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AARA

SEYMOUR MILLER, K2XF Meets at the Colonie Community Center

> 1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday Dec.

Social Hour 6:55 PM Meeting 7:45 PM

Refreshments

cooking and a diatanda coffon

December Election Meeting

Speaker: Rob Leiden, KR2L, Eastern New York Section Manager.

He will speak about What's Happening in the ENY Amateur Radio Community Also ARRL program about certification and continuing Education Course on **Emergency Communications**

K2CT repeater

Talk-in repeater 145.19 (-) MHz pl tone 107.2hz

or 146.67 (-) MHz pl tone 127.3Hz linked to

444.30 (+) MHz pl tone 100.0Hz

Election of officers be at the meeting

AARA ANNUAL SPRINT

The Albany Amateur Radio Association will once again hold it's annual 10 meter sprint on **Thursday, December 9, 2000**. 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 28.500 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 **<u>K20NP@arrl.net</u>** or call book address. Put logs in body of e-mail Please, no attachment.

Hints for new contesters.

Before submitting your logs, check for broken calls. If you worked Bud W2FB, it was probably WF2B.

Keep your log times in GMT not local time.

59 is the normal signal report given in a contest. Remember, if you can hear him, he's 59. If you can't he's 57.

73, K2EP

The New AARA Roster Coming in **FEB 2001**

ANY CHANGES in your personal info by Jan 3 let us Know contact Bill, K2BX at k2bx@arrl.net.

Pay your Dues

Checks should be made out to AARA and sent to: Saul Abrams, K2XA, 307 Maple Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159 ONLY \$15/year

Your Vote Does Count

Officers for AARA 2001

As announced by the nominating committee the slate of officers are:

President: George, K2ONP Vice-President: Ernie, K2EP Treasurer: Saul, K2XA Secretary: Bill, K2BX 3 yr. Director: Ed, K2UV

"Nominations from the floor for all offices and directorships will be accepted at December meetings.... Candidates for officers and directors receiving the most votes of the members present and in good standing at the December meeting shall be declared elected." From AARA bylaws

HUDSON DIVISION ELECTIONS RESULTS

Former ARRL First Vice-President and Hudson Division Director and Vice Director Stephen A. Mendelsohn, W2ML, ousted incumbent Vice Director J.P. Kleinhaus, W2XX.

The vote was 2240 for Mendelsohn and 1187 for Kleinhaus.

Hudson Director Frank Fallon, N2FF, was unopposed for re-election.

AARA Web site

http://www.qsl.net/k2ct

SK: John Longley, W2ANB, was a friend to many, one of the longest-licensed hams in the area and a member of AARA. He passed away in the hospital at about 3 am Sunday Nov. 5. Lillian, his wife, suggests that those who wish to make contributions in John's memory make one to either their local fire department or the ARRL Foundation.

Public Service: Upcoming events:

Please contact me or see me at a meeting if you would like to work at any of these events. Remember, public service is a way of justifying our use of the spectrum!

Laurie M. Warner, AARA Public Service Chair (518) 872-9056 or n2osb@arrl.net

Albany Amateur Radio Association membersCompiled by George, K2ONP for B-Plus

CQWW DX CONTEST - 2000 - SSB

<u>Call</u>	QSO's	Zone	Countries	<u>Score</u>	Time On				
Single Operator, High Power									
W2ZU	514	79	243	389,760	18 hrs				
WK2H	252	45	189	132,489					
Single Operator, Low Power									
WE2F	864		321	997,000	29 hrs				
W2UV	302	56	141	157,797					
Single Operator, Assisted									
K2XA	2446	158	614	5,044,312	38 hrs				
N1EU	1477	134	495	2,632,994	25 hrs				
K2ONP	1101	123	401	1,623,876	25 hrs				
N1JP	1106	113	391	1,565,928					
K2BX	1116	108	383	1,565,799					
K2XF	835	91	295	907,486	30 hrs				
K2EP	545	84	266	537,600					
Multi Single									
N2LBR	961	107	341	1,202,432	35 hrs				
(N2LBR and WA1KKM, Ops.)									

A total of 14,294,374 points submitted by AARA for the YCCC.

