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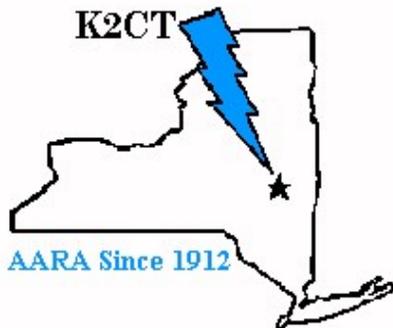
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## AARA

Annual Dinner

Day's Inn in Glenmont  
RT 9W just south of  
Thruway exit 23

Friday April 14

Social Hour 5:30PM

Diner 7:00 PM

Cash Bar

hors d'oeuvres

Our special program speaker for the evening will be *Prof. John Delano* from the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at SUNY. John's program on the Russian MIR space station is very informative and entertaining, but is presented in a way that everyone will enjoy. John is well known for his program on MIR, his talk includes pictures and real video footage of activities aboard MIR. John's impressive credentials include being a NASA Principal Investigator in the Exobiology Program, Associate Director of the New York Center for Studies on the Origins of Life (a NASA Specialized Center for Research and Training) and Consultant to NASA on 4 science panels, including the Discovery Missions Review Panel.

**K2CT repeater**  
**Talk-in repeater 145.19 (-) MHz**  
**Alternate KC2CLR 146.07/67**  
**pl tone 127.3hz**

If you would still like to try to make it to the dinner. **CALL NOW** Tickets are \$25.00.

**Reserve your place** with  
Nathaniel KB2HPX at 439-5008 or  
Ernie K2EP at 477-9581

**Pay your 2000 Dues \$15/year**

Checks should be made out to AARA and sent to: Saul Abrams, K2XA, 307 Maple Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159

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I expect the MS Walk America and the March of Dimes to be coming up in April, although I have not yet had confirmation of that.

The Chase Corporate Challenge will be happening on Thursday 25 May. We will need lots of people for that, so plan ahead and let me know if you're interested in helping out!

**AARA Web site**

<http://www.qsl.net/k2ct>

**ARRL DX Contest - February, 2000**

**1. Single Operator, All Band, High Power**

Call	QSO's	Mults	Score
W2ZU	1236	278	1,029,990
K2SIG	?	?	?

**2. Single Operator, All Band, Assisted**

Call	QSO's	Mults	Score
K2XA	2913	430	3,754,000
N1EU	2239	441	2,962,197
K2ONP	1359	388	1,581,876
W2GDJ	1328	323	1,286,832
K2XF	822	305	752,130
N1JP	753	257	580,563
K2EP	688	257	530,448
K2BX	413	212	262,668

**ATVET SCHEDULE**

**Albany Troy Volunteer Examiner Team**

This year the exams that are held on Saturday's will start at 10:30 AM. The Wednesday night schedules will start at 7:00 PM just as in the past. For ALL exam dates the doors open 45 minutes prior to the starting times listed below. For those of you that missed last year's exams you'll find out that the parking lot next to the old Troy Armory is now gone! You'll be best to go south on 15th Street just a bit further until you see a set of traffic lights that

are in front of the Troy Armory & Robinson Swimming Pool. Take a right at the lights, then go in until your first right-hand turn and go straight in. You'll see that in goes in about 50 yards then you must turn right again. I think this parking lot will be a lot easier for all of you. Plus there is Handicapped Parking too! If you need better directions just call me at 273-9248 or give me a shout on the 145.17 MHz / 444.225 MHz repeaters.

If any of you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any of the following addresses: [ny2u@n2ty](mailto:ny2u@n2ty) -- [atvet@n2ty.org](mailto:atvet@n2ty.org) -- [mrbill1953@aol.com](mailto:mrbill1953@aol.com)

**LOCATION: RPI CAMPUS  
CII BUILDING -- ROOM 3051**

APRIL 19	WED	7:00 PM
MAY 13	SAT	10:30 AM
JUNE 28	WED	7:00 PM
JULY 26	WED	7:00 PM
AUGUST 23	WED	7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 27	WED	7:00 PM
OCTOBER 14	SAT	10:30 AM
NOVEMBER 11	SAT	10:30 AM

**FOR SALE:**

For sale: 1) Yaesu 560 transceiver, 2) Yaesu Tranceivers 560/570 needs repair. Also Tubes and test equipment CHEAP

Call Lee, W2FYA at 436-1296

For Sale: Yaesu FT-101E transceiver & Yaesu FL-2100B amplifier. Both in fine operating condition and no dents or scratches. Can demo on line. Manuals included. Both \$800.00 contact Bob, K2BUF at 518 463-7229. Also available for offers: an Eimac 4-1000a with base (unused) and RCA832a and socket

**NEW AARA Roster is ready**

\$2 donation would be appreciated

**OR**

Sell \$10 worth of Raffle tickets and get one

The 2000 membership book is now available and can be picked up at any AARA meeting or event. A donation of \$2 is requested. Any one who brings \$10 worth of sold raffle tickets to the APRIL DINNER will receive one. To get your copy, see K2EP. *Please only one per member.*

Dear Friends,

A bill has been introduced in the New York State Assembly which would codify in New York State law the essence of PRB-1. This bill will help amateurs erect legal antennas and antenna support structures in New York. It is VERY important that you, as a leader in the amateur radio community, distribute this law to as many hams as possible and encourage them to write their state assemblyman and state senator. We need their representative to either cosponsor or support this bill!

