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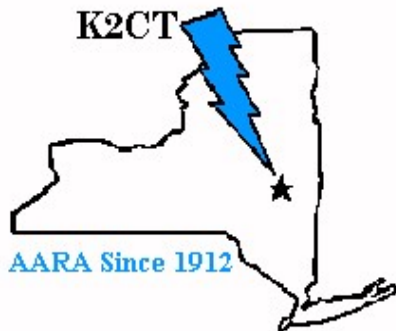
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AARA

Meets at the
Colonie Community Center
1653 Central Ave.
Colonie

Friday May 12

Social Hour 6:45 PM
Meeting 7:45 PM
Refreshments
cookies, coffee, decaf coffee

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

MAY Meeting

Videos, Contest Roundup, QSL cards
More on the FCC Amateur Restructuring,
Upgrade Exams, Field Day
10 meter openings
6 meter openings

June is coming, that means Field Day
Food, Radio, Contest, FUN FUN FUN
This year AARA will have 4 transmitters to make
it easier for all to operate.

Field Day T-SHIRTS \$10.00 if the
order is large enough. Contact Ernie, K2EP, to
sign up for one. 477-9581

Pay your 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:

The month of April has not been kind to our plans for public service! The MS Walk scheduled for 9 April was cancelled due to snow, creating great confusion and consternation. My thanks to those who had volunteered. The next scheduled event is the March of Dimes WalkAmerica on 30 April, only a few days away as I write this. Once again, I look out of my house to see a couple of inches of snow!

Our next event is the Chase Corporate Challenge on Thursday, 25 May. This is scheduled to begin on Madison Ave. near the museum overpass and will run thru Washington Park area at 6:25pm. Anyone who can work, please contact me ASAP!

For those who like to look ahead:
Thacher Park trail run, 16 July
Mohawk-Hudson River marathon, 15 October
Pumpkin Patrol, 30 & 31 October (of course!)

Laurie M. Warner, AARA Public Service Chair
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AARA Sweatshirts

IS this something you might want????

Ed, W2CUH will want your response.
If he gets enough interest an order will be placed.

Mobat to market new amateur HF DSP transceiver: A new player is about to enter the Amateur Radio HF transceiver marketplace. Mobat Communication, a partnership of Motorola and Bartal, will debut the MICOM H transceiver at Dayton Hamvention. Based on a commercial-military design, the MICOM H is a computer-programmable DSP-based radio featuring 160-10-meter coverage and a general-coverage (100 kHz-30 MHz) receiver; 200 memory channels with channel scan; 125 W output; and an optional remote-control head. Operational modes are SSB and CW only (no AM or FM). The MICOM H is built in Israel and distributed in the US by Royal Communication Inc. It should be on the market by June. Price class is just shy of \$3000. Visit Mobat's Web site at <http://www.mobat.com/>. From The ARRL letter 4/28/00

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 -- atvet@n2ty.org -- mrbill1953@aol.com

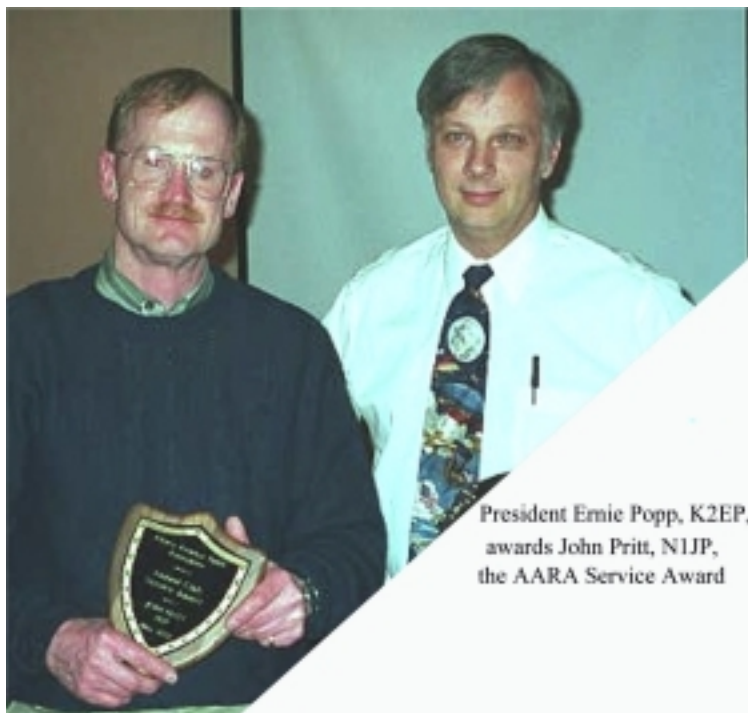
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| MAY 13 | SAT | 10:30 AM |
| JUNE 28 | WED | 7:00 PM |
| JULY 26 | WED | 7:00 PM |
| AUGUST 23 | WED | 7:00 PM |
| SEPTEMBER 27 | WED | 7:00 PM |
| OCTOBER 14 | SAT | 10:30 AM |
| NOVEMBER 11 | SAT | 10:30 AM |

