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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