

Hudson Division Report to the ARRL Board of Directors
A look back at 2013, a look forward to 2014

2013

- ❖ Began my tenure as Director and was appointed to the PSC Committee.
 - Joined Clubs subcommittee.
 - Joined Educational subcommittee.
 - ◆ Participated in many hours of teleconferences conducting committee business.

- ❖ Joined ARRL Centennial Steering Committee.
 - Attended monthly meetings at ARRL HQ.

- ❖ Brought the Hudson Division Cabinet meetings to each Section.
 - Less travel for members.
 - More participation per meeting.
 - ◆ 10 times more members attended over six meetings than the one and only meeting held the prior year.

- ❖ Solicited and obtained written documentation from New York State Department of Motor Vehicles Counsel regarding cell phone and distracted driving laws. I posted the document on the Hudson Division website and it is available for download.
 - Amateur Radio mobile communications in New York is not in violation of Cell Phone law.
 - Amateur Radio mobile communications in New York is not in violation of distracted driving law as long as radio is used for talking only.*
 - *No texting or typing of messages.
 - *No transmission of pictures.
 - *No usage of radio for anything else that may be in violation.

- ❖ Made changes to the Annual Hudson Division Awards.
 - Moved location away from venue that had been used for the prior 10 years.
 - Increased participation nearly 50%.
 - Raised almost \$5,000 for Spectrum Defense Fund.
 - ◆ A record \$2,000 more than prior year.

- ❖ Travelled nearly 9,000 miles attending meetings and hamfests.
 - 600 miles alone on Field Day.

- ❖ Developed Grass-Roots action team in NY 20th Congressional District
 - My pilot program green-lighted at the July 2013 Board meeting.
 - Met with District Director.
 - ◆ Working to get ARRL Bill sponsored in 2014 legislative calendar.
 - Coordinating efforts with ARRL Counsel.

- ❖ Developing grass-roots action team in NJ 7th Congressional District.
 - Working to get ARRL Bill sponsored in 2014 legislative calendar.

- ❖ I was the Keynote speaker at Ham Radio University.
 - NLI Section Convention.
 - Live-streamed on the Internet.

2014

- ❖ Continue Grass-Roots pilot program/legislative effort.
 - Follow up in NY 20th District.
 - Continue efforts in NJ 7th District.
 - Begin development of relationships in other Districts.

- ❖ Begin a program to reimburse members who successfully complete EC-01.
 - Form not-for-profit, tax-exempt corporation.
 - Raise funds.
 - ◆ Division awards program.
 - ◆ Donations.

- ❖ Develop contest within Division to increase ARRL membership.
 - In each Section, the club bringing in most new members wins prize.
 - ◆ Certificate, plaque, ARRL gift certificate.

- ❖ Hold general membership meeting for Hudson Division.
 - First time ever in Division.
 - Webinar format.

- ❖ Centennial Celebration.
 - Continue efforts to make event a success.
 - ◆ Encourage participation.
 - ◆ Get volunteers.
 - ◆ On-the-air activities.

Respectfully submitted,
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