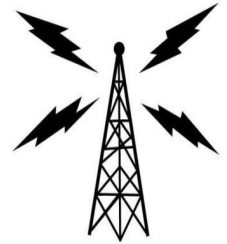




DFARG Signal



Incorporating Palmetto Amateur Radio Club

13 Colonies Special Event

The weekend of Summer Field Day heralds the arrival of another event that is near and dear to the hearts of many Hams, the annual 13 Colonies Special Event. This seven-day celebration of American freedom has occurred every year since 2009 in the week of July 4. This year's event runs from 1300 UTC on July 1 through 0400 UTC July 8.

For those of you who have not participated, the concept is that during that week, the goal is make a QSO with an operator from each of the 13 original colonies, plus bonus stations in Philadelphia, the United Kingdom, and France. Each of the colonies, (K2A through K2M, and the bonus stations, WM3PEN,

GB13COL, and TM13COL) produce unique QSL cards for the event, and making contact with just 1 colony state qualifies you for a unique certificate. Contacting all 13 colonies earns the coveted "clean sweep" endorsement on the certificate.

The brainchild of Ken Villone, KU2US, 13 Colonies was initially intended to be a one-off event. First licensed in 1980 as KA2MIM (which he felt was a challenging callsign for CW!) Ken was a fan of the ARRL Sweepstakes, and wondered why there weren't more special events with multiple stations to hunt, so in 2009, with 25 other operators, he launched 13 Colonies. That first year, there were over 12,000 contacts reported, and Ken received so much positive feedback that he ran the event again in 2010, resulting in almost 40,000 contacts! Last year, the biggest year yet, 202,089 contacts were reported.

When there were fewer than 40 operators spread out between the 13 colony states and the UK, Ken could manage the whole program on his own. With



over 200 operators, however, he has come to rely on State managers to shoulder the load in creating state QSL cards, and finding and coordinating operators. Ken reports to us that the GB13COL crew goes a little bit crazy every year, with a week-long party at their club house including beer, flags, hats, and food!

Ken is proud of the fact that he is able to keep the cost of a certificate, including postage, to \$5.00, accepted in the form of a donation. If you can't afford to donate \$5.00 to the cause, Ken will make sure you get a certificate, anyway. Though he does not keep track of the number of certificates he mails out each year, he does note that he spends pretty much the entire months of July, August, and September processing them. We have done a little back-of-the-matchbook calculating and with 15 stations on the log sheet (TM13COL just got added for 2021), at 202,000 contacts, that works out to be north of

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Don't forget that we will coordinate our field day activity at this month's meeting. Club President John Miller is donating a \$50 Shealy's BBQ gift card as a raffle prize at Field Day (must be present to win), and an anonymous donor had given a \$50 DX Engineering gift card.

Upcoming Regional Hamfests and Conventions

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| <p>06/19/2021 - Black Warrior Hamfest
 Location: Northport, AL
 Type: ARRL Hamfest
 Website: http://BlackWarriorhamfest.org</p> | <p>07/10/2021 - Cave City Hamfest
 Location: Cave City , KY
 Type: ARRL Hamfest
 Website: http://www.ky4x.org</p> <p>07/17/2021 - Cullman Amateur Radio Club Hamfest
 Location: Cullman, AL
 Type: ARRL Hamfest
 Website: http://cullmanarc.com/hamfest/</p> <p>07/17/2021 - McMinn County ARC
 Location: Athens , TN
 Type: ARRL Hamfest
 Website: http://mcminnarc.com</p> | <p>07/24/2021 - Waynesville (WCARS) Hamfest
 Location: Waynesville, NC, NC
 Type: ARRL Hamfest</p> <p>07/31/2021 - Greater Nashville & Middle TN HamQuest
 Location: Lebanon, TN
 Type: ARRL Hamfest
 Website: https://midtnhamquest.com/</p> |
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Regional Net Schedule

All Times in Eastern Time Zone

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	South Carolina SSB Net 1900 3.915						
	Coastal Carolina Emergency Net 1900 3.907						
	South Coast Amateur Radio Service 0800-1100 7.251						
	Intercontinental Amateur Traffic Net 0700-1100 14.300						
	Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network 1100 14.265						
	7240 Club 1000-1200 7.240						
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1930		Little Mountain 147.210 + T156.7					
2000		Kershaw ARC 146.775 - T156.7	Sandlapper SSB 50.250		Calhoun ARES 146.670 - T 156.7		
2030	Columbia ARC 147.33 + T 156.7		Lexington ARES 147.000 + T123.0	Columbia ARC 147.33 + T 156.7			
2100	Ridge ARC 146.550 Simplex				Greenwood ARS 147.165 + T 107.2		Ridge ARC First Saturday 3.959
	Ridge ARC 147.255 + T123.0 after simplex						

Treasurer's Report

Balance 5/4/21	\$2,258.36
Dues deposited:	\$210.00
PO Box rent paid:	\$36.00
Natural gas bills (2)	\$26.69
Balance 6/14/21	\$2,405.67

Upcoming DXpeditions:

