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## AARA

Meets at the  
Colonie Community Center

1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday March 9

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

## March Meeting

Continuing with  
low band antennas.

Feb. program on phased verticals was such a hit that antenna building and planning will continue into March. Come to the March meeting and see what some of your fellow hams are using for antennas.

Topics this time inverted L, wire loops, wire dipoles. If you have a favorite antenna, come and share it.

Raffle Tickets are printed **sell, sell** this is the big club **fund raiser** Top Prize: **Digital Camera** We Need You to Sell Sell Sell More tickets can be printed from the [www.qsl.net/k2ct](http://www.qsl.net/k2ct) /meetings info

**K2CT repeater**  
**Talk-in repeater 145.19 (-) MHz**  
**pl tone 107.2hz**  
**or 146.67 (-) MHz pl tone 127.3Hz**  
**linked to**  
**444.30 (+) MHz pl tone 100.0Hz**

## ATVET SCHEDULE

### Albany Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

If you would like to help the ATVET Team contact Jerry, WA2IWW at 482-8700 or e-mail [wa2iww@arrl.net](mailto:wa2iww@arrl.net) ARRL VEC ANTICIPATES \$10 TEST FEE FOR 2001

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

Exam Date	Day	Doors Open	Exam Time (Doors will Close)
March 10	Sat.	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
April 14	Sat.	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
May 12	Sat.	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
June 27	Wed.	6:20 PM	7:00 PM
July 25	Wed.	6:20 PM	7:00 PM
August 22	Wed.	6:20 PM	7:00 PM
Sept 26	Wed.	6:20 PM	7:00 PM
Oct 13	Sat.	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
Nov 10	Sat.	9:20 AM	10:00 AM

never requires any pre-registration for any of their exams. A test fee of \$10.00 either cash, or check ( payable to ARRL-VEC <http://www.arrl.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 .

**ATVET CONTACT:** Nels Williams [wb2sbo@aol.com](mailto:wb2sbo@aol.com) or 518-439-7357  
**ATVET LIAISON:** Gerald Murray, [atvet@n2ty.org](mailto:atvet@n2ty.org) or [wa2iww@arrl.net](mailto:wa2iww@arrl.net) or 518-482-8700

By popular demand, our club sweatshirts can now be ordered in gray. The following two styles can be ordered in S, M, L, XL & XXL.

Either style is available with logo only, call sign only, name only, call sign with name, or anything else you might want printed. XYL's name, etc. \$20.00 each, regardless of print options. Add \$2.00 for XXL. **Contact Ed, W2UV 877-4897**

Small AARA logo



Full front AARA



### ATTENTION HF CONTESTERS

In light of the multi-megapoints being generated by AARA members in the major HF contests lately, Walt Legowski, WA1KKM, and Sue Rothschild, N2LBR, have been charged with the task of keeping track of them all. As the club's new scorekeepers, we will assemble and tally all scores in the major HF contests submitted by AARA members, for publication in B-Plus.

The next big contest will be the ARRL International DX Contest (phone) on the March 3-4 weekend. **All AARA members** who participate in these contests are requested to send a copy of their summary sheet and soapbox comments (plain text only, please) to us at:

[sue and walt@compuserve.com](mailto:sue_and_walt@compuserve.com)

## AARA Web site

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

### Public Service: Upcoming events:

Please contact me or see me at a meeting if you would like to work at any of these events.

**Remember**, public service is a way of justifying our use of the spectrum!

A new Public Service season is beginning. Last year we donated 675 hours to the community. Way to go, volunteers!!! A list of the events for 2001 of which I am currently aware (I expect a couple more to be scheduled) is below.

Please contact me if you are interested in working. Having volunteers ahead of time can eliminate those desperate last-minute phone calls...

**6 May (Sunday)** March of Dimes "Walk America"

**24 May (Thursday)** Corporate Challenge

**14 July (Saturday)** MS Bike Ride: Saratoga to Ticondaroga

**15 July (Sunday)** MS Bike Ride: Ticondaroga to Saratoga

**15 July (Sunday)** Thacher Park Trail Run

**14 October (Sunday)** Mohawk-Hudson River Marathon

**30 October (Tuesday)** Pumpkin Patrol

**31 October (Wednesday)** Pumpkin Patrol

Laurie M. Warner, AARA Public Service Chair  
(518) 872-9056 or [n2osb@arrl.net](mailto:n2osb@arrl.net)

### AARA DINNER

The AARA Dinner will be Fri. April 20th . This year's dinner will be at the Bavarian Chalet, Western Ave Guilderland, NY. Dinner Chicken Cordon Bleu or Roast Prime Rib. The evening will start off with cash bar and hors d'oeuvre. Only \$30.00

Speaker ? But make plans **now** to be there.... Sign up with Ernie, K2EP or ED, W2UV at the meeting, by email or by phoning them. [k2ep@arrl.net](mailto:k2ep@arrl.net) , [w2uv@arrl.net](mailto:w2uv@arrl.net) phone no. on page 1

## 2001 ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes

for plowing out the road to the contest station.

### Upcoming Events

Mar 10-11 North America Sprint RTTY  
24-25 CQ WW WPX phone  
April 20 AARA Dinner **MAKE PLANS NOW**

We are now taking orders for the official AARA call sign name tag.



