



The 12th Annual 13 Colonies Special Event
July 1 – 7, 2020

GB13COL

Independence Week 2020

WM3PEN

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

13 Colonies Special Event

July 1 - 7

- Celebrate America's Independence
- Working all 13 colonies
- Getting the Bonus Stations
- Earning a nice certificate
- Collecting special QSL cards

The Basics

- Date: July 1 (09:00 AM) - July 7 (11:59 PM)
- One QSO per 13 colony state
- Exchange: Call, signal report,
state/province/country
- Submit Log for certificate
- Send QSL with S.A.S.E. (or \$1) to each of the colony stations to get special qsl card.

Colony Stations

- K2A – K2M
- Volunteers in each state on the air
- Callsign/Operator coordinator
- QSL Manager
- K2M is coordinated by K3MJW, Skyview Radio Society

Bonus Stations

- WM3PEN
 - Philadelphia – Where Independence Began
 - Does not count for Pennsylvania



- GB13COL
 - Durham District and Amateur Radio Society (DADARS)
 - West – Central England

A graphic for the call sign GB13COL. It features the call sign in large, stylized letters with a red, white, and blue color scheme. To the left is the United States flag, and to the right is the United Kingdom flag. Below the call sign is a section titled "The Symbols of Freedom" which contains text about the Magna Carta and the Great Rapprochement of 1895. To the right of the text is a historical illustration of a man in a top hat and a woman in a long dress shaking hands, with a banner above them that reads "A UNION IN THE INTEREST OF HUMANITY - CIVILIZATION - FREEDOM - PEACE - EQUALITY - TIME". The illustration is surrounded by various symbols and icons.

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The Symbols of Freedom

The Magna Carta is seen as one of the most influential legal documents in British history. It is noted as “the greatest constitutional document of all time – the foundation of the freedom of the individual against the arbitrary authority of the despot”.

The Great Rapprochement of 1895 forges a fundamental shift in the positive relationship between the United States and Great Britain in the late Nineteenth Century. This special relationship continues to this day.



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Independence Week Celebration



SYMBOL OF FREEDOM

The American Bald Eagle



K2A-New York

K2B-Virginia

K2C-Rhode Island

K2D-Connecticut

K2E-Delaware

K2F-Maryland

K2G-Georgia

K2H-Massachusetts

K2I-New Jersey

K2J-N. Carolina

K2K-N. Hampshire

K2L-S. Carolina

K2M-Pennsylvania

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Gr. Britain



WM3PEN
PHILADELPHIA

Sample

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT ARS: KU2US HAS PARTICIPATED
IN THIS FOURTH OF JULY WEEK CELEBRATION HONORING THE
ORIGINAL 13 COLONY STATES, THE INDEPENDENCE OF OUR
NATION IN 1776, & OUR ACTIVE MILITARY+VETERANS.**

CONTACTS



ALL 13 COLONY STATES
CLEAN SWEEP

GOD BLESS AMERICA



73'



An On-Air
Amateur Radio Event

KEN VILLONE-KU2US/EVENT MANAGER: *Ken Villone*

Sample 2019 QSL Cards



2019 Event Results

- 169,884 Total Colony QSOs (*129,773 in 2018*)
- 7679 WM3PEN QSOs (*1200 in 2011*)
- Bands: 10, 15, 17, 20, 30, 40, 80, 6, 2
- Modes: SSB, CW, PSK31, FM, FT8, DSTAR,
About 900 paper qsls, 2600 Eqsls, 2500 LOTW
- QSLs started to arrive by mail – July 5
– Still being received in June, 2020

Dates

July 1- 7

21	22	23	24	25	26	Field Day	27
Field Day	28	29	30	1	2	3	4

Free Printable Calendars From www.calendarlabs.com

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 13 Colonies	2 13 Colonies	3 13 Colonies	4 13 Colonies
5 13 Colonies	6 13 Colonies	7 13 Colonies	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18

Finding the 13 Colonies Stations

- Spotting networks
 - DxSummit.fi
 - <http://www.cwfun.org/funspots/us13/frames.html>
- Social Media
 - Facebook
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/13colonies>

Why Digital Voice?