- 1) The DXCC 2000 Millennium Award
- period begins 0000 UTC 1 January, 2000, and ends at 2359 UTC on 31 December, 2000. All contacts must be made during this time period.
- 2) The DXCC 2000 Millennium Award certificate is awarded for working 100 or more of the entities on the ARRL DXCC List. Contacts may consist of any combination of bands or modes.
- 3) No endorsements of any kind are offered. Certificates are dated, but not numbered.
- 4) The applicant must certify on the original application the authenticity of log extract information for contact with the 100 entities on the DXCC List. No QSL cards are required for this award.
- 5) The DXCC 2000 Millennium Award is separate and distinct from the traditional DXCC awards programs. Qualifying for the DXCC 2000

- Millennium Award does not provide credits for the traditional DXCC awards programs.
- 6) The DXCC 2000 certificate is available to members and non-members.
- 7) Applicable rules of the DXCC program, such as location of stations and conduct, apply to the DXCC 2000 Millennium Award.
- 8) The official application must be used to facilitate processing. Application forms are available for an SASE, or an SASE with 1 IRC for Amateurs outside the US. Applications may also be downloaded from the Web. The URL is: http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc</awards/dxcc>
- Mail requests for applications may be sent to: DXCC 2000 Millennium Applications, American Radio Relay League, 225 Main Street, Newington CT 06111 USA
- 9) Send completed application (within one year of the close of the DXCC 2000 Millennium period) to ARRL HQ along with \$10 US to cover costs of printing, postage, and handling.



YEAR 2000 FIELD DAY RESULTS (ENY)

From December QST compiled for B-Plus by Seymour, K2XF

Club	Qsos	People	Score 2732	Category
Overlook Mt. ARC	686	8		2A
Pearl Poughkeepsie ARC Troy ARA QSY Society ARC Saratoga Cty Races	2789	35	9048	3A
	2580	30	8608	3A
	1341	55	3804	3A
	774	44	3034	3A
	1052	20	2698	3A
Weca Albany ARA So. Berkshire ARC Orange County ARC	2625	55	8424	4A
	1096	27	4140	4A
	575	14	2438	4A
	220	17	1498	4A
Schenectady ARA	1883	95	7162	5A

In all cases, power was less than 150 watts

ATVET SCHEDULE

Albany Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

Thanks for a great year
See you next year

If you would like to help the ATVET Team contact Jerry, WA2IWW at 482-8700 or e-mail at wa2iww@arrl.net

ARRL VEC ANTICIPATES \$10 TEST FEE FOR 2001

ARRL VEC Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, says the ARRL VEC plans to set its test fee for calendar year 2001 at \$10. The current fee of \$6.65 is based on a provision in the Communications Act, adopted in 1984, that established a \$4 cap on reimbursement of out-of-pocket costs with an annual adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index. More recent legislation removed this cap. An FCC announcement of changes in its rules, reflecting the change in the law, is expected toward the end of the year.

ARRL Executive Vice President David Sumner, K1ZZ, says the higher fee reflects the fact that the ARRL VEC is doing more of the work on behalf of the FCC than was envisioned at the time Congress set the original cap. "We're doing the data entry for all new and upgrade license applications that are handled by the ARRL Volunteer Examiners," Sumner explained. "Originally, we simply reviewed and organized the paperwork and the FCC staff did the data entry. The current system is better for the applicants because they get their licenses faster, but it's also more costly for us."

Jahnke said a \$10 ARRL VEC test fee will be formalized as soon as the FCC gives the word that it has made the necessary adjustments to Part 97 to bring it in line with the updated Communications Act. As soon as that happens, the ARRL VEC will

make a formal announcement to establish the new fee. Until then, ARRL VEC volunteer examiners will continue to charge applicants at the 2000 test fee rate of \$6.65.

SWAP SHOP

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

FOR SALE: E-Z Way Tower 40 feet Hy-Gain Thunderbird TH5DX-S 5 element 3band beam 10, 15, 20-meters Telex heavy duty rotor R200-S \$600.00 see picture below contact Matt, W2EQV at 439-9531



Upcoming Events

DEC 9-10 ARRL 10-Meter Contest QST Dec 2000 16-17 OK RTTY Contest QST Dec 2000 30-31 ARRL Straight Key Night QST Dec 2000 DEC 9 10 meter sprint rules in page 2

B-PLUS Jan. deadline is Dec 31st.

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