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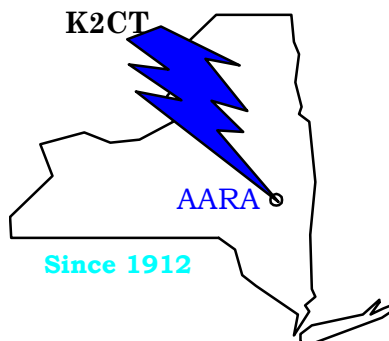
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Meets at the
Colonie Community Center

1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday Dec. 13

Social Hour 6:55 PM

Meeting 7:45 PM

Refreshments cookies,
soda, diet soda, coffee

AARA 10meter Sprint
Dec 12 7-8PM 28400-28475MHz
Exchange callsign, signal report, name

K2CT repeater
Talk-in repeater 145.19 (-) MHz
pl tone 100.0hz
or 146.67 (-) MHz pl tone 127.3Hz
linked to
444.30 (+) MHz pl tone 100.0Hz

Dec. MEETING

Holiday greetings and refreshments

Elections

Operating HF, Contest talk, and
January's meeting will be a
AARA Flee market(Jan 10th)

PAY your AARA DUES

B-plus goes Electronic

Dues are \$15 with
B-PLUS available at the K2CT Web
page in .pdf format www.qsl.net/k2ct
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

ATVET EXAM SESSIONS

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED and participated

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Fellow ham-radio aficionados-

There will almost certainly be a Morse-code course this Spring at Niskayuna High School.

I have most of what I need. However, I would like some of you to loan or **donate setups** (key, oscillator, speaker) to be used by students in small groups.

I'm pretty bad on a keyboard and don't like to communicate using one. Please reply by telephone.

Bob Raffaele, W2XM
459-8435

AMATEURS AID IN WAKE OF CONNECTICUT ICE STORM

Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) members got to work quickly the morning of Sunday, November 17, as an ice storm knocked out power to almost 130,000 Connecticut homes and businesses, mostly in the northwestern part of the state. The statewide alert--and the resulting ARES activation--lasted 48 hours. Connecticut Gov John Rowland toured the region and visited the ham station set up at the Torrington Emergency Operations Center.

Connecticut Section Emergency Coordinator Allen Pitts, W1AGP, said about 30 hams from all over The Nutmeg State headed into the affected area, mostly in northwestern Connecticut. He characterized ARES members' efforts as "wonderful." Pitts said Connecticut ARES had been drilling informally in conjunction with ARES teams in Eastern New York and New Hampshire, and the effort paid off. "The drills covered a very similar situation," he said. "The level of coordination and cooperation was incredible."

ARRL staffer Brennan Price, N4QX, was among those taking a turn as net control of the Connecticut Phone Net on 3965 kHz. "The good thing about this particular situation was with such a small part of the state hit, there were a lot of others in the state able to help out," he said. "It all came together quickly and was nicely pulled off."

West Hartford-Area EC Harry Aberly, AB1ER, said most of the work hams did was in Torrington area shelters. That Litchfield County community was among the hardest hit.

Connecticut ARES linked 10 VHF and UHF repeaters in Torrington, Vernon, Naugatuck, Meriden, New Milford and Washington. Separate resource and tactical nets were run on other 2 meter repeaters.

Dutchess County, New York, EC Adam Nowik Jr, KC2DAA, said amateurs in Eastern New York activated their own net, and more than a half dozen New Yorkers arrived in the Torrington area within three hours of the activation. "Our net was kept active in the event the Connecticut section had need for additional communications or had a complete communications breakdown," Nowik said. Frank Stone, KB2YUR, served as a liaison between Aberly and the hams in Eastern New York for the duration of the incident.

After 27 hours, the Connecticut Phone Net's Emergency session on HF was able to stand down the afternoon of November 18, as temperatures rose into the 40s. But 20 minutes later, the net was back up after a trunk line from New York went down and more people lost power, Pitts said. Relief efforts by area radio amateurs continued into the evening of November 18, when the statewide ARES alert was terminated. "We did not shut down statewide until we were sure everyone was off the roads, home safe and checked in," Pitts said.

Pitts credited greater professionalism and proficiency over the past several months to the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications courses <<http://www.arrl.org/cce/>> offered on-line. "We're seeing a real difference, and the quality of operations is definitely up," he said. Thanks to a \$33,000 grant from Hartford-based United Technologies Corporation, up to 250 Connecticut amateurs will be able to take the ARRL Level I Amateur Radio Emergency Communications course (EC-001) free of charge.

