practical in the "essentially experimental" Amateur Service, the ARRL said that the real need for receiver immunity specifications is in the area of consumer electronics and the FCC must establish stronger interference rejection standards for such devices. In its 21-page reply to the NOI, the ARRL recited the recent history of efforts to come to grips with interference from RF sources, including amateur stations, to receivers used in other services, such as TV and radio broadcasting, and to consumer electronics.

"ARRL continues to believe that receiver immunity should be on the order of 3 V/m for receivers that might be in the near field of an Amateur Radio station," the League said.

The ARRL suggested the FCC mandate a standard for all consumer electronics or adopt a labeling or grading system, and that the FCC not rely exclusively on manufacturers to set standards.

Ham radio key in Rescue of California hiker

The San Diego Union Tribune's SignOnSanDiego.com Web news service reports that a hiker in the El Capitan open space preserve suffering apparent heat exhaustion was rescued July 19 after his hiking companion used ham radio to relay a message to authorities. ARRL member Rod Dinkins, AC6V, picked up the distress call from Tim Slaby, KG6QPL, and alerted the San Diego County Sheriff's Department's, Santee station. Slaby resorted to his ham radio handheld after discovering that his cellphone wouldn't work in the wilderness. KG6QPL was able to raise the Palomar Amateur Radio Club repeater some 40 miles away, however. Slaby, who also carried a GPS unit, was able to pinpoint the pair's location. A sheriff's helicopter crew rescued the exhausted hiker--identified as Thomas Sayer--and airlifted him to an ambulance, which transported him to a hospital, authorities said. He was treated for dehydration and released about four hours later.

"For hikers in need of help, Amateur Radio worked where their cell phone didn't," said ARRL Vice President (and former Southwestern Division Director) Fried Heyn, WA6WZO.

TARA PSK RUMBLE



"The Fall Classic"

Some say Summers over folks and it's time to put away the lawn furniture and close the pool. Well, not quite. This October is going to be a hot one so dust off the rigs while the whole world converges on TARA's RUMBLE, that's right, the Fall Classic is Saturday October, 4th 2003 - 0000 - 2400 UTC. Whether you new or experienced in PSK, come join us for a good time and lock horns with some of the finest PSK'ers in the world for round number 2 of TARA's Four Seasons Contests.

On Saturday, October 4, 2003, The PSK Rumble. The Fall Classic is sponsored by Troy ARA, 0000z through 2400z, PSK only. 80,40, 20,15,10,6 meters. Work stations once per band. Exchange name, state/ province/ DX send DXCC prefix. Operate 1 of 5 categories. Normal, 100w max. Great, 20w max. Super, 5w max. Novice or SWL. Final score is QSO's * (W + VE + JA + VK call areas + 1 point per DX incl. your own). Multipliers count once per band. To be valid, scores must be received via our online score submission form which may be found at:

http://www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara_rumble_score.html or e-mail Check-Logs to press-manager@n2ty.org, by the last entry date November 1, 2003. Logs must be available for review if requested. Please read web rules for details on

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Digital Communications Conference 2003

Digital Communications Conference 2003 is taking shape. The 22nd annual ARRL/TAPR Digital Communications Conference will take place September 21-23 in Hartford, Connecticut. At the heart of the conference are technical presentations by amateurs and experimenters. The conference will solicit technical papers until August 5 for presentation and/or publication in the conference Proceedings published by the ARRL. Amateurs and experimenters alike are highly encouraged to write about their projects and submit them for publication in the DCC Proceedings. Conference presentation is not required for publication. Submission guidelines are available on the DCC Web page <http://www.tapr.org/dcc> Guest speaker is Alex Mendelsohn, AI2Q, senior technology editor at ChipCenter <http://www.chipcenter.com> and the author of "NASA, NORAD, Amateur Radio, and Me, <http://www.chipcenter.com/TestandMeasurement/ed024.html>. Introductory seminars will include "Intro to WSJT" by Del Schier, K1UHF; "Intro to EchoLink and VoIP" by Jon Taylor, K1RFD; "Intro to PSK31" by Steve Ford, WB8IMY; and "Intro to APRS" by Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU, who also will moderate an APRS networking mini-seminar. Matt Ettus, N2MJI, will lead a four hour Software Defined Radio Sunday Seminar. The DCC Web page has more information about the DCC <http://www.tapr.org/dcc>

Steve Bible, N7HPR

THE WAR ON TERROR TWO HAMS KILLED IN IRAQ

Two recent casualties of the war in Iraq were amateur radio operators, one American and one from Sri Lanka. The ARRL Letter reports that Specialist Jon Fettig, KCZ0HSQ, of Dickinson, North Dakota, was killed in an ambush on July 22nd.