Start	End	DXCC	Call	Info
May10	Jun27	Niger	5UAIHM	Niamey; CW; 40 20m
May15	Jun15	Haiti	HH2JA	Petionville; 80-6m; CW SSB FT8
May20	Jun20	Nigeria	5N7MSF	20m 15m
May29	Jun21	Crete	SV9/DL3DRN	All bands; CW SSB RTTY
May31	Jun21	Vietnam	XV9RH	Hanoi; 20-10m; CW FT8
Jun03	Jun14	British Virgin Is	VP2V/NC3Z	
Jun08	Jul10	Greenland	OX3LX	IOTA NA-018, NA-220, NA151
Jun12	Jun20	Balearic Is	EA6/DK5ON	40-6m; SSB CW FT8 FT4
Jun12	Jun21	Market Reef	OJOC	focus on 6m FT8 and higher bands
Jun12	Jul05	Guadeloupe	TO11A	focus on 6m
Jun13	Jul05	Burkina Faso	XT2AW	Ouagadougou (IK92fh); 160-6m; CW SSB FT8 + satellite
Jun21	Jul31	St Helena	ZD7	HF
Jun26	Jul02	Turks & Caicos	VP5/W3QP	HF
Jun27	Jul04	Market Reef	OJOJR	6m; FT8 CW SSB
Jun30	Jul03	Alaska	KL7RRC	Adak I (IOTA NA-039); 40-6m; CW SSB FT8 (f/h)
Jun30	Jul04	Liechtenstein	HB0/HB9HBY	Steg; FT8 CW SSB; 160-10m
Jul04	Jul17	British Virgin Is	VP2V/K3TRM	Tortola; 40-6m; SSB RTTY FT8 + satellite
Jul07	Jul12	Alaska	KL7RRC	Kiska I (IOTA NA-070); 40-6m; CW SSB FT8 (f/h)
Jul07	Jul14	Aruba	P4/ND7J P4/N4IQ	
Jul14	Jul16	Alaska	KL7RRC	Adak I (IOTA NA-039); 40-6m; CW SSB FT8 (f/h)
Jul14	Jul21	Bahamas	C6AHA	Bimini I (IOTA NA-048); HF FT8 SSB CW
Jul23	Aug03	St Vincent	J88PI	alm I (IOTA NA-025, FK92ho); 40-6m; SSB FT8
Jul21	Jul26	Svalbard	JW0W	Prins Karls Forland I (IOTA EU-063); 40 30 20m
Jul25	Sep04	Azores	CT8/W6PQL	FT8 on all bands; 20m SSB

For more information go to <https://www.ng3k.com/>

May 2021 Minutes

Members in attendance:

John Miller K4IG
 Maria Ducharme KN4KHK
 Hardy Plemmons W4ABI
 Timothy Smith K4OIW
 David Graham WB4FDG
 Don Drzkworiski WB2WEO
 Al Bucholz WB4YYX
 John Seibels K4AXV
 Charles Carmichael AB4HI
 Nat Smith N2NAT
 Charlie Brown KD4CB
 Powell Way W4OPW
 Cliff Conti W2CCC
 Tom Blease KO4CM
 Bruce Frost KI4VRO
 H. Sammons WB2WEO

The monthly DFARG meeting commenced at 1900 Hours April 20th, 2021. John Miller started the meeting by welcoming all attending members. All attending members participated in club role call.

The training topic was presented by Timothy Smith with the subject being Raspberry Pi. This is the first segment with the second being continued at June's meeting.

Club auction will be conducted next month during the 2021 Field Day, June 26 and 27. All items to be auctioned have been inventoried.

Discussion as to whether Field Day would be held at club house or away. It was determined the function would held at the club house and be recognized as an E.O.C.

The subject of the generator was discussed. In order to qualify as an E.O.C. there needs to be an operable generator. Which ours is not. The primary purpose is to charge batteries in the event of a power outage. Members are to look into a small generator.

Upcoming Contests

June			
19	<u>Battle of Carabobo International</u>	17	<u>Russian Radio Team Championship YOTA Contest</u>
19-20	<u>All Asian DX CW Ukrainian DX RTTY WV QSO Party</u>	17-18	<u>North American QSOP RTTY CQ Worldwide VHF</u>
26-27	<u>King of Spain SSB ARRL Field Day</u>	24-25	<u>RSGB IOTA Contest</u>
July		31-1	<u>Russian Worldwide Multi Mode MO QSO Party</u>
1	<u>RAC Canada Day</u>		
3-4	<u>Marconi Memorial HF</u>		
10-11	<u>IARU HF World Championship</u>		

Antenna repairs so far have been successful with the beam antenna back on the air. Two stations can be run at the same time as long as there is no conflict.

“Get on the air” (GOTA) station purpose was explained as a place to use installed equipment as well as place for operators to hook up personal radios to test and use as needed.

As a reminder to members that when radios are in use be considerate of outside conversations that may distract the person or persons trying to use the equipment.

John Seibels presented the Treasurer's Report.

The Post Office Box pickup was resolved by having Bruce Frost's wife picking up the mail on a regular basis. Being that she is in the area often and it does not present an inconvenience to her. Bruce Frost took possession of the key.

May 2021 club meeting minutes were accepted by the attending members and seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1954 Hour with all in favor of adjournment.

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13,000 certificates!

Ken is happy to put weeks of labor into this event. As he says, “The main purpose was to have fun and to honor the original 13 Colony states and our veterans and active military.”

The 13 Colonies Special event was a favorite of our past president, Tom Francis (SK) W1TEF, who was also a former K2L State manager.

For more information and log sheets go to www.13colonies.us

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 WWW.W4DFG.ORG

Ham Humor



I thought YOU brought the BNC to PL-259 adaptor!

