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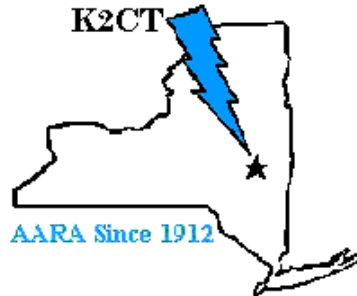
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Meets at the
Colonie Community Center
1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday JAN 11

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

JAN. Meeting

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

Fred Fitte WA2MMX

Will speak about his antenna court
battle in Columbia County.

In view of current anti tower (PRB-1)
sentiment come hear about his
ongoing case.

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CQWW CW RESULTS FOR "TEAM ALBANY"

| <u>Call</u> | <u>Category</u> | <u>QSOs</u> | <u>QSO Points</u> | <u>Countries</u> | <u>Zones</u> | <u>Score</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| N2MG | SOAB(H) | 1,556 | 4,500 | 324 | 104 | 1,926,000 |
| K2ONP | SOAB(H) | 1,516 | 4,378 | 288 | 86 | 1,637,372 |
| N1EU | SOAB(H)A | 1,447 | 4,171 | 499 | 146 | 2,690,295 |
| K2XF | SOAB(H)A | 671 | 1,896 | 355 | 96 | 855,096 |
| N1JP | SOAB(H)A | 520 | 1,474 | 273 | 78 | 517,374 |
| K2BX | SOAB(H)A | 355 | 1,017 | 227 | 76 | 308,151 |
| WE2F | M/S | 1,534 | 4,412 | 398 | 120 | 2,285,416 |
| (WE2F, W2GDJ ops.) | | | | | | |
| N2LBR | M/S | 886 | 2,514 | 326 | 93 | 1,053,366 |
| (N2LBR, WA1KKM ops.) | | | | | | |

Total "Team Albany" CW Score: 11,273,070
 Total "Team Albany" Phone Score: 17,158,768
 Total "Team Albany" Combined Score: 28,431,838

An A-index of 95 knocked down the CW scores, but it didn't knock them out!

73 de Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR sue.walt@verizon.net

AARA 10-Meter Sprint Results

| <u>CALL</u> | <u>SCORE</u> |
|------------------|--------------|
| N2MQQ | 38 |
| K2CT (K2EP, op.) | 32 |
| K2XF | 32 |
| K2ZP | 31 |
| WD2AJS | 26 |
| WF2B | 26 |
| N2LBR | 25 |
| K2BX | 23 |
| WB2VXS | 22 |
| WB2SBO | 19 |
| WA1KKM | 1 |

Also heard on the air for the sprint were the following stations, but their logs were not submitted: N1EU, N1JP, W2GDJ, KB2HPX, N2KAD, NA2NA, W2XM.

A good time was had by all!

73, Sue, N2LBR and Walt, WA1KKM

k2ct group at Yahoo! Groups

By joining k2ct group, you will be able to exchange messages with other group members. Yahoo! Groups also makes it easy to store photos and files, coordinate events and more.

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passing the gavel
 George, K2ONP to John, WE2F; Dave, W2GDJ; Ernie, K2EP

Upcoming Events

JAN 19-21 VHF Jan Sweepstakes
25-26 CQ WW 160-meter contest
June 22-23 Field Day 2002

Jan VHF Sweepstakes Jan 19-21

A word about the VHF Contest

Normally, the January VHF QSO Party is held the weekend before the Super Bowl, since there are usually no playoff games scheduled for that weekend. This helps avoid RFI complaints during the "big game" and gives you a chance to participate in our most popular contest while not missing the nation's number one sporting event.

One small ripple of the September 11 tragedy was the postponement of the Super Bowl by the NFL until February 3, 2002. as a result of NFL schedule changes, there is no offweek in this years playoffs. We have nevertheless chosen to conduct the 2002 ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes as scheduled on January 19-21. We encourage you to play hard and enjoy both the contest and the playoffs. Contest begins 1900 UTC (2:00 PM) Saturday, ends 0400 UTC (11:00 PM) Monday (January 19-21 2002

AARA will Hold its contest at the club VHF site in the Helderburgs outside of Clarksville NY. Any and all AARA club members are welcome

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ARRL STUDY PANEL RECOMMENDS ELIMINATING NOVICE BANDS

On the basis of nearly 5000 survey responses, the ARRL Novice Spectrum Study Committee has recommended that the ARRL petition the FCC to eliminate the Novice CW subbands and allow Novice and Technician with Element 1 credit licensees to operate CW on the General 80, 40, 15 and 10-meter CW allocations at up to 200 W output. The panel

suggested setting aside portions of those bands for "slow CW operation" to aid new CW operators in enhancing their skills. The committee recommended refarming the current Novice/Tech Plus subbands in part to allow expansion of the phone allocations on 80, 40 and 15 meters.

