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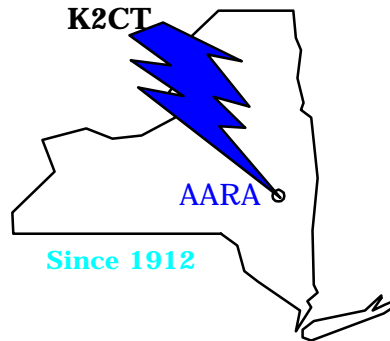
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AARA

Meets at the
Colonie Community Center

1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday March 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

MARCH Meeting

Ira Stoler, K2RD avid contestant and member of Yankee Clipper Contest Club. He will give a presentation on multi transmitter operating.

This program was a big hit at the recent YCCC meeting. Please come and see it

PAY your AARA DUES

B-plus goes Electronic

Dues for 2002 will be \$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

ATVET exam sessions

Exam Date	Day	Doors Open	Exam Time (Doors will Close)
May 11, 2002	Sat	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
July 24, 2002	Wed	6:20 PM	7:00 PM
October 12, 2002	Sat	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
November 9, 2002	Sat	9:20 AM	10:00 AM

ATVET CONTACT: Nels Williams wb2sbo@aol.com or 518-439-7357

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.arrl.org/arrlvec](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 .

HF CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT:

ARRL DX CONTEST

It's that time of year again, and the ARRL International DX Contest is upon us. The phone weekend is March 2-3. Get on the air, have some fun, and send us your scores! Send a text version of your summary sheet to us at: sue.walt@verizon.net

It's time once again for Team Albany to kick some butt!

73 de Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

AARA Homepage

www.qsl.net/k2ct

Upcoming Events

March	9-11	North American RTTY Sprint QSO Parties Every weekend
	16-17	Russian DX Contest
	30-31	CQ WW SSB WPX Contest
June	22-23	Field Day 2002

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.

K2ct group at Yahoo! Groups is a free, easy-to-use email group service. To learn more about the k2ct group, please visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/k2ct>

Public Service:

2002 Schedule

April 21st: MS Walk
May 5th: Walk America
May 23rd: Corporate Challenge
June 9th: Bagel Run
July 13th & 14th: MS Bike Tour
July 21st: Thacher Park Trail Run
October 13th: River Marathon
October 30th & 31st: Pumpkin Patrol

AARA Annual 2002 Banquet

This year's annual banquet will be held Friday, April 12th at the Italian American Community Center located on Washington Avenue Extension. Directions can be found at www.ItalianAmerican.com. Due to a poll of the members, this year's banquet will be a buffet as described below. To keep the cost at \$30.00 per person, the club is subsidizing the balance. Payment may be made at the March meeting or send a check made payable to AARA to
Ed Gosch, W2UV
170 Wood Dale Dr.
Ballston Lake, NY 12019-9335.

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Bread & Cheese and Cash bar

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Dinner *

9:00 PM Raffle Ticket Drawing
and Entertainment

** Includes fresh rolls, butter and freshly brewed coffee
or tea*

Appetizer Course

Chicken Escarole Soup

Salad Course

Mixed Garden Green Salad/House dressing

Entrée Selections

Chicken Marsala

Flank Steak with Mushroom Demi Glace

Manicotti Marinara

Veal Cutlet Parmigiana

Accompaniments

Honey Glazed Carrots

Penne Alfredo Cream Sauce

Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Dessert

Chocolate Mousse

Amateur Radio Course To start April 8th All levels will be taught if there is a willing student. Contact Tom, WB2KLD at 527-4800 or e-mail wb2kld@arrl.net

ARISS PROMISES NO MORE "NOCALL" ON ISS PACKET

The ARRL Letter Vol. 21, No. 08 Feb 22, 2002

No more NOCALL! Normal packet activity--with a real call sign--should begin soon on the International Space Station. Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) Board Chairman Frank Bauer, KA3HDO, said Expedition 4 crew will install the new packet module sent up to the ISS last August, and the system should be up and running by February 25.

Since Amateur Radio gear was installed on the ISS in 2000, the packet system--crippled with a dead RAM (random access memory) backup battery--has been operating in digipeat mode using the NOCALL call sign and other TNC default settings.

Sell Raffle Tickets

Earthbound users have been able to access the system nonetheless, but the lack of a call sign has been an annoyance.

Expedition 3 Crew Commander Frank Culbertson, KD5OPQ, was to have changed out the packet module during his ISS tour last year, but other duties took priority. The new module, using the call sign RS0ISS, will employ a specially developed ROM programmed with standard ISS defaults, a new battery and an extended memory--up to one megabyte. The TNC also has eight-bit capability to support Russian Cyrillic typesets, and a one-minute timeout disconnect from the PMS if no pertinent packets are heard.

Although the mailbox function will be activated, hams are discouraged from using it. "Currently there is no computer hooked up to the packet module," Bauer explained.

"In addition, the crew will be much too busy to respond to messages posted there."

ARISS packet radio frequencies will remain the same. The uplink is 145.99 MHz; the downlink is 145.80 MHz. For additional information, visit the ARISS Web site <--
[ARISS"http://ariss.gsfc.nasa.gov/EVAs/amst01.pdf](http://ariss.gsfc.nasa.gov/EVAs/amst01.pdf)>--ARISS

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WE Need YOU to Volunteer

Contact Laurie M. Warner, N2OSB 872-9056
Or e-mail at n2osb@arrl.net

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SWAP SHOP

Send items to B-Plus editor, Mike, WD2AJS at wd2ajs@arrl.net or call 489-3110
FOR SALE: WTB 3-1000 power amp tube contact John, WE2F 283-4304
FOR SALE: Hallicrafters SX101A \$125, Johnson Challenger \$150 contact Lee, W2FYA 436-1296
W2ZU Estate Sale: Contact Barry N1EU at 439-6550 or e-mail to n1eu@yahoo.com
FOR SALE: AARA's own Kenwood TS-830 w/VFO contact Saul, K2XA 439-5700 or email k2xa@arrl.net

NAME _____ CALL _____ PHONE _____	Raffle to benefit the ALBANY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION First Prize: OLYMPUS 2.1 MEGAPIXEL DIGITAL CAMERA Second Prize: \$25 cash Drawing to be held at the April dinner Price: \$2 each or 3 for \$5 Need not be present to win
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additional .pdf tickets can be found at www.qsl.com/k2ct then download March B-Plus to page 5
Send Tickets Stubs or Name and Phone number (Ernie will write on the ticket stub) AND **money** to
Ernie Popp W2EP ph477-9581
640 Co. Rt. #7
Nassau, NY 12123

B-PLUS April deadline is March 24th

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