- One of the fastest growing segments of the hobby
- Introduce Techs and others limited to VHF to some of the fun we have on HF.
- Propagation poor at times
- Have fun

Digital Voice

WM3PEN

- **D-Star Reflector 063 B 7-9pm EDT (23:00 - 01:00 GMT)**
- **Fusion - Room 28173 from 7-8 PM EDT (2300Z - 0000Z)**
- **DMR - TalkGroup 31426 EPA Section from 8-9 PM EDT (0000Z - 0100Z)**

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- **D-Star Reflector 063 B (No set time)**
- **Fusion - Room 28173 (No set time)**
- **GB13COL DMR ID 2345268 & Club call G4EUZ DMR ID 2344943 (No set time)**

Additional info on the web

- Official Website: 13Colonies.us
- QRZ.com: Each call sign
- Facebook: [13Colonies](#), [GB13COL](#)
- WM3PEN: HARCnet.org

2009 - 12,522 QSO's



2010 - 34,273 QSO's



2013



2014



2015

QSLs Arrive

Can the Stamps be used?



Stamps for the Wounded

Since 1942



*(A Service Activity
of Lions Clubs)*

Stamps for the Wounded

- 1000s of veterans injured protecting our freedom.
- Many must fight enforced idleness, boredom, loneliness, frustration, futility, and despair



What can stamps do?

- Bedridden, long-treatment, convalescent patients
 - Sort and mount stamps without effort
- Ambulatory or wheelchair patients
 - Soak stamps and mount them in albums
- Mentally disabled patients
 - Make fancy greeting cards or cover decorative boxes in organized therapy sessions



What stamps does SFTW want?

- All philatelic materials
 - Stamps and covers
 - U.S. and foreign in any quantity
- Cash
 - Buy albums, hinges, magnifiers, etc
 - Cover mailing costs to mail packages to DVA facilities where they are used.

Save and ship



Where do they come from?

- All 50 states
- Germany, England, Canada
- Hams
- Neighbors
- Friends
- Other organizations



Getting the Word Out Sharing Our Story



**The International Morse
Preservation Society**



Ham Radio Operators Reach Out To Public For Help In Project To
Benefit Wounded Warriors

- Notice with every qsl card
- Christmas letter
- Ham news media
- Local news media
- Club & Organization newsletters
- Friends, family, coworkers

WM3PEN participates in the **Stamps For The Wounded** program, a service activity of the Lions Club. Founded in 1942 and supported by every U.S. President since then, this program helps thousands of patients through occupational therapy programs in veterans hospitals and convalescent centers nationwide.

Stamps can give bedridden and convalescent patients, a consuming interest. Even the mentally disabled patient takes pleasure in using the more common stamps to make fancy greeting cards, or to cover decorative boxes in organized therapy sessions.

Stamps for the Wounded accepts any U.S. or foreign stamps that are not torn or damaged, as well as stamp collecting supplies and tools. They have requested each stamp should have at least a quarter-inch margin around the stamp. Do not try to either to peel or steam the stamp off the original envelope.

The stamp from your qsl card request is being sent to the program. This is an ongoing activity of **WM3PEN**. Interested in participating? Either send your stamps to HARC, 3341 Sheffield Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19136 or if you want to send the stamps directly email WM3PEN@ARRL.Net for info on where to send your stamps. Great way to use those stamps you receive on qsl cards, greeting cards, etc.

SFTW Says Thanks

Dear Donor *Mr. J. J. J. & Cathleen Daughters of America*

We gratefully acknowledge your kind support of our program. Your contribution of *many thousand US used stamps* will help cheer a hospitalized or out-patient Veterans. We thank you on behalf of those who will benefit from your generosity, *and for your continuing support of our Veterans.*

No goods or services were provided by Stamps For The Wounded for this contribution.

Sincerely,
John M. Hotchner
John M. Hotchner, Vice President
Stamps For The Wounded (est. 1942)

Feb 4, 2011

Dear Donor *Club Member*

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Results

- Over 70 pounds of stamps shipped
- Talk to people about ham radio that may not be familiar with the hobby or heard of it when they were younger
- Encourage other groups to start their own collection program

What can I do?

- Save stamps
- Start your own program
- Put message on your QRZ.com page or other web page



The screenshot shows a navigation bar with tabs: Biography (selected), Detail, Logbook 2190, Web 89, and Awards 3. Below the tabs is a text block with the following content:

Got Extra Used Stamps? Don't trash them! Send those old used DX postage stamps to The Lions International Stamp Club, **Stamps For The Wounded** Program which sends them to veterans' hospitals and convalescent centers around the country. More details about this excellent program can be found on [WM3PEN's QRZ page.](#)

Event Information

www.13colonies.us

Local WM3PEN information

www.qrz.com/db/WM3PEN

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