The committee's complete report will be presented to the ARRL Board of Directors for consideration during its annual meeting in January. The committee's determinations were based on opinions expressed by 4744 respondents to an ARRL Novice Spectrum Study survey launched in June. Those expressing their opinions included ARRL members and nonmembers. Nearly 61% of those responding were Extra class licensees.

The committee, chaired by ARRL International Affairs Vice President Rod Stafford, W6ROD, has been studying the status and usage of the Novice/Technician Plus HF bands with an eye toward determining what changes to usage of that spectrum might be needed now that the FCC no longer issues new Novice licenses.

The survey offered possible refarming options for each of the bands involved--including no change at all. Generally speaking, the predefined options proposed retaining Extra class CW subbands on the affected bands, setting aside expanded CW reserves for all license classes except Technicians lacking Element 1 credit, and dividing the remaining spectrum into expanded phone segments for General, Advanced and Extra class operators. A guiding principle was that no class of licensees would lose any privileges as a result of refarming.

The committee recommended expanding the phone bands in accordance with the most popular of the survey choices offered--three for 80, 40 and 15 meters and two for 10 meters. Here's a summary:

* On 80 meters, nearly 40% of those responding opted for a plan that would extend the US phone allocation to 3700 kHz, with Extras permitted on the entire subband, and with Advanced and General class subbands starting at 3725 and 3800 kHz respectively.

* On 40 meters, nearly half of the respondents picked the plan to extend the primary US phone

allocation to 7125 kHz, with Extra and Advanced licensees allowed on the entire segment and Generals from 7175 kHz and up. (The committee's report suggested no changes to the special allocations for amateurs on certain Pacific or Caribbean islands and in Alaska.)

* On 15 meters, again, nearly half of those responding wanted the US phone allocation extended to 21,175 kHz, with Extras permitted on the entire allocation, and Advanced and General subbands beginning at 21,200 and 21,250kHz respectively.

* On 10 meters--where Novice and Tech Plus licensees already may operate CW, RTTY and data from 28,100 to 28,300 kHz, nearly 55% of the respondents favored a plan to retain the US phone allocation from 28,300 to 29,700 kHz and to extend CW access to Novice/Tech Plus operators to 28,000 kHz—an additional 100 kHz. The current Tech Plus 28,300 to 28,500 kHz phone segment would be retained.

The committee's report says that if the ARRL Board adopts the plan, the League should include any request to the FCC to implement the changes within an omnibus filing encompassing other issues, rather than as a separate petition. Consideration of any necessary ARRL Band Plan changes would follow ultimate FCC approval.

The ***Penn-Ohio DX Society*** (PODXS) recognizes the achievements of Amateur Radio Operators world wide, for confirming two way communications by offering it's new ***Digital Prefix Awards Program***. This award is available in ***MIXED, RTTY*** and ***PSK31*** but more are coming out. If you feel that you qualify for a non-listed digital mode, please request that we review your information.

All applications must use the PODXS DPX Application Form (***PODXS form 3-36***), and the Endorsement List Form (***PODXS form 3-37***) both of these including the DPX Rules can be downloaded at: http://www.qsl.net/wm2u/podxs_dpx.html

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SARA/AARA TECH-LICENSING COURSE

We have already spread the word that eleven participants in the SARA/AARA Tech-licensing course, taught at Crossgates Mall this fall, have earned their licenses. They are: Dan Albertine, KC2IXK, Tom Dingman, KC2IXL, David Foster, KC2IXU, Bob Greenman, KC2IXM, Matthew Haker, KC2IXN, Pat Hunter, KC2IXO, Carolyn Kuziomko, KC2IXP, Joe Marotta, KC2IXQ, Dan Mezzanini, KC2IXR, Bob Racette, KC2IXS, and Charles Roy, KC2IXT.

What a great group of students! A little pat on the back goes to each of the instructors and VE's: W2XM, KC2IXM, NF2G, W2DHT, KR2L, WB2KLD, KB2HPX, N2JIM, AA2TT, W2UI, WA2IWW, KG2AC, WR2L, and AA2CW (in order of appearance). Retired engineer Bob Greenman, KC2IXM, taught a ham class before he got his ticket!

If you want to help one of these neophytes get started (by building an antenna, installing an antenna, loaning a rig, helping him/her to shop, etc.) please make yourself known. The clubs were successful with this project; now we must follow through. Bob, W2XM

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