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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