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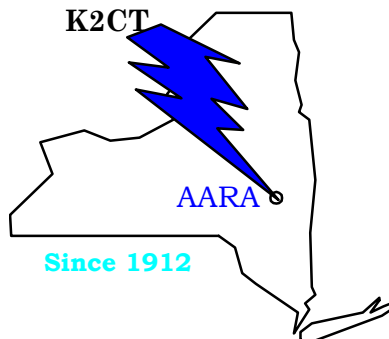
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AARA

Meets at the
Colonie Community Center
1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday DEC 10

Social Hour 6:55 PM
Meeting 7:45 PM

HOLIDAY Refreshments .
All donations of food are welcome
soda, diet soda, coffee

DEC. Meeting

election of officers

a video titled ARRL HQ Tour

AARA 10-meter Sprint

THURS DEC 9

7PM - 8PM

28.400-28.470MHz

exchange: signal report and first name

plain text copy of your log sheet to

sue.walt@verizon.net or

bring it to the meeting

K2CT Repeater

Talk-in repeater

145.19 (-) MHz

pl tone 100.0hz

or

444.30 (+) w/pl tone 100.0hz

AARA Dues

Dues are \$15 with

B-PLUS available at the K2CT Web
page in .pdf format www.k2ct.net

OR \$20 for first class mailing of
the newsletter Checks should be made out
to AARA and sent to: Saul Abrams, K2XA,
307 Maple Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159

SWAP SHOP

Send items to B-Plus editor, Mike, WD2AJS at wd2ajs@arrl.net or call 489-3110

MOVING

I will be moving in the spring and am looking to lighten the load. I'm not looking for money for these items, just like to know that they're going to a "good home". Please contact me if you have an interest or would like further information: **Laurie, N2OSB at 872-9056 or warnerlm@usadatanet.net**

- 1.)** 18" (measured diagonally) B&W GE television.
- 2.)** Samsung VCR model #VR3319. This is 10-15 years old
- 3.)** Furniture (but not until spring): a three-seat couch and matching armchair (rock/swivel).

..DXCC..

I'm looking for DXCC statistics from AARA club members. Here's what I have so far.

	Current	Total	Countries needed
K2XF	335	343	
K2XA	334	346	BS7
K2EP	332	337	BS7, VU4, VU7
WK2H	329		4W, BS7, E4, FO/M, P5, VU4
K2ONP	327	332	FR/G, FR/J, FT/X, VK9X, YV0, ZL8, ZS8
W2GDJ	313		3C0, 7O, BS7, FR/G, FR/J, FT5W, FT5X, FT5Z, KH7, KP1, KP5, ST, T5, VU4, VU7, YV0, ZS8
K2BX	311	315	
N1JP	300		
NA2NA	186	188	

Congratulations to K2BX on receiving 5BDXCC and the Challenge award

I will update the list every few months. If you need ten or less countries, include a list of them. If you have any other DX awards (dxcc, 5bdx, waz, challenge), send me a list and will publish them in B+. K2EP@arrl.net

73, Ernie K2EP

2005 Election of Officers

Slate of nominees:

John N1JP for President

Ernie K2EP for Vice President

Saul K2XA for Treasurer

Bill K2BX for Secretary

Guy WK2H for 3yr Director

Nominations will also be taken at the time of voting

AARA Annual Dinner

Please mark your calendars. The annual dinner will be **Friday April 8, 2005** at the Shaker Ridge Country Club. More details later

Bud Hovey, WF2B

ATTENTION AARA CONTESTERS

AARA SPRINT DEC 9 7-8PM

Please send a plain text copy of your log sheet to us at: sue.walt@verizon.net

Get your score published in B-Plus!
See your call in print!

Don't be left out!

73,

Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

sue.walt@verizon.net



New Amateur Radio Technician License Class

73, Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

Location: Clifton Park - Half Moon Public Library
Tuesdays - 7 pm

Class Dates:
1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 2005

Instructor : Jay Freud K2QNU Telephone: 383-3421
Library number: 371-8622 -You must register with the
library into the Amateur Radio Technician License
Course

ARRL "Now You Are Talking" License Manual can be
obtained by calling
ARRL at 1-888-277-5289 - call toll free
Manual is \$ 20.00

ALSO-
CW Tutorial program on same dates at 6 pm... for
existing technicians who wish to upgrade to
General.

CW will be taught on the beginners level and
independent of the technician class.
There are many morse code teaching devices , MFJ,
Morse Tutor, ARRL CD ROM Disks as well as Gordon
West Morse tutorials on CD and tape and a morse code
key oscillator (these are suggestions).