The following day, Nadisha Yassari Ranmuthu, 4S7NR, an International Red Cross aid worker, was killed and his Iraqi driver was wounded after their vehicle, marked with the Red Cross emblem, came under fire south of Baghdad. Ranmuthu was 37 and well-known in the Sri Lankin ham radio community.

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FCC upholds vanity fee policy Sets new fee start

The FCC has announced that the new Amateur Radio vanity call sign regulatory fee of \$16.30 for the 10-year license term will go into effect September 9. Until then, applicants for amateur vanity call signs will continue to pay the current \$14.50 fee per vanity call sign application. The FCC says it expects to collect close to \$160,000 from 9800 Amateur Radio vanity call sign applicants during Fiscal Year 2003. That's up by almost \$30,000 and 800 applications from FY2002.

In releasing its annual Report and Order on the assessment and collection of regulatory fees for FY2003, the FCC responded at some length to comments filed from the amateur community. Some commenters had questioned the need for the fee, the requirement to pay it when renewing a vanity call sign and why refunds were not automatic.

Telecommunications Act provisions governing regulatory fee assessment cover applications for vanity call signs, which, the FCC said, "are voluntarily requested by licensees" and are "a value-added benefit not afforded to all licensees." Assessment of a regulatory fee to cover the FCC's processing and enforcement costs to make the vanity call sign service available is reasonable, the FCC concluded.

The FCC said its current policy of assessing "a nominal fee" at the time of initial application and at each renewal also allows greater access to vanity call signs. "A high one-time-only fee would be cost prohibitive for many entities wishing to obtain a vanity call sign," the Commission said. The Commission also said it incurs costs to manage each vanity call sign throughout its existence, not just in the first 10 years.

Regarding refunds due when the FCC denies an application, the FCC said its rules require a written request from applicants before it can process refunds of regulatory fees. "The written request serves as documentation when cross-referencing each unique file number that may be entitled to a refund," the FCC added.

The FCC said the documentation was particularly important in the case of Amateur Radio vanity applications, "because filing trends indicate that some applicants file several vanity call sign applications per day for several days on end." Requiring a written request makes it easier to certify "which fees are to be refunded for which dismissed applications," the Commission said. In addition, those processing applications in FCC bureaus and offices don't have the authority to issue refunds without proper documentation. A copy of the Report and Order is available on the FCC Web site at: http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-03-184A1.doc

ARRL News, Newington CT July 31, 2003

Hams a Bright Spot During Power Blackout

NEWINGTON, CT, Aug 15, 2003--When a blip on the electricity distribution grid August 14 took out power to at least a half dozen states in the eastern US, many Amateur Radio operators were ready and able to provide whatever assistance they could. Hardest hit were metropolitan areas like New York City, Detroit and Cleveland. In New York, residents and commuters found themselves stranded in electricity-dependent elevators and subway or rail cars while visitors ended up stuck at airports, which were forced to shut down. With the cellular telephone system overloaded or out altogether, the incident turned into a test of Amateur Radio's capabilities to operate without commercial power.

"It was a good drill," said New York City-Long Island Section Emergency Coordinator Tom Carrubba, KA2D. But, he adds, it was a cautionary tale too. "The lesson is that everybody gets a little complacent," he said. "Have emergency power backup and make sure it's working!" Some repeaters in the blacked-out Greater New York City area--including the primary 147.000 "TAC 2" machine--were down, but several others remained on the air with emergency power.

By and large, Carrubba said, the system worked according to plan, and ARES members did what they were trained to do. "It's going to show the worth of Amateur Radio," he said of the blackout response. "There were people on the air immediately." Diane Ortiz, K2DO, the Public Information Coordinator for NYC-Long Island was one of them. When power went down in her Suffolk County community, she started up an informal net on the Long Island Mobile Amateur Radio Club's 146.85 repeater. Over the next 20 hours or so, the net passed approximately 500 pieces of what Ortiz described as largely "health-and-welfare traffic." A lot of it was on behalf of individuals stuck in the city and needing to contact family members.

"People are getting on and helping," she said. In addition to handling messages, amateurs also relayed useful information, such as which stores or filling stations were open and operating. Many radio and TV stations went dark as a result of the power failure, and hams were able to help fill the information void, Ortiz said. In the Big Apple itself, ARES New York City-Long Island District Emergency Coordinator Charles Hargrove, N2NOV, remained at the city's Red Cross Headquarters in Manhattan, where power was restored around 5 AM. "There are some power fluctuations going on, and that is the main concern right now--that power may go off again," Hargrove told ARRL.

