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Community Upgrades the Fan Experience at Troy Fair

New Sound System Serves Troy Fair Events and High-School Sports



Fairgrounds in Troy, Pennsylvania

Troy, Pennsylvania – Billed as the “Largest Event in Bradford County”, the 139th Troy Fair opened July 21, 2014 with a new grandstands sound system provided by Gelnett and Associates of Northumberland, Pennsylvania and based on Community R Series loudspeakers.

The new system replaces a 1970s-era paging horn system that was

inadequate for modern fair events and had prompted 2013’s tractor pull announcer to complain, “We’re not coming back unless you fix this!”

After interviewing several integrators, the Troy Fair board chose Gelnett and Associates to provide their new system. Gelnett President, Scott Gelnett reports that the fair board was very impressed during the on-site demo and knew this was the system for them.

The new system consists of two clusters of four Community R.5HPT loudspeakers covering the fans in the grandstands and three R2-52 loudspeakers covering the left, center and right field areas. The system is powered by DSP-equipped Crown amplifiers and features a Biamp 601 mixer and Tascam CD200i CD player with iPod input.

Gelnett provided an Audix headworn announcer’s mic and a handheld mic for a second announcer in the press booth. They also provided an Audix wireless headworn and a handheld wireless mic for use from the field. The press booth, which hangs below the grandstands roof, is difficult to access. For this reason, Gelnett provided a remote volume control in a utility room below the



Grandstands with R.5HPT and R2-52 Loudspeakers

grandstands for events with field announcements. However, Scott Gelnett says the microphones seldom need adjustment and he reports that he did “very little tweaking” on the R Series loudspeakers during system commissioning.

The fairgrounds are used for Troy High-School football, the Endless Mountain Maple Festival, and other sporting events as well as the yearly Troy Fair so the new grandstands sound system will benefit Troy audiences all year long. Gelnett and Associates has also updated other areas of the fairgrounds including exhibit halls and the cattle barn areas, and the small arena. Regarding the new grandstands system, Scott Gelnett thanks his staff of Gary Young, Project Manager; Keith Hummel, Installation Foreman; and David Shumaker, DSP Programmer and says “we’ve set a new standard in our area.”

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