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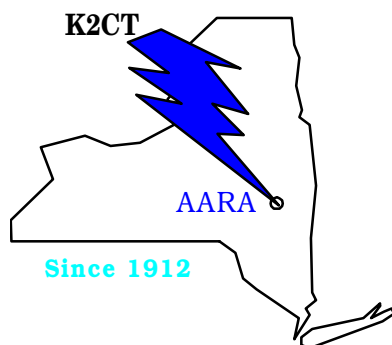
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AARA

Meets at the
Colonie Community Center
1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday Nov. 8

Social Hour 6:55 PM
Meeting 7:45 PM
Refreshments cookies,
soda, diet soda, coffee

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

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

Nov. MEETING

Will, NA2NA
talk on the newly implemented
DXSpider DX cluster system software
used on the Packet Cluster
**DX Cluster is a means for Amateur Radio
operators to tell each other, in realtime,
about DX stations (other interesting or
rare Amateur Radio stations all over the
world). Learn some user commands that
will allow you to explore and find more
radio contacts.**

ATVET exam sessionS

<u>Exam Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Doors Open</u>	<u>Exam Time (Doors will Close)</u>
November 9, 2002	Sat	9:20 AM	10:00 AM

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

ATVET will again be holding their exam sessions in the C.I.I. Building (Center for Industrial Innovations), Room 3051, on the Campus of R.P.I.. Examination room doors will open 40 minutes prior to the exam time, with exams starting at the times indicated above. NOBODY will be admitted into the exam room after the starting time.

ATVET never requires any pre-registration for any of their exams. A "NEW" test fee of \$10.00 either cash, or check (payable to [ARRL-VEC](http://www.arrrl.org/arrlvec/) <http://www.arrrl.org/arrlvec/>), is required for those taking any of the exam elements offered by this team.

Make sure you bring two proofs of identification, with one being a picture ID. Also bring all of your original documentation (current license, CSCEs...etc.), along with photocopies, calculators, pens and pencils to the exam session. Anyone needing special handicap arrangements is asked to call in advance. The CII Building is handicapped accessible.

Cancellations, if needed, will be announced on both the Capital District Repeater Net (Nightly on 146.94MHz at 6:30 PM) and WGY - 810 AM. Talk-in on 145.17/R .

October 2002 Hudson Division Beacon
The Hudson Division Awards Committee has selected Tom Carrubba, KA2D, to receive the Amateur of the Year Award for 2002. Tom, a resident of North Babylon, is the Section Emergency Coordinator for the NLI Section and was the point man in the ARES 9/11 response. He was responsible for feeding operators into Manhattan from outside the area. Earlier this year he was invited to be the keynote speaker at the Western Washington Section Convention and was awarded the prestigious Kenwood "Top Gun" award at Dayton. Tom is past president of the Great South Bay ARC and is an active contester and DXer.

Dave Watros, WD2K, of Schodack Landing, NY was selected for the "Grand Ole Ham" award. Dave is a long time ham and member of the Rip Van Winkle ARS and long time editor of the club newsletter who contracted polio as a child. He has been helping others for years. Dave will, unfortunately, not be able to receive the award in person but some of his friends will be on hand to pick it up.

Tom Marrin, W2RN, of Woodbridge, NJ was awarded Technical Achievement. Licensed for more than thirty years, Dave is in the Electronic Engineering Department at NBC News. He has unselfishly given of his time, expertise, and equipment to put a number of New Jersey repeaters on the air and keep them going. Time and again he has helped others with less experience solve their technical problem and get

their rig back on the air.

Honored guest at the event will be New Jersey Assemblyman Matt Ahearn, KB2PNN, of Fair Lawn who will shortly introduce a New Jersey tower bill. Assembly Ahearn, who represents the 38th district in Bergen County, recently contacted Director Fallon offering to sponsor a New Jersey tower bill after reading about our planned effort in the Hudson Division "Beacon" newsletter. Assemblyman Ahearn, a former Army paratrooper who went to law school after serving as a U.S. Defense Department analyst, was a member of the Fair Lawn Borough Council. Assemblyman Ahearn was a communications officer with the 82nd Airborne Division in the early 1980's became a ham as a teenager.

The awards will be presented at a dinner to be held at Biagio's Restorante in Paramus, New Jersey on November 9th at 7 PM. The event is hosted by the 10-70 Repeater Association. We hope many of you will be able to attend and help us honor the recipients of the awards. Dinner includes an appetizer, a house salad, a choice of five entries, coffee and tea, dessert and unlimited soda. Dinner is \$38 per person including gratuities and tax with unlimited soda. A cash bar will be available. The restaurant gets rave reviews from the many local hams who have eaten there. There will be a choice of five entrees and plenty of door prizes and a "loot bag" for all. ARRL, Hal Communications, Alinco, Writelog, World Radio, prizes have already been received. More are on their way. It will be a fun event.