ARES support of Red Cross operations, which began yesterday, continues. ARES teams are providing communication for the Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicles (ERVs) set up at main transportation centers in Manhattan--Grand Central Station, Penn Station and at the Port Authority Terminal. ARES members also accompanied ERVs called into action to follow New York Fire Department personnel on more than two dozen fire calls.

"After a long night of operations, some ARES members went home to get some rest around 6 AM," Hargrove said.

RACES organizations activated in most Greater New York City area counties after a state of emergency was declared. Some ARES teams--including a few across the Hudson River in New Jersey--activated or remained on standby to help if called upon.

In New Jersey, a net set up on a back-up repeater established communication with the Red Cross lead chapter's N2ARC in Princeton--staffed by members of Mercer County ARES/RACES--and other New Jersey ARC chapters. The state of emergency included five counties in northern New Jersey, said SEC Steve Ostrove, K2SO. He spent about four hours at the EOC in Elizabeth after the blackout began. "The Elizabeth Police were impressed with the information I was able to provide," he said. The net stood down at about 10 PM after telephone communication among the Red Cross chapters had been reestablished and power began to be restored.

In upstate New York, Fred Stevens, K2FRD, says the situation reminded him of the 1964 power blackout in the eastern US. "This is an emergency communicator's wildest fantasy: a major power outage in which we can demonstrate our preparedness," he said. In his county, Chenango, ARES has been activated and the local EOC is staffed by Amateur Radio operators and the Chenango Amateur Radio Emergency Service net is up and running with stations on battery power and standing by. "We are ready for whatever might happen," Stevens said.

Comments posted on the HamsEF reflector by Ken Davis, KB2KFV, who is president of the Rensselaer (New York) County ARES/RACES Club reflected that attitude. "It seems that the amateurs were better prepared than the government sector," he said. "Amateurs in this area were up and on the air before there was any response from local government." Davis said Rensselaer County EC and Chief RACES Officer Jim Noble, K2ZP, activated ARES and mustered a net on the 146.76 - RACES repeater and Troy ARA Pres. Bill Eddy NY2U started a net on the Troy Radio Club repeater frequency 145.17 simplex since the repeater was down, requesting stations to standby and monitor the frequencies for updates.

New England

New England states were far less affected by the blackout since most operate on an altogether different power grid than the one that failed. New England area ARES/RACES operators were in standby mode after the blackout rippled through the system to the south and west. Only Connecticut and sections of Western Massachusetts reported significant outages, and ARES nets activated in both states. ARRL Eastern Massachusetts PIC Jim Duarte, N1IV, reports the ARES/RACES response in the Bay State was "quick and organized, showing that our recent drills and training sessions have proved beneficial."

Western Massachusetts SM Bill Voedisch, W1UD, reports the Leominster EOC was activated on a standby basis. Although he is equipped with a diesel-powered generator to supply his house and ham shack, his part of Massachusetts suffered no power losses. Parts of Berkshire County in extreme western Massachusetts suffered from the blackout, although power was restored fairly promptly there. Bill Sexton, N1IN/AAR1FP, an Army MARS member, said his emergency power capability permitted him to run his station and maintain e-mail contact. "We had the Northeast SHARES (National Communications System HF Shared Resources Program) up and running cross-country on a Condition Two readiness alert," Sexton said. He reports that when he called in on the SHARES channel, a MARS station in Nebraska responded to say he was ready to handle any relays. "The experience proved once again the great strength of ham radio in an emergency," Sexton said. "It is self-starting, and it is everywhere."--

This Article was compliments of ARRL Web



Jamboree On The Air



Looking for Volunteer Operators

I have been asked by the Program Director for the Fort Orange Boy Scout Fall Camporee to see if I could line up some operators to put a Jamboree station on the air during our Fall Camporee. Jamboree on the Air (J.O.T.A.) is the same weekend as the camporee and apparently some units have been inquiring about whether we were going to have anything set up.

The camporee is at Thompson's Lake Park the weekend of Oct 18 & 19, though we would only be looking for operating a station on Saturday. I've talked to Mr. Bill about using some of the club equipment and as of now power should be available. It would be nice if we could make arrangements to set up the kitchen fly from field day along with one of the HF rigs, if not, I can setup the my screen house from last years FD. I have a G5 wire antenna that can used as well. I am on the Camporee staff this year and cannot commit to manning the rig for the day but will available on and off to provide whatever help I can. If you might be interested please let me know.

