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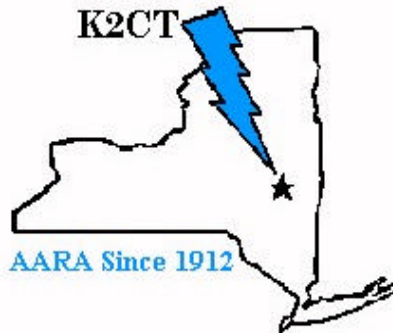
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## AARA

Meets at the  
Colonie Community Center  
1653 Central Ave. Colonie

### Friday March 10

Social Hour 6:45 PM

Meeting 7:45 PM

Refreshments

cookies, coffee, decaf coffee  
soda, diet soda

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

## March Meeting

Videos, Contest Roundup, QSL cards  
More on the FCC Amateur Restructuring,  
The AARA Dinner, Raffle Tickets,  
Upgrade Exams, Field Day

### ATVET SCHEDULE

Albany Troy Volunteer Examiner Team  
The year 2000 schedule is out, see 2

Raffle Tickets **sell, sell** this is the big club  
fund raiser tickets enclosed, for more tickets  
see page 4

Riley Hollingsworth, FCC's Special Counsel for  
Amateur Radio is coming to the Capitol District.  
Mon. April 3<sup>rd</sup> See page 4

**AARA April Dinner Details see page 3**

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

AARA Web site

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

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

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The Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners' Club's Winter Marathon managed beautiful weather for February, on Sunday the 27th. Thanks to Ken AA2CW, Bill KB2ZZC, Mike KB2TYC, Jack WA2YBM, Debbie N2XXW, and especially Tony W2BEJ who served as Net Control. The event was uneventful-just the way we like them!

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!



Photo by Jay, K2QNU

**A View from the Feb. Meeting**



Photo by Jay, K2QNU

**So when is the next VE Exam?**  
 Seymour, K2XF and Nels N2SBO

**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**

MARCH 11	SAT	10:30 AM
APRIL 8	SAT	10:30 AM
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

## AARA DINNER

Join us next month for the annual AARA dinner. This year's event is Friday April 14, 2000 and takes place at the Day's Inn in Glenmont, just off thruway exit 23. As one of the Albany Club's main functions, we offer a change of venue from our normal meeting and a chance to invite spouses or S.O.'s. The evening starts with a great ragchew time at 5:30pm complete with cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Then at 7:00pm a sit down dinner of your choice: Prime Rib, Jumbo Stuffed Shrimp or Chicken Parmigiana.

After dinner we will hold the drawing for our annual raffle and give away some great door prizes. 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 in the area 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. Don't miss this AARA exclusive as John revisits the drama surrounding the two nearly catastrophic events aboard MIR!!

The Russian MIR space station is a 110-ton, modular design. Some of its components have been in orbit for more than 13 years (>78,000 orbits). Until recently, it was maintained by crews of Russian cosmonauts who would generally occupy it in 6-month shifts, and then be relieved by the next crew. Among other activities, the crew maintained and enjoyed a packet amateur radio station that many of us were able to contact. While MIR encountered some serious problems, it has been a remarkably stable platform. It has now been abandoned, and was to be deorbited early this year. However, some recent news about keeping MIR aloft has surfaced, keeping this aging Russian outpost in the media.

**Mark your calendars now!!** Friday April 14, 2000. Don't miss this special time of fellowship and entertainment. Tickets are \$25.00. **Reserve your place** with Nathaniel KB2HPX at 439-5008 or email: [greenman@tardis.union.edu](mailto:greenman@tardis.union.edu) **or** Ernie K2EP at 477-9581 or email: [k2ep@arrl.net](mailto:k2ep@arrl.net).

### **FOR SALE:**

Yeasu FT-101E transceiver & Yeasu 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

**SK:** Many of us have been blessed with a friendship with Don Cole, WA2AXH, of Ravena. Don passed away February 18 while in Ocala, Florida, for the winter. Years ago, Don was an active member of AARA and was in attendance at most meetings. His son, Jeff, WA2AFS, was also active in AARA.

**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 March meeting will receive one. To get your copy, see K2EP. Please only one per member.

Photo by Jay, K2QNU



**r e f r e s h m e n t s**

Jim, K2ZP and John, N1JP

**Upcoming Events**

- March 11-12 QCWA QSO Party
- 25-26 CQ WW WPX Contest phone
- April 3 Riley Hollingsworth at Schenectady High School

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**UPCOMING APRIL 3 MEETING**

Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, the FCC's Special Counsel for Amateur Radio, will be the speaker at the Schenectady Amateur Radio Association's regular monthly meeting on April 3. All radio amateurs and their guests are invited to attend.

The meeting will start at 7:30 PM. Schenectady High School is located at McClellan St. and The Plaza, less than a mile from I-890, which connects to exit 25 of the New York State Thruway. Talk in will be on the 147.06 MHz SARA repeater (+600 kHz). More detailed information and directions to the meeting are available on the SARA web site at <http://www.rpi.edu/~brandp/sara/>. For further information, please contact ENY Section Manager Rob Leiden, KR2L, by phone at 518.399.9343 or by e-mail at [kr2l@arrl.org](mailto:kr2l@arrl.org).



Mugs Contact Bill, K2BX 283-6167  
Cost: should be \$8.00

**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  
**\$2.00each or 3 for \$5.00**  
Drawing at the AARA April Dinner

If you need more tickets they will be available at the meetings, web site: [www.qsl.net/k2ct](http://www.qsl.net/k2ct) or send name and phone no. and money to Saul, K2XA, 307 Maple Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159

B-PLUS April article deadline is Sun., April 2nd, 1PM

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Print tickets and send stub or  
send name, phone no., callsign, and money  
to Saul Abrams, K2XA,  
307 Maple Rd.,  
Slingerlands, NY 12159  
He will personally print your name on ticket(s) and put them  
in the raffle box...