AARA April Dinner
Pictures



milling around



President Ernie Popp, K2EP,
awards John Pritt, N1JP,
the AARA Service Award

NEW AARA Roster is out.

\$2 donation would be appreciated

ALBANY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
FIELD DAY CHAIRMAN - N1JP
FOOD SERVICE COORDINATOR - K2XF
FIELD DAY - JUNE 24, 25 2000

MENU

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| HOT DOG | \$1.25 |
| HAMBURGER | 1.75 |
| BAGEL | 1.00 |
| COFFEE | 1.00 |
| POTATO SALAD | 1.00 |
| MACARONI SALAD | 1.00 |
| GARDEN SALAD | 1.00 |
| SODA | 0.75 |
| BREAKFAST ** | 4.50 |
| DINNER *** | 8.50 |
| COOKIES/MUNCHIES | N/C |

** PANCAKES/EGGS WITH BEVERAGE
***BARBEQUE CHICKEN WITH BEVERAGE

These are suggested prices based upon a survey of popular restaurants. Actually there is no charge for food items during field day. If during the course of the weekend, the average (?) person consumes the food listed below, he/she will have more than recouped the cost of one years dues. making field day a family affair is an added bonus.

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| BEAKFAST | 4.50 |
| DINNER | 8.50 |
| SODA (6) | 4.50 |
| COFFEE (3) | 3.00 |
| HOT DOGS (4) | 5.00 |
| HAMBURGERS (2) | <u>3.50</u> |
| TOTAL | \$29.00 |

CONNECTICUT CLUB REACTIVATES W1FB
CALL SIGN from The ARRL Letter
of April 28, 2000

If you hear the well-known W1FB call sign on the air, it's likely not a bootlegger. Recent renewed interest in the Tuna Tin 2 QRP transmitter made famous by the late Doug DeMaw, W1FB- led a Connecticut group to obtain the call sign as a memorial to DeMaw, a former ARRL HQ staff member and Amateur Radio icon.

DeMaw, who died in September of 1997, was one of the most widely published technical writers in Amateur Radio. An electrical engineer, he was a member of the ARRL Headquarters staff for 18 years--from 1965 to 1983. During his tenure at HQ, DeMaw served as editor of The ARRL Handbook and engineered the shift in emphasis toward solid-state design in the Handbook and in QST. In addition, he authored hundreds of articles in QST and other publications.

The Central Connecticut QRP Club plans to mount additional operating events including one being described as "innovative" and set for this fall. QRPers and Doug DeMaw fans also can look for W1FB--and the original Tuna Tin 2 to show up on the air for various QRP operating events. Operation is expected to take place from several locations across the US, so QRPers in parts of the country well-removed from Connecticut should have an opportunity to work W1FB. Wayne Irwin, W1KI

Upcoming Events

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| May | 20-21 | Major 6 Club Contest (a 6meter contest) |
| | 28-30 | CQ WW WPX Contest CW |
| June | 2-4 | Rochester, NY Hamfest |
| | 10-12 | June VHF QSO Party |
| | 23-25 | Field Day 2000 |



B-PLUS June article deadline is Sun., May 28, 1PM

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