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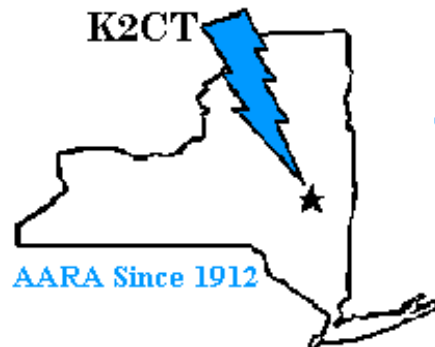
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## AARA

Meets at the

Colonie Community Center

1653 Central Ave. Colonie

**Friday Nov. 12**

Social Hour 6:45 PM

Board Meeting 7:15 PM

Meeting 7:45 PM

refreshments

K2CT repeater  
Talk-in repeater 145.19 (-) MHz

## Nov. Meeting

The National Traffic System consists of ARRL affiliated and independent amateur radio networks ('nets') which pass non-commercial messages on behalf of third parties as a public service. A variety of communications modes are used. CW and other digital modes are most often used for "long-haul", e.g. interstate traffic. Regional traffic is handled using both CW and SSB while local, e.g. city or county, nets most often use FM repeaters.

Station and net reports are forwarded monthly to the Section Traffic Manager. That **Section Traffic Manager is Pete, N2YJZ** who will speak to the club. Of course the usually talk is on traffic handling however Hurricane Floyd did some damage down in

Woodstock. Pete will speak on what he heard and how things were handled down there as they were in a state of emergency for almost a week and got hit pretty bad

## PUBLIC SERVICE

AARA and SARA assisted with the Hudson-Mohawk River Marathon on Sunday, 17 October. On a beautiful sunny day, we had seventeen hams working to assure the safety of over 500 runners on a 26.2mi course along the river bike path, from Central Park in Schenectady to the Ramada in Albany. Special thanks go to Dennis N2LBT, without whom I would never have been able to assemble enough people. Cont page 2

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Thanks also to Jim K2ZP and Tony W2BEJ, who acted as net control. Also working were Ken AA2CW, Tim WB2SPN, Charlie K2VNP, Craig N2UID, Debbie N2XXW, Bernie KB2UM, Tom N2SQO, Bill KA2OWW, Laurie N2OSB, Mike KC2DTL, Tom KC2FCR, Herb N2TJM, Jack WA2YBM and JR N2PEQ. We couldn't have done it without you! We still have several T-shirts remaining, so if you didn't receive yours, please let me know. Contact Laurie by email at n2osb@arrl.net, or by phone at 872-9056.

Laurie Warner, N2OSB  
Public Service Coordinator

**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

**AARA Web site**

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

## **Amateur Radio Ranks Slowing**

According to Amateur Radio census statistics cited in the October 15, 1999, W5YI Report, US licensee growth has nearly stalled overall during the past year. The W5YI numbers--which exclude hams whose licenses have expired but remain within the two-year grace period--show 675,739 US licensees as of September 30, 1999. While that's up by more than 3000 hams over the same month in 1998, the number represents less than one-half percent growth.

The number of US amateurs peaked over the past year at 676,318 at the end of July. Looking at the numbers by license class, only Technician showed substantial growth--up by more than 10,500 from a year earlier. Tech Plus and Amateur Extra classes rose slightly too, but the numbers were down slightly for Advanced and General, and the number of Novice licensees declined by more than 5100 over the past year. From ARRL letter 10/22/99

### **AESN (Albany Emerg Serv Net)**

Net Manager: N2RAD 147.12 MHz+ 7:30 PM every Tuesday

### **CDN (Capital District Net)**

Net Manager: Bob WB2ZCM 146.94 MHz+ 6:30 PM daily

### **SDN (Southern District Net)**

Net Manager: Darlana N2DB 147.06 MHz+ 9:30 PM daily

### **ESS (Empire Slow Speed Net)**

Net Manager: Peter W2WSS 3590 KHz 6:00 PM daily (7:00PM EDT)

### **HVN (Hudson Valley Net)**

Net Manager: Ed N2JBA 146.97 Mhz- PL 100 (NOT REQUIRED) 7:30 PM daily

### **NYP (New York Phone Net)**

Net Manager: Tom N2LTC

### **NYPON (NY Public Operations Net)**

Net Manager: Pete N2YJZ

### **NYS(E)**

Net Manager: Dom WB2QIX

### **NYS(M)**

Net Manager: Bruce KA2GJV

### **NYS(L)**

Net Manager: Art W2YGW

## **VHF Contest Site**



Well the antenna's are up and the "shack" is ready to go. The antenna's are 6 meters, 2 meters 220 Mhz, and 440 Mhz. The "shack" is at the AARA VHF club station near Clarksville, NY, about 1300 feet up on the mountain, southwest of Albany.

