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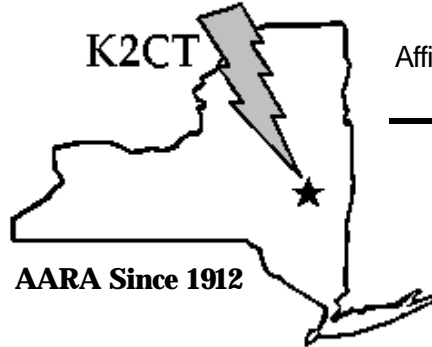
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AARA

Meets at the
Colonie Community Center
1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday May 14

Social Hour 6:45 PM
Board Meeting 7:15 PM
Meeting 7:45 PM
refreshments

Talk-in repeater
145.19 (-) MHz
or
145.37 (-) MHz
tone 127.3

May Meeting

Details, it's all in the details. Field Day planning and info. Antennas to Yams. We had a great time last year. Lots of Fun, Good Food and Fun Operating. Let's see if we can make it even better this year. AARA is planning to operate at 4A again this year. We need your help.

If you can't make the meeting but have a suggestion call Jim Noble K2ZP

Field Day Chairman
518 286-3586

The MS Walk was held on the morning of Sunday, April 18th. Thanks to all of those who participated, many of whom were called at the last minute: Jerry & Cody Zinc, Nels Williams (WB2SBO), Karen Wood (N2WDL), and especially Craig Wood (N2UID), net control.

The following weekend held the March of Dimes WalkAmerica on Sunday, April 25th. Thanks to the following participants: Bud Hovey (WF2B), Nels Williams (WB2SBO), Ken Clikeman (AA2CW), Laurie Warner (N2OSB), Herb Orth (N2TJM), Bill Houghton (KA2OWW), and especially April Stack (K2ZCZ).

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Laurie M. Warner, N2OSB
Public Service Coordinator

AARA web site:
<http://users.aol.com/k2ct/index.htm>

Pay your 1999 Dues \$15/year
Checks should be made out to AARA and
sent to: Saul Abrams, K2XA, 307 Maple Rd.,

Slingerlands, NY 12159

Upcoming Events

May	14-16	Dayton Hamfest
	15-16	Poughkeepsie Amateur Radio Club will operate special event station W2CVT at the Samuel F B Morse Historic Site 1200Z to 2100Z on 7.120, 14.270, 21.120, and 28.375
	21-23	Major 6 Club Contest QST May 99
	29-30	CQ WW WPX Contest, CW
June	4-6	Atlantic Div. Convention Rochester, NY
	12-14	June VHF QSO Party QST May 99
	26-27	Field Day 1999

UoSAT-12 Launched and Functioning (April 22, 1999) -- The latest Amateur Radio satellite, UoSAT-12, was successfully launched April 21 just before 0500 UTC from the Baikonur Cosmodrome aboard a converted Soviet SS-18 ICBM. This marked the first time a Russian missile designed for war had been converted to peaceful purposes to carry a commercial satellite into space. Under the terms of the START arms reduction treaty, the former Soviet Union's entire arsenal of SS-18 Satans must be destroyed or used for peaceful purposes. The satellite was successfully switched on at around 1800 UTC and copied on the 2230 UTC pass in Japan by Kazu Sakamoto, JJ1WTK. The downlink is 9600 baud FSK and can be copied on 437.400MHz. The satellite is considerably larger than UO-22 or TO-31, and carries a propulsion system for orbital housekeeping experiments. UoSAT-12 carries a number of imaging payloads (with an up to 10-meter image resolution) along with digital store-and-forward communications on VHF and UHF. Mode L/S transponders will also be supported with a high-speed digital downlink.

As it attempts to increase its share of the profitable commercial satellite launch market, Russia reportedly also is converting its SS-19 Stiletto ballistic missiles into booster rockets. --Bruce Paige, KK5DO

[Thanks to the University of Surrey and Chris Jackson, G7UPN, who supplied information for this report.]

FIELD DAY

For the first time, the ARRL is making available annual Field Day pins to show your



participation in the 1999 event. You don't have to make a minimum number of contacts or achieve a particular score level. You just have to participate!

Pins are \$5 each. Field Day groups are advised to collect the money for the pins and send a single order stating the number of pins needed to ARRL Contest Branch, ATTN Field Day Pins, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. The League will ship the pins back to the club for distribution.

Now 66 years old, Field Day did not start out as the vaunted test of emergency preparedness it is considered today (nor was it on the fourth weekend in June). The first "International Field Day" on June 10 and 11, 1933, it was "just a test of portable equipment" for US and Canadian amateurs, according to former ARRL Communications Manager George Hart, W1NJM, who's operated in scores of Field Day events. Hart says then-Communications Manager Ed Handy, W1BDI, came up with the idea (Sweepstakes was also his brainstorm).