Thanks.

Steve - KF2WA

Pro-BPL comments lack technical substance, ARRL says

The ARRL said Broadband over Power Line (BPL) proponents have failed to substantiate their claims that the technology will not cause widespread interference. In reply comments filed August 20, the League said that if the FCC is going to rely on industry statements in making decisions on BPL deployment, the industry should back up its assertions with technical studies and hard data and make these public.

While BPL advocates claim no interference, ARRL said its own field tests lead inescapably to the conclusion that BPL will, if deployed, create widespread harmful interference. "The interference was manifest and widespread and would be so even to an untrained observer," ARRL said.

The ARRL supplemented its text comments with technical exhibits that document the results of testing at several BPL field trial sites.

The League also noted that comments in the proceeding so far have been silent on the interference susceptibility of BPL to ham radio signal ingress.

"It is past time that the Commission acted in its proper role as a steward of the radio spectrum and recognized the interference potential of BPL to the sensitive incumbent licensed services in these bands," the League concluded.

Please support the ARRL in its Fight Against BPL

Why Computers Sometimes Crash !

By: Dr. Seuss

If a packet hits a pocket on a socket on a port, and the bus is interrupted at a very last resort, and the access of the memory makes your floppy disk abort, then the socket packet pocket has an error to report.

If your cursor finds a menu item followed by a dash, and the double-clicking icon puts your window in the trash, and your data is corrupted cause the index doesn't hash, then your situation's hopeless and your system's gonna crash!

If the label on the cable on the table at your house, says the network is connected to the button on your mouse, but your packets want to tunnel to another protocol, that's repeatedly rejected by the printer down the hall.

And your screen is all distorted by the side effects of gauss, so your icons in the window are as wavy as a souse; then you may as well reboot and go out with a bang, 'cuz sure as I'm a poet, the sucker's gonna hang.

When the copy on your floppy's getting sloppy in the disk, and the macro code instructions is causing unnecessary risk, then you'll have to flash the memory and you'll want to RAM your ROM, and then quickly turn off the computer and be sure to tell your Mom!

KG5GAX Case Dismissed

Judge drops police-radio owner's case

<http://watertowndailytimes.com/editorial/20030815/24052.asp>

by Sean Nealon & Ed Perkins, Times Staff Writer

First published: Friday, August 15, 2003



More than two months after an initial court date, a LeRay town justice has dismissed charges against a licensed amateur radio operator who was cited on June 1 with having a radio in his car capable of receiving police signals. "It should not have gone on as long as it did," said Richard C. Lalone, who initially appeared in Leray Town Court on June 9. "It should have been reviewed, assessed and a decision should have been made the first time I was in court."

The citation against Mr. Lalone of Calcium drove other amateurs throughout the county and state to take radios out of their vehicles.

There are still questions, however, of whether the Jefferson County district attorney's office will prosecute others amateur radio operators.

District Attorney Cindy F. Intschert plans to meet with police and other agencies to develop a countywide policy, said Assistant District Attorney Dylan T. Tester, who handled the Lalone case.

Mr. Tester said the office will not appeal the decision by LeRay Town Justice John W. Hallett and agrees with it based on the exception it makes for licensed radio operators. For now, however, the office will still decide on a case-by-case basis. There could be other factors, such as when the radio is used during the commission of a crime, he said.

"We don't want to close any doors," he said.

Judge Hallett cited the exemption for licensed amateur operators in his decision. At the same time, he called the law "... probably the most poorly drafted section of the vehicle and traffic law."

Citing case law, Judge Hallett said the law is meant to prevent criminals from listening to public broadcasts in their cars either before or after the commission of a crime and prevent the jamming of airwaves during police broadcasts.

"The court can and does take judicial notice of the exemplary service amateur radio operators have provided to the citizens of Jefferson County, notably during the microburst of 1995, the ice storm of 1998 and the terrorist attacks of 2001," he said.

After his initial court appearance, Mr. Lalone received more than 750 e-mails from around the world and was the subject of hundreds of postings on popular ham radio Web sites, such as www.qrz.com and www.eham.net

His case also caught the attention of the American Radio Relay League, the largest organization of radio amateurs in the United States, who helped Mr. Lalone locate an attorney in Alabama, Susan A. Terry, who represented him for free. Ms. Terry practiced law in New York for 15 years before moving to Alabama.