\$7.00 each with one or two lines of text as shown. For a magnetic back, add \$2.00. Contact ED, [W2UV@arrl.net](mailto:W2UV@arrl.net)

## 2001 ARRL DX CW CONTEST -- PRELIMINARY RESULTS

The following list includes all of the scores reported to us so far. If you participated in the contest, but are not listed, please send us your summary sheet (plain text only) ASAP. We hope to have the final list of CW scores, as well as some Phone scores, in next month's issue of B-Plus. Scores should be sent to us at: [sue\\_and\\_walt@compuserve.com](mailto:sue_and_walt@compuserve.com)

Conditions for the CW weekend were excellent. We hope everyone had fun!

CALL	QSOs	COUNTRIES	SCORE	Hours
SINGLE OPERATOR, ALL BAND, HIGH POWER				
W2ZU	1,472	282	1,244,466	35
SINGLE OPERATOR, ALL BAND, ASSISTED				
N1EU	2,526	521	3,948,138	37
K2ONP	2,263	427	2,898,903	35
W2GDJ	1,573	372	1,755,468	--
N1JP	1,033	369	1,140,210	--
K2XF	928	342	952,128	24
K2BX	658	295	582,330	--
NA2NA	148	106	47,064	--
MULTI-OPERATOR, TWO TRANSMITTERS				
N2LBR	1,592	330	1,576,080	35
(N2LBR and WA1KKM, ops.)				
<b>PRELIMINARY TOTALS FOR CW WEEKEND</b>				
<b>AARA</b>	<b>12,193</b>	<b>3,044</b>	<b>14,144,787</b>	<b>--</b>

## INFORMAL NET

The Alexis Diner is a favorite meeting spot of club members. All are welcome to join us Wednesday mornings for good food and conversation. You will have to get up early because breakfast is served at 6:30. That's AM. Talk-in on 145.19MHz repeater



### Here is some news bits from KA2BSA.

The Technician license class being instructed by member of KA2BSA and SMARA has started. We had our first class Sunday afternoon February 18, 2001 at the Schenectady Museum. There are 11 Scouts and Scouters enrolled in the class from both Troop 73 and Troop 71. We have a total of 17 students. Of the 17 students more than 50% are youth participants. It is great see so many kid involved in this class. The final class and test session will begin May. I will keep you posted of the outcome of the class and the new call signs as they receive them.

Ray Ginter, N2ZQF

From: ARRL Letter Vol. 20, No. 8 Feb. 23, 2001  
World Amateur Radio Day set for April 18: The Administrative Council of the International Amateur Radio Union has selected the theme "Providing Disaster Communications: Amateur Radio in the 21st Century" for **World Amateur Radio Day, April 18, 2001**. IARU has been the watchdog and spokesman for the world Amateur Radio community since its founding in Paris, France, in 1925. Hiram Percy Maxim, 1AW, was its first president. In a related item, the International Telecommunication Union has approved publication of the Disaster Communications Handbook for Developing Countries. The role of the Amateur Radio service in disaster communications is one of the main points of the Handbook. IARU is the principal contributor to the Handbook. This event will coincide with the 76th anniversary of the founding of the IARU.--Fred Johnson ZL2AMJ/IARU Region 3

### **Pay your Dues**

Checks should be made out to AARA and sent to: Saul Abrams, K2XA, 307 Maple Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159 **ONLY \$15/year**

### **SWAP SHOP**

Send items to B-Plus editor, Mike, WD2AJS at [wd2ajs@arrl.net](mailto:wd2ajs@arrl.net) or call 489-3110

**FOR SALE:** cleaning house, all gear cheap call Lee Califano, W2FYA at 436-1296

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B-PLUS March deadline is March 25<sup>th</sup>

**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)

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**AARA Annual Banquet**  
**Friday-April 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Bavarian Chalet**

*Hors D'oeuvres from 6PM to 7PM*

- Scallops Wrapped in Bacon
- Mushrooms with Crabmeat Stuffing
- Mini Knackwurst in Beer Sauce
- Swedish Meatballs
- Cash Bar

*Dinner at 7PM with entertainment following*

Entrée choices- **Chicken Cordon Bleu** or **Roast Prime Rib**

Either entrée includes:

- Rolls, Butter, Coffee, Tea or Milk
- Garden Salad
- Cream of Broccoli Soup
- Buttered Carrots
- Stuffed Baked Potato
- Black Forest Cake

Tickets available, (\$30.00 per person) at the February and March meetings. Checks made payable to the AARA, may be mailed to: Edward Gosch, 170 Wood Dale Dr., Ballston Lake, NY 12019. Checks need to be received by April 10<sup>th</sup>.

AARA 2001 Annual Banquet  
Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 6PM  
Bavarian Chalet  
Guilderland, NY

**\$30.00** Received by \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check one**

- Chicken Cordon Blue  
 Roast Prime Rib

*Show this ticket to wait staff to receive desired entrée.*

<b>Name</b> <b>Call</b> <b>Phone</b>	Raffle to benefit the <b>ALBANY AMATEUR RADIO  ASSOCIATION</b> Prize: MegaPixel Digital Camera Drawing to be held at the AARA Dinner April 2001  Price: \$2 each or 3 for \$5
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Send your completed stubs to</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saul Abrams, K2XA</b>  <b>307 Maple Rd.</b>  <b>Slingerlands, NY 12159</b></p>
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