From: The ARRL Letter Oct 25, 2002

QCWA' s W2MM Memorial Station on the air:
The Quarter Century Wireless Association
(QCWA) Memorial Station W2MM will be on
the air October 25-27 from the site of the
2002 QCWA convention in Orlando, Florida.
In view of the CQ World Wide DX Contest
(SSB) under way this weekend, the W2MM
operators may concentrate on 17 and 12
meters to avoid QRM. Serving as hosts for this
year' s QCWA convention is Orlando' s Citrus
Chapter #45.
For more information, visit the QCWA Web
site <http://www.qcwa.org/>.

HF CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT:

CQWW REMINDER

Anyone who has not yet sent their CQWW
Phone score to us is urged to do so! We
expect to have a listing of scores in next
month' s BPlus. So don' t be left out! Also,
remember to get on the air for the CW
weekend on November 23-24. (And it' s NOT
Thanksgiving weekend this year!)

Send both sets of scores (a copy of your
Summary sheet, plain text only) to:

sue.walt@verizon.net

See you in the pile-ups!

73,

Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

TARA RTTY SPRINT

from October 2002 Hudson Division Beacon

Not many division clubs sponsor a contest, but
the Troy Amateur Radio Association sponsors
more than one. **The TARA RTTY Sprint** will be
held December 1, 2001 (Saturday) From: 18:00
UTC until 02:00 UTC December 2.

Check their web site for more details at
<http://www.n2ty.org/>

The Troy club also maintains a PSK31 reflector.
More info on PSK can be found on WM2U's Digital
World web page at <http://www.qsl.net/wm2u/>

AARA Homepage
www.qsl.net/k2ct

Public Service:

WE Need YOU to Volunteer

ARRL Audio News

The ARRL Letter, Oct 18, 2002

ARRL Audio News celebrates its fifth birthday:
The League' s weekly Amateur Radio newscast--
ARRL Audio News--marked its fifth birthday on
October 17. Compiled and edited each week
from The ARRL Letter, the news feed in those
early days of 1997 initially was available only in
RealAudio format via the ARRL Web site, and
with Tucson Amateur Packet Radio--TAPR--
generously providing server space. A telephone
call-in line
(860-594-0384) was added shortly after the
news feed' s debut. More recently, ARRL was able
to set up the service on its own servers. Along
the way, we' ve added some additional voices in
the form of ARRL HQ staffers Jennifer Hagy,
N1TDY, and Brennan Price, N4QX, in addition to
the primary host, Rick Lindquist, N1RL, the
ARRL' s senior news editor. Digitally recorded
and produced at ARRL Headquarters, ARRL
Audio News now is available as an MP3 file,
downloadable from the ARRL Web site
<<<http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/audio>>> in
addition to the telephone call-in service. More
than 110 repeaters in the US and elsewhere in
the world now air ARRL Audio News in full or in
part.

Special event to mark Panama centenary: The
Radio Club of Panama will operate a special
event station, HP100RCP, during the month of
November to commemorate the 100th
anniversary of the Republic of Panama. A
commemorative certificate is available to stations
working the special event station and confirming
the contact with a QSL and two International
Reply Coupons (IRCs) or \$1 US. QSL to Radio
Club de Panama, PO BOX 10745, Panama 4,
PANAMA. HP100RCP will operate in all bands
and all modes including PSK31.--Radio Club de
Panama

Upcoming Events

Nov	16-18	ARRL Sweepstakes Phone
	23-24	ARRL EME Competition
Dec	1-2	TARA RTTY SPRINT see page 3
	6-8	160 Meter Contest
	11	AARA SPRINT
	14-15	10 Meter Contest

AARA 10-Meter Sprint 7pm-8pm

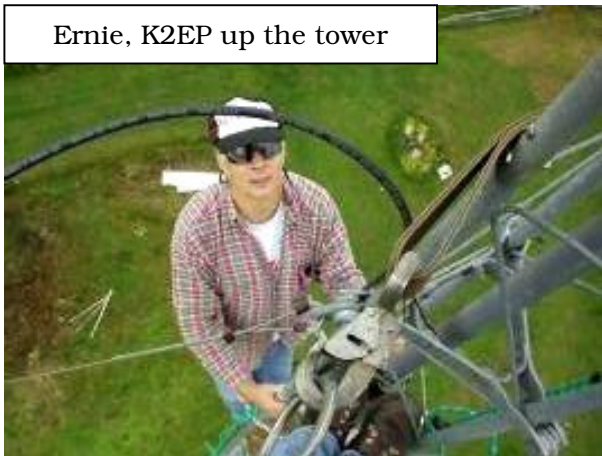
THURS **Dec. 12th**

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

View of WE2F's tower and antenna



Ernie, K2EP up the tower



B-PLUS Dec. deadline is Sat. Dec. 1st

Are You Changing Your Address: Please contact Bill with your address corrections write to Bill Nettleton, K2BX 7 Frederick Pl., Troy, NY 12180 or e-mail at k2bx@arrl.net

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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

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:

As recent events have underscored, most of us don't need to be reminded that Amateur Radio operators are in a unique position to provide emergency communications. Hams donate tens of thousands of hours each year providing communications in actual civil emergencies, drills, parades and marathons. The Public Service branch of ARRL Field and Educational Services coordinates the efforts of the hams who actually perform the services. Dave Mello, W1DGM
ARRL Web Editor

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