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AARA

Meets at the
Colonie Community Center

1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday Oct 12

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

OCT. Meeting

OUR SPEAKER WILL BE

Fred Lass, K2TR

The topics will be: Contests, Contesting in
the Albany Area, History of Local
Contesting and more.....

Amateur Radio Course

The course will be taught on 9 Tuesday evenings
from 7:00 - 9:15pm in the Community Room at
Crossgates Mall. They are not consecutive. The
dates of our meetings are Oct. 16, 23, and 30,
Nov. 6, 20, and 27, and Dec. 4, 11, and 18.
These have been engraved in stone.

I have four copies of the text still available.

For further information, contact Bob Raffaele at 459-
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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

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)
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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ATTENTION HF CONTESTERS

The Fall Contest Season is upon us! We will be collecting scores from AARA members again this season for publication in B-Plus. Please send a copy of your summary sheet (plain text only) to us at:

sue.walt@verizon.net

Please note that this e-mail address is different from the one we had last season.

The next *big* event is the CQ World-Wide DX Contest. The phone weekend is October 27-28, and the CW weekend is November 24-25. So get on the air, kick some butt, and send us your scores!

73 (and have fun too!),

Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

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>

Amateurs helping at the Pentagon attack

The ARRL Letter Vol. 20, No. 37 September 14, 2001

At the scene of the Pentagon attack near Washington, DC, Virginia Section Emergency Coordinator Tom Gregory, N4NW, reports an "upbeat" crew of about two dozen amateurs is staffing six Amateur Radio stations in the immediate vicinity of the Pentagon. "What shocked me the most was the devastation you can see right there, 100 feet from the building," Gregory said. "The destruction is total."

The ARES operation is providing logistical support between the Salvation Army's relief and recovery effort on site and the agency's Arlington headquarters. The Salvation Army has deployed several mobile canteens and a feeding unit to serve military and civilian emergency personnel assigned to the recovery operation.

"What we're finding is that communication is very difficult because of the tremendous amount of noise from the construction-type equipment and the generators providing power for the lights and support staff," Gregory said. Because of the noise level, operators are being rotated frequently in and out of the immediate vicinity of the attack. "There's the emotion of it, and there's the tremendous amount of noise, and it's very grating on you because you can hardly hear the radio to communicate," Gregory explained.

Gregory described the entire area as "very crowded with people" inside and outside the Pentagon. "People and equipment cleaning up,

finding bodies, finding plane parts, firefighters still checking for hot spots, hoses, equipment," he said. "The damage to the building looks worse when you are right next to it than it does on TV."

"I found that it took me a few minutes to realize the gravity of what was going on and the importance of what we hams are doing in our own small way to help out," Gregory said. "The devastation of that building is awesome, and it puts things in perspective and it certainly made me proud to be an Amateur Radio operator and serve the people of the United States by offering the support we could."

The Pentagon ARES operation continues to seek volunteers. "Because of the immensity of the thing, we're trying to have six amateurs on duty at all times," he said. "We need 20 volunteers every day for at least two weeks." Volunteers should e-mail Tom Gregory, N4NW, at n4nw@arrl.net.

Gregory emphasized that Pentagon site security is extremely tight. All ham volunteers must have a photo ID issued by a government entity to the secured area. "The FBI is handling issuance of IDs for access to the secured area and is doing a complete NCIC check before a photo ID is issued," Gregory said.

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The ARES operation--with Tom Harmon, AK1E, as incident commander--provided logistical support between the Salvation Army's relief and recovery effort on site and the agency's Arlington headquarters. The Salvation Army has been providing food and refreshments to the crews engaged in the Pentagon investigation and recovery operations. Gregory said many of the more than 100 volunteers who reported for duty between September 11 and September 18 gave up time with their families and their jobs. In a few cases, he said, he even wrote letters to employers requesting that volunteers be allowed time off to work the incident.

"Amateur Radio performed exactly as it was supposed to," Gregory said. "We responded to the need to provide communications where none were available." He said the Virginia ARES organization stands ready to jump in again "at a moment's notice" if the need arises.

Another amateur team consisting of Mt Vernon Amateur Radio Club and Arlington County Amateur Radio Club members was providing communication and technical support to the American Red Cross relief effort at the Pentagon site. Arlington County ARES Emergency Coordinator Alan Bosch, KO4ALA, said his team was running shifts from 8 AM through 1 AM each day, and he expected the operation to continue at least through week's end.

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, visited members of the Pentagon ARES team on Monday, September 17. Gregory said he appreciated Haynie's encouragement at a difficult time. Haynie was accompanied by ARRL First Vice President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth, and ARRL Virginia Section Manager Carl Clements, W4CAC.

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!

Please contact me if you are interested in working. Having volunteers ahead of time can eliminate those desperate last-minute phone calls...

14 October (Sunday) Mohawk-Hudson River Marathon

30 October (Tuesday) Pumpkin Patrol

31 October (Wednesday) Pumpkin Patrol

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THE YOUNGEST VOLUNTEER

Ten-year-old Beverly Holtz of Huntington, Long Island, New York, was distraught after hearing of the tragedy at the World Trade Center.

"I slowly explained what the news footage meant," said her father Fred Holtz, K2PSY. "The first thing she said was that she wanted to help."

Neither of them realized just how soon she would get the chance.

About six years ago Fred Holtz revived his interest in Amateur Radio. Soon his young daughter showed an interest in the hobby. Together they studied the electronics and Beverly was especially interested in the questions on emergency procedures.

"I told her that they were very important and you never knew when you would need them," Holtz said.

Father and daughter joined the local radio

club and started going to meetings. Eventually she took the FCC exam for the Technician license and passed! She couldn't wait for her license to arrive and was ready to get on the air.

Beverly's new ticket finally arrived Friday, September 14, and she was officially KC2IKT. The next day she and her dad were running errands in the car, listening to an emergency net being run on a local repeater, when they heard a call go out for volunteers to staff a shelter as part of the response to the World Trade Center attack.

"We can do that!" Beverly told her dad. Fred Holtz called net control and explained that his daughter was only 10 and wanted to help.

"No problem," they were told. That afternoon they reported to the Red Cross shelter in Valley Stream, New York. Some 40 European students were staying at the shelter after being stranded when flights were cancelled at the nearby airports in New York City.

Using her dad's hand-held transceiver, Beverly answered questions from net control, relayed health-and-welfare traffic and was the only radio operator for the entire eight-hour shift.

"I was very impressed that [net control] treated her as an equal and that she was able to do it," her dad said. "She really had a trial by fire!"

Beverly said that the eight hours seemed like one hour. "I can't wait to do more," she said. "It made me feel good to help."--Diane Ortiz, K2DO

SWAP SHOP

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Upcoming Events

Oct.	13-14	Pennsylvania QSO Party
	27-28	CQ WW DX Contest
	27-28	Ten-Ten CW QSO Party
Nov.	3-5	Sweepstakes CW
	17-19	Sweepstakes PHONE



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