Under the early Field Day rules, only portable stations "actually in the field, away from the 'home' address" were eligible to submit Field Day scores. At that time, ARRL sections counted as multipliers in scoring, and portable-to-portable contacts counted double. It was not until the second annual Field Day, in 1934, that Handy's Field Day writeup in *QST* raised the aspect of emergency preparedness.

AARA ROSTER

With the help of Guy (WK2H), I have finished the AARA 1999 Roster Book. They will be available at the March meeting. There is a limited number available so, "first come first serve". Limit of one per member for now. A \$2 donation to AARA is requested.

Ernie, K2EP

B-PLUS + SWAP SHOP free ad to members send or call Mike, WD2AJS

Estate sale: Kenwood TS520, 80-10m plus digital readout, remote VFO, and speaker - \$300.00
Kenwood PC1 phone patch, \$15.00
4amp regulated power supply, \$15.00
5 position rotary antenna switch, \$8.00

old Yaesu 2m rig FT227R good for packet
10 watt \$35.00, or best offers.

Contact Saul, K2XA at 439-5700

Estate sale: Icom 745 with Astron RS-35M \$400

Yaesu 415 handheld 2meter w/Quantum
Battery pack \$125 or best offer. Call Bud,
WF2B at 283-2337

Anne Miller, KB2RZC SK

Last month, there appeared in the local newspaper an
obituary for Anne H. Miller, "a ham radio operator." I'd
like to tell you know about my friend Anne Miller,
KB2RZC. I got to know her through her Elmer, Jay

Freud. Jay and his wife Susan escorted her and her
friend Walter, KB2RBB, to several AARA dinners. She
was 86 years old when she earned her no-code Tech.
She eventually became a general-class licensee.

Before losing her vision in her last few years, she was
an accomplished artist. I knew her best as a published
poet; I have a book of some of her works. She never
quite understood the difference between broadcasting
and communicating; she used one of the local repeaters
as a podium from which she would read poetry.
Bob, W2XM

AARA Dinner April 9, 1999

Some of the people having a great time
at the AARA dinner.

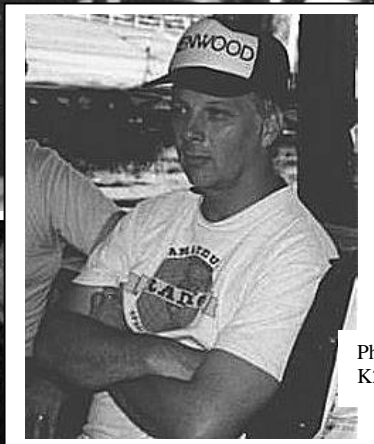


Photo by April,
K2ZCZ

Ernie Popp, K2EP was bestowed a Life Membership in AARA

The Raffle: The winner of the Icom IC 207H dual-band radio was Bill, **KA2OWW**.

April, K2ZCZ won the ARRL Radio Amateur Handbook and Herb Nadler took the \$10.00 prize. Curtis, K2ZX won the party
raffle and donated the winnings back to the club.

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The next event will be the Chase Corporate Challenge run in Albany on the evening of
Thursday, 27 May. I'll need several people for this, and some operators will need to be in place for
this event by 5pm. Others can start later.

Following that will be the Bagel Run. Although unfortunately I don't have a date yet for that
event, it's usually in mid-June. We'll hope for better weather this year!

I will be out of town for the May meeting, so anyone interested in working either of these events,
please contact me. I can be reached by email at n2osb@arrl.net, or by phone at 872-9056. I'm
looking forward to working with you!

submitted by Laurie M. Warner, N2OSB

Public Service Coordinator

Albany/Troy Volunteer Exam Team 1999 Examination Schedule

Date	Day	Doors Open	Exam Time (Doors will Close)
July 28, 1999	Wednesday (evening)	6:20 PM	7:00 PM
September 29, 1999	Wednesday (evening)	6:20 PM	7:00 PM
November 13, 1999	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM

ATVET CONTACT: Nels Williams, WB2SBO at 439-7357 or wb2sbo@aol.com
ATVET LIAISON: Bill Eddy, NY2U at 273-9248 or ny2u@n2ty.org
General E-Mail can be sent to atvet@n2ty.org

ATVET will 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 at 9:20 AM, 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 exam schedules. A test fee of \$6.45 either cash, or check, is required for those taking any elements above Element -2 or Element -1A.

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 .

I have a scanner now, If you have pictures or items that I could use get them to me. I promise to make sure it gets back to you. Editor - Mike Bergman, WD2AJS

B-PLUS June article deadline is Sun, May 30th.

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