I would like to thank the following people for their efforts in making this happen. WF2B Bud,

N1JP John, K2BX Bill, WD2AJS Mike,  
WB2LXC Russ, K2XF Seymour, KC2FCR Tom.  
Their efforts are appreciated.



I would also like to thank our president,  
K2ONP and the board of directors of AARA for  
approving this project. More at the meeting.  
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our 40ft tower  
next to the 300ft  
commercial  
tower

### Upcoming Events

Nov. 13-14 Worked all Europe RTTY  
19-22 6-meter Winter DX Contest  
Nov. Sweepstakes, Phone  
27-28 CQ WW DX Contest

From "The ARRL Letter" October 29:  
During the Southwestern Division Convention  
October 1-3, FCC Legal Adviser for  
Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth reiterated a  
pledge to undertake two amateur enforcement  
initiatives in the coming months:  
encroachment of unlicensed activity on 10  
meters and improper or illegal marketing of  
HF amplifiers -- especially those capable of  
11-meter operation. He said that problems on  
VHF no longer would take a back seat to HF

enforcement. He also advised attendees to  
adhere to the basis and purpose stated in  
Section 97.1 of the FCC rules. In response to a  
question during a convention forum,  
Hollingsworth clarified that jamming a station  
thought to be breaking the FCC rules on a  
repeater is never justifiable and always illegal.  
"We have never suggested -- let alone authorized  
-- jamming as a way to keep certain people off,"  
he said.

### Election Nominating Committee

AARA has formed a nominating committee for  
elections of new officers. Will Liporace, NA2NA,  
Barry Gross, N1EU, and Ed Gosch W2CUH

If you have an interest to be an officer contact  
any of the nominating committee members. The  
election will be held on December 10, 1999 at  
the Colonie Community Center. You must be  
present to vote! Nominations will be accepted  
from the floor as per the AARA Constitution

### CALL SIGNS

#### *XMAS CALLS*

NØEL\*\* -- G1FT -- KR1S\*\* -- KR1NGL --  
RE1NDR -- N1CK -- \*\* Issued Calls

#### *QUESTIONABLE CALLS*

PHØNY -- DX4U -- 6L6GC -- RG8U --  
ST1NK  
-- SL1M -- P1RTE -- NØQSL -- DX1S --  
NØDX\*\*  
-- WH1M -- L1D -- GR1D -- WØW --  
OZØNE -- LØGUN  
NØQSL NØQRM WØRK NØPE NØISY  
KNØW \*\* Issued Call

#### *REAL ISSUED CALLS -- HONEST!!*

Are these calls actually issued -- look em up??

N9CAT N6PIG K9PIG (huh) N1HOG  
W1HAM NØEL

N6SSB N9MOO (N7LSD "I'm High All Time")

W2COP KØTEX W2CU N6RIG KR1S  
WØMAN

N5BYE AC6V (volts) N2SEX W2SEX NØDX  
NØISE N1TP

K6FOX (a YL) W4GOD

*Real club call (now abandoned):*

VE3YDX - (why DX?) "because it's there"

NA8V - obviously not a "native" of Florida

KU8E - Shouldn't his call be 9K2\*\* ? (Kuwaiti)

*SINGLE HAMS*

NØGUY NØGAL NØHIM NØHER

**ST PETER & ST PAUL DXPEDITION  
DELAYED**

The Brazilian Navy, through the Secretariat of the Commission of Ocean Resources has announced another postponement of the journey in which a ship will transport a DXpedition to the Archipelago of St Peter & St Paul, 1.1 km from Natal, Brazil (PS7). Note that this is NOT a cancellation.

According to a press release from the Natal DX Group, the main reason given for the postponement was flooding caused by very high tide in early morning hours of October 25. The force of the waters was said to have caused extensive damage. On Thursday, officers of the Brazilian Navy and technicians from Natal departed to inspect the damage in the Archipelago. Their report will not be available until their return late this coming week.

The group will be releasing information in various DX bulletins and provide a new schedule for the DXpedition. The members of the DXpedition, who have incurred the monetary expenses necessary to realize the DXpedition, regret the delay. It is believed that operations will not begin before November 7.

The operators -- Karl, PS7KM/ZX0SK and Tino PT7AA/ZW0SP -- expressed their regret at the unfortunate turn to events and noted that the decision to delay the DXpedition was out of their control.

The team can be reached by e-mail at [ndxg@qsl.net](mailto:ndxg@qsl.net). -- NDXG Press Release/This Week in Amateur Radio

## Albany/Troy Volunteer Exam Team

### 1999 Examination Schedule

Date	Day	Doors Open	Exam Time (Doors will Close)
November 13, 1999	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM

**ATVET CONTACT:** Nels Williams, WB2SBO at 439-7357 or [wb2sbo@aol.com](mailto:wb2sbo@aol.com)

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**General E-Mail can be sent to** [atvet@n2ty.org](mailto: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 .

B-PLUS Nov. article deadline is Sat, Nov. 28th

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