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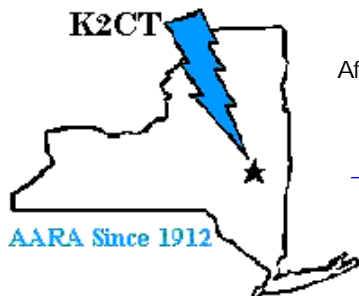
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AARA

Meets at the
Colonie Community Center

1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday MAY 11

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

MAY Meeting

PACKET RADIO

Digital Communications

Come Learn the Details

June Meeting – June 8th

Insights into Field Day 2001

June 34-24

June VHF QSO Party **June 9-11**

RAFFLE UPDATE Digital Camera

WINNER:

Ceil Lenard works at NYS DOT. John WE2F sold the winning ticket. She works on computers all day and has yet to buy her own but she'll need one as she starts to take digital pictures.

K2CT repeater
Talk-in repeater 145.19 (-) MHz
pl tone 100.0hz
or 146.67 (-) MHz pl tone 100.0Hz
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 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)
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 .

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WRTC 2002 TO BE HELD IN FINLAND

The next World Radiosport Team Championship--which some characterize as the "Olympics of Amateur Radio"--will be held next year in Finland. A formal announcement came April 21 during the International DX Convention in Visalia, California.

WRTC 2002 will be jointly organized by Contest Club Finland and the Finnish Amateur Radio League (SRAL). The on-air competition will take place July 13-14, 2002, in conjunction with the IARU HF Championship.

Last held in Slovenia in July 2000, the WRTC involves on-air contest-style competition among two-person teams operating from the same geographical vicinity at stations having equivalent capabilities. All operation is done at 100 W with modest antennas.

The WRTC 2002 Organizing Committee Chairman is Jouko Häyrynen, OH1RX. Sharing duties in chairing the competition will be Martti Laine, OH2BH, and Pasi Luoma-aho, OH2IW, both world-class contesters. Ari Korhonen, OH1EH, who's handling WRTC

2002 publicity, was paired with OH1NOA on Team Finland, which finished fifth at WRTC 2000.

Team selection will begin soon. Considered likely contenders next year are WRTC 96 and WRTC 2000 winners Dan Street, K1TO, and Jeff Steinman, N5TJ. Participants from all continents will be selected based on their track-records in past contests. Korhonen said every effort would be made to provide teams with comparable operating conditions. "Our plan is to have 45 to 50 station sites set up in locations around Helsinki, each equipped with identical antenna systems," he said.

The WRTC 2002 Web site is <http://www.wrtc2002.org>.

The AARA Dinner was a success. The Dinner and program at the Bavarian Chalet and raffle actually made money this year. If you missed it plan for next year.....

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...

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

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HUDSON DIVISION DELEGATION PROMOTES ANTENNA BILL IN CAPITAL

The ARRL Letter April 27, 2001

A delegation of four from the ARRL Hudson Division recently trekked to the state capital of Albany on April 17 to garner support for New York's Amateur Radio antenna bill.

Hudson Division Director Frank Fallon, N2FF, reports the group met for nearly five hours with Assembly and Senate members and staffers as well as with Gov George Pataki's assistant counsel Greg Allen.

An effort to incorporate the wording of the limited federal preemption known as PRB-1 into New York's statutes fell short of its mark last year. Fallon says he's more optimistic this time around, now that companion bills have been introduced in the Assembly and Senate, designated A-1565 and S-2893. Accompanying Fallon on the visits were Assistant Hudson Division Directors Gerry Agliata, W2GLA, and Diane Ortiz, K2DO, and Eastern New York B-PLUS MAY 2001

Local Government Liaison Ray Wemple, KA2DVM.

During the visits, Fallon said, the delegation explained that a state antenna bill was needed to supplement PRB-1, since many local town and villages seem unaware of PRB-1 or ignore its provisions. "We explained how our bills would save local governments time and money and avoid confrontation among neighbors over a very technical issue few local legislators fully understand," he said. Fallon said the group likened Amateur Radio operators to volunteer firemen who, rather than responding to fires "respond to communications emergencies when the lights go out and phones go dead." "Those we spoke to seemed receptive to our arguments," Fallon said, "and one assemblyman said that his committee would again report our bill out as it had done last year." Fallon predicted that Gov Pataki--a former ham(ex-K2ZCZ)--will almost certainly sign the bill when he receives it." Fallon encouraged support from New York amateurs. "Letters, phone calls and visits are much more effective than e-mails," he said. The Hudson Division Web page <http://www.arrl-hudson.org> has a copy of the bill, links to find names and addresses of state representatives, and copies of sample letters.

Upcoming Events

May	26	CQ WW WPX Contest CW Send score to sue.walt@verizon.com
June	1-3	Rochester, NY Hamfest
	9-11	ARRL June VHF QSO Party
	16-17	Kid's Day Operating Event
	23-24	FIELD DAY

Name tags and Sweatshirts are in.

If you ordered one (some) pick up



at the meeting

ASTRONAUT MAKING CASUAL QSOs
FROM NA1SS The ARRL Letter April 27, 2001

Astronaut Susan Helms, KC7NHZ, recently put smiles on the faces of a number of US hams. Reports from several amateurs indicate that she's made several casual voice contacts from her perch aboard the International Space Station.

Mike Seguin, N1JEZ, was one of the stations who made contact with Helms on April 20. He reports she had a great signal. Also reporting contacts were Tom Blubaugh, N7HXP, Samuel Danner, N3MPE (who worked NA1SS for the second time), and Stan Vandiver, W4SV (who posted audio from his QSO on his Website, <http://stan.vandiver.com>). Helms also was active on April 23. Several stations have managed to connect with the ISS packet system, still operating as "NO CALL". Bruce Paige, KK5DO, reports he worked a male operator at the NA1SS mike on April 25.

As of April 27, the ARRL had received QSL card requests for two ExpeditionOne FM voice contacts and four Expedition Two FM voice contacts (along with several dozen SWL reports for both missions), plus eight "NO CALL" packet encounters.

With the STS-100 mission under way, four of the five space agencies involved in building the space station are now represented on board. Endeavour's crew includes Italian Umberto Guidoni of the European Space Agency, Russian Yuri Lonchakov--who's been granted the call sign RS1ISS--and Canadian Chris Hadfield as well as US astronauts Kent Rominger, Jeffrey Ashby, John Phillips and Scott Parazynski, who's KC5RSY.

Endeavour docked with the ISS April 21. Its return flight was delayed at least a day and possibly two because of the ISS computer difficulties. It's not known if either of the hams from Endeavour planned to do voice QSOs while aboard the ISS. There is no amateur gear installed aboard the shuttle.

Here are the QSL routes for W/VE stations working NA1SS: US stations QSL to Margie Bourgojn, KB1DCO, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. Canadian stations QSL to Radio Amateurs of Canada, 720 Belfast Rd--Suite 217, Ottawa, ON K1G 0Z5. A self-addressed, stamped envelope is required to get a QSL in return.--ANS; news reports

SWAP SHOP

Send items to B-Plus editor, Mike, WD2AJS at wd2ajs@arrl.net or call 489-3110

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

FOR SALE: Ten Tec Omni D Model 546 Factory modified to include 30 meter and 12 meter bands with Model 243 remote VFO, Model 247 Antenna Tuner, Model 262M power supply, Model 1150 overvoltage protector, Model 1140 Magnetic circuit breaker and Ten Tec desk mike. **Asking \$525 for all.** Bud Hovey WF2B wf2b@arrl.net or call 283-2337

SWAP SHOP

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