2004 CQWW DX CONTEST -- PHONE RESULTS

STATION	Category	QSOs	ZONES		CLAIMED SCORE
			Countries		
K2XA	SO (H) A	1401	562	152	2,783,172
W2GDJ	SO (H) A	1514	504	141	2,721,255
WE2F	SO (H) A	-	-	-	2,000,000
N2LBR (+WA1KKM)	M/S	959	326	99	1,141,550
K2ONP	SO (H) A	969	-	-	1,128,330
K2EP	SO (H) A	695	347	104	874,940
K2XF	SO (H) A	669	321	86	765,567
N1EU	SO (H) A	558	358	108	722,300
K2BX	SO (H) A	662	267	75	645,354
N1JP	SO (H) A	489	323	96	564,812
WK2H	SO (H) A	505	205	58	386,873
KM2O	SO (L) A	380	-	-	265,995
WF2B	SO (H) A	250	151	51	135,744
NA2NA	SO (L) A	240	140	47	125,664
N2USM	SO (L)	201	120	34	84,084
W2GB	SO (H)	95	78	56	32,830

Send your CQWW CW score, your ARRL SS scores
(both modes), and

MOST IMPORTANTLY, your entire AARA 10M
Sprint log (all in plain text) to:

sue.walt@verizon.net

You can also bring a copy of your AARA 10M Sprint paper
log to the December meeting.

Public Service:

Volunteer CONTACT John, WE2F at 283-4304

AARA WE Need YOU to Volunteer AARA

www.k2ct.net

For the past several years the AARA's web site has been hosted on QSL.NET.

This was a free service which did not have advertisements. Over the past few months the performance of the QSL.NET site has degraded substantially to the point where down loading the latest copy of B Plus has been next to impossible.

Over the past few weeks the Board of Directors of AARA met and approved spending some funds for a better performing web site.

The purpose of this e-mail is to announce www.k2ct.net. The Club Web site has been revamped and moved there.

With this move we are able to do a few more interactive things. For example, you will be able to "log in" to the site by clicking on the "login" test on the left hand side of the screen. An e-mail will be going out shortly with your user id and password. I strongly encourage you to change your password.

After logging in you will be able to change your contact information.

We need more content for the site and anything can be changed. We need more photos too. E-mail them to me at hines@nycap.rr.com and I will get them posted.

Please try the new site and let me know what you think. If you have any feedback please let me know.

73, Peter Hines, N2KAD, webmaster

ATVET 2004

Albany/Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

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ATVET LIAISON: Gerald Murray, atvet@n2ty.org or 518-482-8700

Another Year under our Belt, See us next year for more Exams and Thanks to all who HELPED out.

PUMPKIN PATROL

Halloween has come and gone, We've done this for so long, The State Police and Amateurs, Have kept company for many years. (20 years and counting.)

Amateur Radio Operators, Citizen Band radio operators, and members of the GMRS services all volunteered to take part in the annual Pumpkin Patrol in cooperation with the New York State Thruway Police on the evenings of October 30th and 31st. Both nights were at a comfortable weather condition although there were some sprinkles of rain on Sunday. The evenings went by without any problem areas.

On both nights, Sue, KB2IBI and Ray, N2ZQF visited all the locations on both sides of the river, giving all the volunteers a choice of goodies – coffee, HOT cider, soda, cookies, etc. Thanks Sue and Ray, it was very much appreciated by all.

Again this year, there wasn't any vandalism in all the areas covered by these various groups. The State Police and all the volunteers have arrived at the same conclusion – our presence is the deterrent – lets keep it that way.

The following volunteers are: Tony, W2BEJ, our net control on Sunday, Jack, WA2YBM, Debbie Mariani, John Batchler, Steve Marsh, Ken, WA2TQK, Ken, KB2KFV, Mitch, KC2MAT, Marilyn, KB2JZI, Frank, W2FPG, June, KB2JTG, Dave, WB2VXS, Tom, KC2FCR, Ed, KC2HNC, Dave, KB2HPW, Margaret, N2PEK, Kathleen (Beth), KC2BSC, Mike, N2JVE, Joe, KC2HLC, Mac, KB2SPM, Karen, KB2UUC, Ray, N2ZQF, Sue, KC2IBI,

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George, W2XBS, Dick, N2TZQ, Dick, WA2COI, Tom, N2SQO our Net Control on Saturday, Andy, KB2TSA, Kathy, N2XKF, Don, W2CJO, Barry, WA2CW, Tim, WA2QAC, Randy, KA2TJZ, Bill KA2OWW, Ken, AA2CW, Dave, N2SBA, and Dave, KM2O.

Rensselaer, Albany, and Schenectady counties were represented for a total of 37 volunteers. Thanks Guy and Gals. You're all great.

I'd like to thank Sgt. Anthony Miserendino for appearing at the AARA club meeting in October. You gave a great presentation as to how and why the amateur radio and other radio groups are so valuable. Thank You.

Submitted by Jack Donnelly WA2YBM

DX-Cluster can be accessed
on web at <telnet://na2na.net>

AARA Home Page
<http://www.k2ct.net>

AARA ANNUAL SPRINT

The Albany Amateur Radio Association will once again hold it's annual 10 meter sprint on **Thursday, December 9, 2004**. The sprint will begin at 0000 GMT (7:00 PM) and last one hour. All contacts must be made between the frequencies of **28.400 and 28.470 MHz using USB**. Exchange will consist of **signal report and first name** (e.g. "59 Ernie"). Each contact is worth 1 point and a 10 point bonus is awarded for working the AARA club call "K2CT". Logs should be e-mailed to sue.walt@verizon.net

Put logs in body of e-mail Please, no attachments