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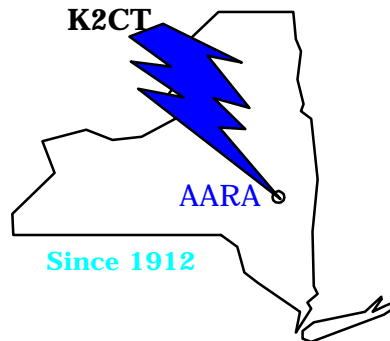
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Meets at the
Colonie Community Center

1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday Oct. 11

Social Hour 6:55 PM

Meeting 7:45 PM

Refreshments cookies,
soda, diet soda, coffee

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

OCT. MEETING

Peter Cecere, N2YJZ
Eastern New York Section Manager

**Update us on the Nation Traffic
System**

Eastern NY Section News

**Open Forum with questions and
answers...**

PAY your AARA DUES

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Dues are \$15 with
B-PLUS available at the K2CT Web
page in .pdf format www.qsl.net/k2ct
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the newsletter Checks should be made out
to AARA and sent to: Saul Abrams, K2XA,
307 Maple Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159

ATVET exam sessions

Exam Date	Day	Doors Open	Exam Time (Doors will Close)
October 12, 2002	Sat	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
November 9, 2002	Sat	9:20 AM	10:00 AM

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ATVET LIAISON: Gerald Murray, atvet@n2ty.org or 518-482-8700

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 never requires any pre-registration for any of their exams. A "NEW" test fee of \$10.00 either cash, or check (payable to [ARRL-VEC](http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/) <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 .

Amateurs Activate for Duty During September 11 Remembrances

NEWINGTON, CT, Sep 13, 2002--As they did a year earlier, members of the New York City Amateur Radio Emergency Service and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (NYC ARES/RACES) activated September 11 to assist in the first anniversary observances. In addition, Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN) members supported The Salvation Army's commemorative activities.

Some 30 NYC ARES/RACES members assisted the American Red Cross and other organizations during the 9/11 commemoration activities--in some cases remaining on duty for more than 15 hours. Thousands of family members of those who died in the World Trade Center attacks were on hand for the remembrance at Ground Zero. ARES/RACES also supported communication for memorial concerts and other commemorative activities in the five boroughs of New York City, where residents watched the lighting of an eternal flame in Battery Park on giant screens.

"NYC-ARES installed K1RFD's EchoLink

system to aid in communications from the Red Cross headquarters--a known RF black hole," said Mark Phillips, KC2ENI/G7LTT, who's the NYC ARES/RACES Public Information Officer. "We believe that this is the first such use of this technology." Phillips also expressed thanks to the Broadcast Engineers Amateur Radio Club for the use of its W2ABC repeater on very short notice.

Security for the events was described as very tight. NYC ARES/RACES had to negotiate with the Secret Service, the FBI, the NYPD and the Port Authority Police Department as well as with the served agencies to be permitted to have radio equipment in the area.

Greater New York SATERN Liaison Officer Jeff Schneller, N2HPO, reports that a "small but effective" SATERN operation successfully supplemented The Salvation Army's September 11 World Trade Center event. The team members used both Amateur Radio and GMRS units. Schneller singled out the efforts of Carlos Varon, K2LCV, and his wife Fran for providing radio and operational help.

"Carlos took over and ran the East Side SATERN operations and assisted with .

the overall canteen operation," Schneller said. "Fran worked nonstop, distributing water and energy bars while providing communications support on the West Side operation." Schneller thanked SATERN Outer County Liaison Jodi Williams for requesting SATERN and for his support.

Schneller also expressed gratitude to the Electchester VHF Club and the Broadcast Engineers Amateur Radio Society for the use of their repeater systems, but he noted that most operation ended up being on FM simplex. He also thanked New York City District Emergency Coordinator Charles Hargrove, N2HOV, for having ARES operators available to support The Salvation Army.

For his part, Hargrove expressed heartfelt thanks to all amateurs who came to New York City to help. "Your community will thank you for it when the need truly arises, as we saw last September 11," he said this week. "Without practice, we would have a tougher time of it." Hargrove urged all amateurs to join their local ARES organizations and become involved in emergency communication training and activities.

HF CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT:

The [2002 CQ World Wide DX Contest](#) is coming soon! The phone weekend is October 26-27 and the CW weekend is November 23-24.

If you get on the air for either weekend, big score or small, send us your scores!

All scores received will be published in B-Plus.

Send your information to us by e-mail at: sue.walt@verizon.net

See you in the pile-ups!

73,
Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

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www.qsl.net/k2ct

Public Service:

WE Need YOU to Volunteer

We have two events remaining on the 2002 Public Service calendar. **The Mohawk-Hudson River Marathon** will be on Sunday, October 13th. I will need more volunteers than ever this year, as there will also be a half-marathon beginning at the halfway point in Colonie at the same time as the full marathon starts in Schenectady. On October 30th and 31st we will be participating in **Pumpkin Patrol**, the NYS Police-organized effort to keep the Thruway safe on Halloween. We have about 17 bridges to cover in Albany County, so I need lots of volunteers for this also.

To learn more about Pumpkin Patrol, be sure to attend the October meeting. If you are interested in participating in either event please contact me at 518-872-9056 or n2osb@arrl.net. Thank you!

As many of you already know, I will be stepping down as Public Service Chair at the end of this year. If you think that you or you and a friend!-could take over for a year or two, please contact John, WE2F at 283-4304 or an AARA Board member.

Public Service Calendar:
October 13th (Sunday) 8:30am:
River Marathon



October 30th & 31st (Wednesday
& Thursday) dusk: Pumpkin Patrol

Laurie M. Warner, N2OSB
AARA Public Service Chair



AARA Field Day 2002 pictures can be viewed at the [AARA web page](#) www.qsl.net/k2ct then to the *meetings tab*

FIELD DAY 2002 SCORE

CW QSOs = 792, Points = 1584
SSB QSOs = 1392, Points = 1392
Total QSOs = 2184
Power Multiplier = X2
Bonus Points = 1100
Score = 7,052
Check in Log = 48 Members and Guests
John, N1JP Field Day Chairman

Public Service: 2002 Schedule

WE Need YOU to Volunteer

Contact Laurie M. Warner, N2OSB 872-9056

Or e-mail at n2osb@arrl.net

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Upcoming Events

Oct 19-20 JARTS WW RTTY Contest
26-27 CQ WW DX Contest SSB
26-27 EME Competition
30-31 **Pumpkin Patrol**
Nov 2-4 ARRL Sweepstakes CW



Seymour, K2XF (left) receives award from ARRL for Worked All Countries

SWAP SHOP

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

Wanted: Vibroplex bugs contact Lee, W2FYA 436-1296

For Sale: items from Tom Corrigan, N2ENX

Kenwood 7600 2m FM Transceiver

w/magnetic roof mount Antenna \$75

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MJB 144-220 SWR/Wattmeter \$20

Mirage B108 Amplifier 10w - 80w \$125

45" fiberglass antenna \$5

51" Stainless Steel Antenna \$5

Contact Dave Herbach, K2OZS at 439-5670

B-PLUS Oct. deadline is Sat. Oct 29th

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