Mr. Lalone, who never took his radio out of his vehicle after being ticketed and doesn't plan to, said he has received e-mails from at least 20 people around the state during the past two months who have removed their radios.

Clarence "Joe" Loveland, the Jefferson County radio officer, said about six amateur operators in the county pulled their radios from their cars after Mr. Lalone was ticketed.

Mr. Tester suggested that licensed operators seek the state Legislature for a rewrite of the law. In part, it prohibits vehicle radios that can tune in to police frequencies without a permit. It generally exempts "any person who holds a valid amateur radio operator's license issued by the Federal Communications Commission" as long as they operate on frequencies exclusively assigned to radio amateurs. Mr. Lalone holds such a license.

Mrs. Intschert also recognizes the contributions ham radio operators make to the community, according to Mr. Tester. She wants to address their concerns as soon as possible, he said.

John L. Nagi - W2JLN, SK

ALBANY John Lazar Nagi, 70, of Colonie, died Tuesday, August 19, 2003 at Albany Medical Center Hospital. Mr. Nagi was born in Albany and lived in the area nearly all his life. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War. He had a long and distinguished career, beginning as an engineer for the Bendix Corporation and for many years, as a professor at Hudson Valley Community College in the Electrical Technology department. He also served as vice president for Student Affairs at the college, and as department chairman of the Electrical Engineering Technology Department and the Electrical Construction and Maintenance Department. He also served as a part-time lecturer at the State University of New York at Albany, an adjunct faculty member at the SUNY College of Technology Extension Center in Troy, as an associate professor of the Excelsior College, and as a frequent member of accreditation teams for engineering and nuclear technology programs. He was an active member of St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church in Albany and served on the church board of directors for 11 years.

He was a ham radio operator since the age of 13, most recently had the callsign of **W2JLN**, formerly **N2CQA** and was a member of the Albany Camera Club and the Chevrolet Club. Mr. Nagi is survived by his beloved wife, Sarina Triolo Nagi; his daughter, Athena D. (Sean) Mays of Framingham, Mass.; his son, Mark J. (Jennifer) Nagi of Knoxville, Tenn.; his brother, Dennis (Candice) Nagi of Albany; and by his dog, Kramer. He was predeceased by his nephew, Louis Nagi. Funeral services were held in St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church, 440 Whitehall Rd., Albany. Interment was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery, Colonie. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Northeastern Association of the Blind, 301 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12206 or to St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church, 440 Whitehall Rd., Albany, NY 12208.

Roy Neal - K6DUE, SK

Retired NBC News science correspondent, producer and executive Roy Neal, **K6DUE**, of High Point, North Carolina, died August 15, after undergoing major heart surgery three days earlier. He was 82.

Recognized as a leading news expert in spaceflight and science, Neal--born Roy N. Hinkel--covered the early days of NASA's human space flight program, including the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo missions and the early shuttle flights. Neal's space news experience, led him to become involved with the Space Amateur Radio EXperiment (SAREX)--and Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) programs. A joint project of ARRL, AMSAT and NASA, ARISS put Amateur Radio aboard space shuttles and developed the first permanent ham station in space aboard the ISS. Neal chaired the SAREX/ARISS Working Group and moderated ARISS international team gatherings and, quite often, school group contact teleconferences.

Earlier this year, he was inducted into the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame for his role in persuading NASA officials to allow Amateur Radio operation from space in the 1980s.

A Pennsylvania native, Neal began his broadcasting career at WIBG radio in Philadelphia. He served as a combat infantry officer during World War II and later became a program manager for the Armed Forces Radio Network in Europe. After the war, he was a television pioneer at WPTZ-TV in Philadelphia. He subsequently set up NBC's West Coast news bureau.

Neal was an ARRL member and active amateur operator throughout his adult life. Survivors include his wife Pat and sons David and Mark.



Pumpkin Patrol 2003



Your Assistance is Requested

Dear TARA,

Thank you again for your help with the Pumpkin Patrol in 2002. There were no major incidents along the New York State Thruway during Halloween due to this annual program. I am forwarding this letter in order to request that your organization again participate in the Pumpkin Patrol this October. Thank You in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Andrew F. O'Mara, Sergeant New York State Police, Troop F

Greetings to all,

If anyone is interested in working the Pumpkin Patrol 2003, it will be held on 2 nights, Thursday, Oct. 30th and Friday, Oct. 31st. The times are usually 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. We are looking for anyone who would like to work either night or both nights. If you have any questions, you can contact me, Karen at 273-6594 anytime or on the repeater.

Thanks,

Karen KB2UUC

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