

FRED FITTE, WA2MMX
784-3861
PRESIDENT
wa2mmx@arrl.net

NATHANIEL GREENMAN, KB2HPX
439-5008
VICE-PRESIDENT
greenman@vu.union.edu

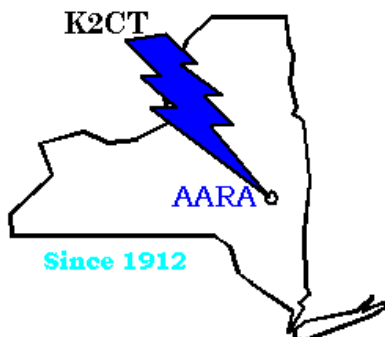
SAUL ABRAMS, K2XA
439-5700
TREASURER
k2xa@arrl.net

WALT LEGOWSKI, WA1KKM
SECRETARY
456-3637
sue.walt@verizon.net

BRYAN DUFFY, KC2NIF
439-2475
DIRECTOR
kc2nif@verizon.net

DAVE GALLETLY, KM2O
767-9103
DIRECTOR
km2o@arrl.net

GEORGE WILNER, K2ONP
279-4025
TRUSTEE of K2CT
k2onp@arrl.net



BRUCE GOLDSTEIN, WA3AFS
765-2893
DIRECTOR
wa3afs@nycap.rr.com

JOHN PRITT, N1JP
753-6231
1-yr DIRECTOR
n1jp@arrl.net

MIKE BERGMAN, WD2AJS
489-3110
B-PLUS EDITOR
wd2ajs@nycap.rr.com

www.k2ct.net

Affiliated with the American Radio Relay
League
An ARRL Special Services Club

AARA

Meets at the
Colonie Community Center
1653 Central Ave. Colonie
Friday DEC 11

Social Hour 6:55 PM
Meeting begins 7:47 PM

refreshments
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

DEC. MEETING

Election of New Officers
page 3

Festive Food

AARA Sprint Highlights



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

K2CT Repeater

Talk-in repeater 145.19 (-) MHz
pl tone 103.5Hz

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

AARA 10 METER SPRINT PAGE 4

2009 CQWW DX CONTEST -- PHONE RESULTS -- FINAL LIST

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	ZONES	CLAIMED SCORE	
W2XL (+W2EG+5ops)	M/S	1038	-	446	-	1,301,874
KM2O	SO (H)	713	-	309	-	623,871
K2EP	SO (H) A	604	-	379	-	607,563
N2LBR (+WA1KKM)	M/S	584	244	-	72	511,920
K2XF	SO (H) A	528	-	275	-	406,725
K2ONP	SO (H) A	344	-	247	-	233,168
N1CC	SO (L) A	335	178		76	215,392
WA3AFS	SO (H) A	259	-	285	-	194,370
K2BX	SO (H) A	366	-	184	-	191,544
WB2KLD	SO (H)	251	-	150	-	107,550
WF2B	SO (H) A	68	56	-	31	14,877
W2GDJ	SO (H) A	30	-	?	-	2,600
K2DL	SO (L)	24	22		13	2,030

Send your CQWW CW scores to us at: sue.walt@verizon.net

2009 ARRL NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES -- CW RESULTS

STATION	PREC	QSOs	SECTIONS	CLAIMED SCORE
W2EG	A	827	80	132,320
N1CC	A	651	78	101,556
K2ONP	U	475	78	74,100
WA1KKM	B	155	50	15,500
K2XA	A	113	59	13,334
W2XM	A	85	39	6,630

Send your SS Phone scores to us at: sue.walt@verizon.net

73, and thanks for all the scores!

Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

Regulatory: FCC Looks to Revise, Clarify Vanity Call Sign Rules

The ARRL Letter Nov. 25, 2009

On Wednesday, November 25, the FCC issued a *Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)* -- WT Docket No. 09-209 -- seeking to amend the Commission's Amateur Radio Service rules to clarify certain rules and codify existing procedures governing the vanity call sign system, as well as revise certain rules applicable to club stations.

According to the FCC, almost 80,000 licensees have replaced their sequentially issued Amateur Radio call signs with a vanity call sign since the program began in 1996. When the program began, the Commission established what they called "the broad outlines" of the vanity call sign system, concluding that call signs generally should not be available for reassignment for two years following the death of a licensee, or expiration or termination of the license for that call sign. In doing so, the Commission made exceptions for former holders of the call sign, close relatives of a deceased former holder and club stations of which a deceased former holder was a member.