A list of Frequently-Asked-Questions will follow. Suffice it to say that this bill has been in the works for quite a while, has the support of the ARRL Hudson Division Director, his staff, and the three Section Managers in his division. In addition, support has been obtained from members of other sections throughout New York State. This bill will positively affect all hams if it were to become law. Many other states have passed similar legislation. Not only would passage of this law make it easier for you to erect an amateur antenna, but it would codify the benefits of the amateur radio service and bring to the forefront the good things that amateurs do to help in emergency service communication to benefit the public.

It is Assembly bill A 9947. What happens next is support for the bill is solicited. Once adequate support is obtained, the committee will vote on the bill and send it to the full Assembly for a vote. Once it is approved there, a similar bill must be introduced and passed in the Senate. Once passed there, it is sent to the Governor for his signature.

Please do all you can to encourage ham clubs, individual members, their friends and families to contact their New York State legislators, assembly and senate, to cosponsor or support the bill - A 9947. Get the word out by any legal means.

If you have any questions, please contact **ARRL Hudson Division Director** Frank Fallon N2FF at [n2ff@arrl.org](mailto:n2ff@arrl.org) or phone him at (516) 746-7652 or contact me at my address or phone below.

73 and thanks in advance for your support.

George Tranos N2GA

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[n2ga@arrl.org](mailto:n2ga@arrl.org), 631-286-7562

B-PLUS MAY article deadline is  
Sun., April 30th, 1PM

***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](mailto:k2bx@arrl.net)

### VK2 Land by Ed, W2CUH

On a recent business trip to VK2 land, New South Wales, Australia, I was fortunate to have some personal time to visit some fellow Amateur Radio operators. While in Sydney, I contacted Ray Sparks, VK2FKO. Ray invited me to visit his club (VK2CRZ) in nearby Mt. Druitt. I also contacted Eric Vandeweyer, VK2KUR. Eric also invited me down to his club on Rose Bay. They had a Project Day coming up that Saturday at their club station. Unfortunately, I didn't have time that Saturday to visit with his club. The Waverly Amateur Radio



Society (WARS), club call, VK2BV. I did however get time later that week to take a few pictures of their club QTH on Rose Bay. A beautiful location on the water. Below are a few pictures from my visit at the Chifley Amateur Radio Club. What a great bunch of friendly guys.

It was a great visit on a beautiful afternoon, with the temperature in the upper 80's F. Not what I'm use too for early February, and I new it was snowing here. We spent a few hours discussing a number of topics comparing the differences and similarities of Amateur Radio between Australia and the US. It was interesting to learn that an Amateur in Australia has to renew his license yearly at a cost of approximately \$50.00. Also equipment is very expensive and not that readily available. Even parts for home-brewing are hard to come by. Their equivalent of our ARRL, is the WIA (Wireless Institute of Australia).



Look for special event station AX2000 during the summer Olympic games. Also the Sydney Award is available for contacts made with VK2 stations between 9/14/00 and 10/24/00. Three awards are available: Bronze for contacts with 4 VK2's, Silver for contacts with 8 VK2's & Gold for contacts with 12 VK2's.

From left to right: **VK2EC** Trevor, **VK2KJU** Nigel(Committee Man), **VK2BHT** Harry, **VK2FKO** Ray(President), squatting **VK2ARG** Mick, **VK2BOB** Bob(Secretary), squatting **VK2TDC** (David)Treasurer, **VK2KVV** Ross, **VK2TQB** Bob(Committee Man), **VK2TOX** Brian

To end this article, I want to say how extremely friendly everyone was that I meet in Australia. Especially all the Amateur Radio operators. It proves what a fascinating hobby we have. No matter where in the world you might travel to, there are always fellow Amateurs with similar interests to make you feel right at home. Australia is a beautiful country. I hope I can visit there again someday...Ed, W2CUH



**Club Station)**

**(Antenna System**



Check out the Chifley

AmateurRadio Clubs Web site: <http://hamgate.rpi.net.au/index.html>

**SELL SELL SELL** Raffle Tickets Enclosed

**First prize** ICOM IC207H Dual band 2m/440 radio with detachable front panel or \$300

**Second Prize** ARRL 2000 Handbook or \$20 **Third Prize** Membership to AARA or \$10

Drawing at the AARA April Dinner

**\$2.00each or 3 for \$5.00**

**YOU have to get the tickets stubs (and money) to any of the members attending the Dinner or call Mike, WD2AJS or Saul, K2XA, 439-5700, 307 Maple Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159, who will write names on ticket stubs for you.**

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