AARA 10-Meter Sprint 7pm-8pm

THURS Dec. 12th

Bring Log to Meeting or send score info to
sue.walt@verizon.net

HF CONTEST Results

2002 CQWW DX CONTEST -- PHONE RESULTS

| STATION | CATEGORY | QSOs | COUNTRIES | ZONES | (MULTS) | CLAIMED SCORE |
|-----------|----------|------|-----------|-------|---------|---------------|
| WE2F | SO (H) A | 1900 | - | - | - | 3,100,000 |
| W2GDJ | SO (H) A | 1611 | - | - | 597 | 2,667,396 |
| N1EU | SO (H) A | 1394 | 516 | 140 | 656 | 2,584,640 |
| K2ONP | SO (H) A | 1254 | - | - | 518 | 1,880,340 |
| N1JP | SO (H) A | 1146 | - | - | 528 | 1,709,664 |
| N2LBR | | | | | | |
| (+WA1KKM) | M/S | 973 | 345 | 100 | 445 | 1,197,940 |
| K2XF | SO (H) A | 861 | 356 | 104 | 460 | 1,118,720 |
| K2BX | SO (H) | 754 | 321 | 92 | 413 | 885,472 |
| K2EP | SO (H) A | 732 | - | - | 408 | 847,824 |
| WB2KLD | SO (H) | 592 | 280 | 92 | 372 | 601,524 |
| NA2NA | SO (L) A | 625 | 256 | 77 | 333 | 575,424 |
| WF2B | SO (H) A | 363 | 175 | 64 | 239 | 230,635 |

Send your CQWW CW scores (in plain text) to: sue.walt@verizon.net

73,
Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

Upcoming Events

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|-----|-------|---------------------|
| Dec | 12 | AARA 10meter SPRINT |
| | 14-15 | 10 Meter Contest |
| Jan | 4-5 | RTTY Roundup |
| | 18-20 | Jan VHF sweepstakes |



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SWAP SHOP

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

Wanted: Vibroplex bugs contact Lee, W2FYA 436-1296



FOR SALE: ALPHA 76A HF LINEAR AMPLIFIER 160 METERS THROUGH 10 METERS WORKS GREAT \$800.00

Contact Bill, K2BX @ 283.6167 after 5PM

FOR SALE: Kenwood TS-440S HF Transceiver



includes: Internal AT-440 Automatic Antenna Tuner: 80-10meters, 2.1KHz International Radio SSB filter, MFJ Deluxe Versa Tuner II model # MFJ-948: 160-10meters, Hand mike, Power cord, & Instruction manual with schematics

All works well: Asking \$450

Contact Scott, N2MQQ 518-725-9123

x0960636@capital.net

AARA is selling:

2 Kenwood TS-830's 160-10MHz Transceivers
w/cw and phone filters

1 Kenwood VFO-230

A 2 meter antenna 17ft boom

Contact Saul, K2XA at 439-5700

Public Service:

The last two **public service events** of 2002 both took place in October. On Sunday the 13th, we had a nice cool day for the Mohawk-Hudson River Marathon. Thanks to Laurie N2OSB, Ray N2ZQF, Sue KC2IBI, Mike KB2TYC, Mike KC2DTL, Dave N2DU, Ken AA2CW, and Jack WA2YBM who acted as Net Control.

October 30th and 31st brought Pumpkin Patrol. Tom N2SQO, Tony W2BEJ, and Jim W2JHO controlled the Albany-Rensselaer County net again this year. Thanks also to (working in Albany County) Craig N2UID, Mike KC2DTL, Bill KA2OWW, Ken AA2CW, Bud WF2B, Jack WA2YBM, Dave KC2DTJ, John WE2F, Carol Naberezny, Nels WB2SBO, Nathaniel KB2HPX, Dave KB2HPW, June KB2JTG, Dave WB2VXS, Joey KB2SRD, Frank KC2HRL, Randy KA2TJZ, Dave NF2G, Dee N2PHA, Frank KC2HCE, Herb N2TJM, Tom KC2FCR, Ray N2ZQF, and Sue KC2IBI.

Since this concludes our public service calendar for 2002, I can give you our figures for the year, which are as follows: We covered eight events (two of them—the MS Bike Tour and Pumpkin Patrol—involving two days of work), for which 50 different people volunteered a total of 434 hours. Ken AA2CW worked the most events (five, including both days of the Bike Tour and of Pumpkin Patrol), while Jack WA2YBM put in the most hours at 46. Special thanks to both of them, *but* each and every one of the other 48 volunteers is important too! These events put us in the public's eye, and help give us the credibility we need to retain our frequency allocations.

As many of you already know, I will be stepping down as Public Service Chair at the end of this year. If you think that you—or you and a friend!—could take over for a year or two, please contact an AARA Board member. I'd like to thank all of you for your support during my term as Chair. Laurie M. Warner, N2OSB

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