

# 13 Colonies 4<sup>th</sup> of July Special Event

## PART Operator's Guide (R0)

### What it is

- July 1st to July 5th 2009, all thirteen 1776 original colony states will be on the air using a set of Special Event call signs.
- It's *not* a contest. Unless you have a pile-up, feel free to explain the event and ragchew a bit.
- You can operate from your home QTH or portable/mobile or whatever. We do not need to operate from one site.

### QSL/Awards

- The QSO award is a full color certificate printed on heavy card stock with a map and the state flags of all the 1776 colonies.
- An operator can work one or more states and be eligible for the certificate. Each colony state worked will be marked by the shield of the United States and by "QSL" in each shield. A special "recognition" logo will be affixed if an operator works all 13 states, regardless of mode or band.
- Special event call operators may participate. You will receive automatic credit for Massachusetts, and a free certificate.
- You are free to exchange your own QSL card with other stations

### Operating hours

- Starts Wednesday July 1, 9 AM EDT (1300 UTC)
- Ends Saturday July 4, 1159 PM EDT (Sunday July 5, 0359 UTC)

### Operating Bands/modes

- All bands *except* WARC and 60 meters
- The mode of operation is up to the individual colony state station operator. All modes of operation should be represented-SSB, CW, RTTY Etc.- CW is encouraged.
- 6 and 2 meter simplex is encouraged. Repeater contacts *are valid*, except *no echolink*
- HF band suggested frequencies: close to the "13"s—e.g., 7013, 7113, 7213, 14013, 14213, 14313 etc.
- 40-160 M encouraged to allow contacts among participating states along east coast

### Special event call signs/operations

- Special event call signs will be used (K2A Thru K2M).

- K2A-NY K2B-VA K2C-RI K2D-CT K2E-DE K2F-MD K2G-GA  
K2H-MA K2I-NJ K2J-NC K2K-NH K2L-SC K2M-PA
- **PART (Massachusetts) is K2H**
- Multiple stations/operators may use SE call simultaneously, even on the same band
- Personally, I feel one operator per band per mode will avoid a lot of confusion. (see Operating Coordination below)
- Spotting on DX Summit using the SE call sign is recommended. Go to <http://www.dxsummit.fi/SendSpot.aspx> and enter the SE call sign and “K2H 13 Colonies-MA” in the INFO field.

### Contact exchange

- Mandatory (for log): Call sign
- For QSL/certificate info go to **KU2US** on QRZ.com (note: *NOT* under K2H)
- Optional: nature of event, RS(T), QTH, names, your own call, etc.
- While on the air, mention the nature of the special event every 10-15 minutes and when calling CQ (except CW)

### Logs

- Required log info: Contacted station call, Date, Time (UTC), band/frequency
- Don't worry about dupes
- Electronic, any format
- hard copy (may be entered by hand): forms available at <http://home.comcast.net/~dzabawa/ThirteenColonies.htm>
- Make sure your log is identified with K2H and your own call
- Electronic logs may be e-mailed to me ([K1PUB@arrl.net](mailto:K1PUB@arrl.net)) or directly to Ken Villone ([dentron1@yahoo.com](mailto:dentron1@yahoo.com))
- Hard copy can be given/mailed to me at 128 Russet La, Boxborough, MA 01719 or directly to Ken Villone, KU2US, P O Box 185, Conesus, NY 14435

### Operating Coordination

- Charlie Learoyd, K1PUB, will coordinate the club operating schedule
- Want to avoid multiple operators on same band and mode at same time
- Slots allocated in two hour blocks by band and mode
- Sign up here on “by band” sheets
- E-mail or call me with further availability requests and changes; e.g., if your schedule changes or you want to change to a different band. [K1PUB@arrl.net](mailto:K1PUB@arrl.net) or 978-263-4684