The Commission did not, however, specify all of the procedures governing the vanity call sign system, but indicated that the procedures "would be

set out in the *Public Notices* announcing 'starting gates' for the groups receiving initial priority and that the procedures would be adjusted from gate to gate as experience dictated." The procedures announced in the *Public Notices* announcing the gates are still in effect, but they are not set forth in the Commission's Rules. The *NPRM* states that the FCC "now believe[s] that certain provisions should be codified in our rules, and others added, so that the vanity call sign system will be fair, equitable and transparent to all amateur service licensees. The Commission also decided in the *Vanity Report and Order* [issued in 1996] to resume issuing new club station licenses. We believe that certain rule changes to the club station licensing rules may be appropriate."

The comment period for WT Docket No. 09-209 will extend for 60 days after it is published in the *Federal Register*. Historically, items appear in the *Federal Register* approximately 7-10 days after they appear on the FCC Web site. Reply comments can be made up to 75 days after publication in the *Federal Register*.

www.k2ct.net

Peter Hines, N2KAD, webmaster. E-mail hines@nycap.rr.com with any suggestions.

DEC 10 Thursday 0000Z - 0100Z [7pm - 8pm]
AARA 10 meter Sprint SSB
28.400-28.500 USB

The Nominating Committee
Bud, WF2B, Sue, N2LBR, Seymour, K2XF

SWAP SHOP Send items to B-Plus editor, Mike, WD2AJS at wd2ajs@nycap.rr.com or call 489-3110

FOR SALE: 300 feet of Rohn 3/16-inch EHS guy wire. Never used. \$60. Walt Legowski, WA1KKM, 456-3637, sue.walt@verizon.net

FREE QST Magazine 1978 thru 2004 take 1 year or all

Contact Nels , WB2SBO 439-7357

FREE: Very old Heathkit Oscilloscope, probably 1950's vintage, perhaps the O-2 model. Does fire up and show a trace.

FREE: Ethernet router; VCR/DVD player and recorder that doesn't work. Maybe you are a better troubleshooter! Contact Ray, KG2B, at KG2B@nycap.rr.com

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee

Have designated the following:

President Ernie Popp, K2EP

Vice-President

Nathaniel Greenman, KB2HPX

Secretary Walt. Legowski, WA1KKM

Treasurer Saul Abrams, K2XA

3-yr Director John Pritt, N1JP

Nomination from the floor will be accepted at the Election Meeting

Contest

Dec 10 AARA 10 Meter Sprint 7-8pm

Dec. 12-13 ARRL 10 Meter Contest

Jan. 2-3 ARRL RTTY Roundup

Jan 17-18 North American QSO Party, SSB

AARA 2009 SPRINT

THURSDAY
Dec. 10th 2009 7PM – 8PM

2009 AARA 10 METER SPRINT ANNOUNCEMENT

It's once again that time of year for the AARA 10 Meter Sprint! This year's event will be the evening of Thursday, December 10 between 7pm and 8pm local time (in UTC, December 11 between 0000z and 0100z). Frequencies for the Sprint are 28.4-28.5 MHz. Give a signal report and your first name (or nickname). Use the same name for every contact. All contacts should be made using Upper Side-Band. You can log your contacts on paper, or you can download Bud's (WF2B) logging software from k2ct.net. The software runs using Excel or OpenOffice, and includes complete instructions.

Since there are still almost no sunspots, we'll keep things lively by using the same rules as last year. Under these rules, as long as at least 10 minutes have elapsed since you last worked a particular station, you may work that station again for QSO credit. For example, if W2ABC works K2XYZ at 0004z, they can work each other again at or after 0014z. If they find each other again at 0016z and complete a second QSO at that time, they can work each other a third time at or after 0026z. Therefore, it is possible to work every station up to a maximum of six times during the one hour Sprint period. If two stations involved in a QSO have clocks that aren't synchronized, it's not a problem. Each station must wait at least 10 minutes by his or her own clock. Score one point for every valid contact you make, with one exception: your first contact with K2CT, the AARA club station, is worth 10 points.

Your log should record the time of each complete contact, the call sign of the station worked, and the exchange sent to and received from that station (signal report and name). Also record the points for each complete contact and the total claimed score. Be sure to put your own call sign on the log you submit, especially if your log is on paper.

Send a copy of your complete log to us via e-mail (plain text or Bud's logging file only) at: sue.walt@verizon.net

Or, bring a copy of your log on paper to the December meeting.

See you on 10 Meters!

73, Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

Are You Changing Your Address: Please contact Walt, WA1KKM 456-3637 or via e-mail sue.walt@verizon.net with your address corrections

edited by Mike Bergman, WD2AJS, 45 Swartson Ct., Albany, NY 12209 489-3110. **Articles** and B-PLUS **Swap Shop items** accepted and solicited via mail, phone, or e-mail to wd2ajs@nycap.rr.com Permission to reprint is granted if credit is given for article source as "Albany Amateur Radio Assoc. B-Plus"; and credit for specific bylines to the author when so identified. The contents of this publication are copyrighted in all other respects.