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AARA Meets at the
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Delmar, NY 12054

Friday FEB 5th

This is the First Fri of FEB
Social Hour 6:55 PM

refreshments
soda, coffee, cookies etc.

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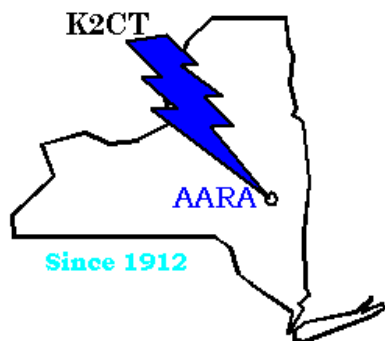
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FEB. MEETING

This meeting is the **FIRST** Friday of
February.

MARCH meeting is the **3rd** Fri of March
on **MARCH 18th**

**Ken Goetz N2SQW Assistant Section
Emergency Coordinator for the Eastern New
York Section**

Ken was first licensed in 1992, and upgraded to Extra in 1997. In January 2014 he retired from the New York State Office of Emergency Management (now the New York State Division of Homeland Security, Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications) where he worked as a radio engineer and also held the position of New York State RACES Radio Officer. Now he holds the position of Deputy State RACES Radio Officer.

K2CT Repeater Talk-in

145.19 (-) MHz
pl tone 103.5Hz

He is a life member of the ARRL, and has been appointed to the position of Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator for the Eastern New York Section. He also holds memberships in the Rip Van Winkle Amateur Radio Society, the Greene County Amateur Radio Club, and the Hudson Valley Contesters and DXers.

He enjoys chasing DX or operating in a contest..

AARA Dues

Dues cheerfully accepted,

Dues are \$20.

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ATVET Albany Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

If you can **HELP OUT** on future dates : call Gerry, WA2IWW

Contact ATVET LIAISON: Gerry, WA2IWW atvet@n2ty.org or 518-482-8700

If you are interested in amateur radio, and would like to take the exam, the Albany/Troy VE Team (ATVET) stands ready to assist. ATVET is a joint effort of the Albany Amateur Radio Association (AARA), and the Troy Amateur Radio Association (TARA). We are affiliated with the ARRL/VEC, and have been proud to provide testing opportunities since 1984.

Contests

Feb 6-7

Vermont QSO Party
10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB
Black Sea Cup International
Minnesota QSO Party
British Columbia QSO Party
AGCW Straight Key Party
Mexico RTTY International Contest
North American Sprint, CW

Feb 13-14

CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest
SARL Field Day Contest
Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, CW
Dutch PACC Contest
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
New Hampshire QSO Party
FISTS Winter Unlimited Sprint

Feb 20-22

ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest

Feb 26-28

CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB
REF Contest, SSB
UBA DX Contest, CW
North American QSO Party, RTTY
High Speed Club CW Contest

March 5-6

ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest
SARL Hamnet 40m Simulated
Emergency Contest

March 12-13

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
AGCW QRP Contest
EA PSK63 Contest
Idaho QSO Party
North American Sprint, RTTY
Wisconsin QSO Party

March 19-20

SARL VHF/UHF Analogue/Digital
Contest

BARTG HF RTTY Contest
Russian DX Contest
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
SKCC Sprint

March 26-27

CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB

Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, Will Succeed David Sumner, K1ZZ, as ARRL CEO

ARRL Letter for January 28, 2016

Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, of West Palm Beach, Florida, will succeed David Sumner, K1ZZ, as the chief executive officer of ARRL,



ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, receives the ARRL President's Award plaque from ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN. [Rick Lindquist, WW1ME, photo]



ARRL CEO-Elect Tom Gallagher, NY2RF.

scholarship.

In addition to ham radio, Gallagher enjoys saltwater fishing and sailing which, he confesses, is sometimes just an excuse to operate maritime mobile.

Gallagher and his wife Lindy Allyn divide their time between West Palm Beach, Florida, and Manhattan. They have three sons. He plans to return to Connecticut, where he had lived previously for 13 years in New Canaan. Read [more](#).

effective April 18. In that role, he will oversee all activities at ARRL Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut. Meeting in a special webinar session on January 25, all 15 ARRL Directors voted to elect Gallagher as CEO and Secretary, positions that Sumner will relinquish on April 18. Gallagher will join the ARRL staff as CEO-Elect on February 29, and a transition period will follow.

"I am excited by the prospects of ARRL's Second Century, but I am equally mindful of Dave Sumner's enormous 4-decade contribution to our organization and of the extraordinary contributions he has made to advancing the art and science of Amateur Radio, to growing our ranks, and to expanding the sheer enjoyment of ham radio around the world," Gallagher said. "We need to focus on those parts of the population that are not participating in what Amateur Radio has to offer as an avocation, as well as the ones that are."

Gallagher said he is looking forward to attending the [ARRL 2016 National Convention](#), hosted by the Orlando [HamCation](#), February 12-14.

Licensed in Pennsylvania in 1966 as WA3GRF (and later N4GRF in North Carolina), Gallagher is a member of the West Palm Beach Amateur Radio Group. He describes himself as "an incurable HF DXer and inveterate tinkerer." He credits his first visit to The Franklin Institute's Amateur Radio station, W3TKQ, in 1963 for inspiring his interest in ham radio.

Amateur Radio led to an early career in broadcasting. He was a cameraman and technician with WGBH-TV in Boston, the CBS Television Network, and Metromedia's WIP Radio in Philadelphia.

He joins ARRL following 3 decades as an international investment banker and financial services executive. His career has included senior leadership positions with JP Morgan Chase & Co and CIBC Oppenheimer & Co in New York, and with Wachovia Capital Markets in Charlotte, North Carolina. He has also served as an adjunct professor at the Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and as CEO of the Secondary School Admission Test Board in Princeton, New Jersey. Gallagher has served on boards, both public and non-profit, including the boards of two NYSE companies, the NPR affiliate in Charlotte, the Executive Board of The Penn Fund at the University of Pennsylvania, and The International Center of Photography.

Gallagher graduated *magna cum laude* with a BA from the University of Pennsylvania, and he holds an MBA from The Wharton School. He is a graduate of The Lawrenceville School, where he held the Nicholas Noyes

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March 18th

AARA Dinner Friday April 8th
Romano's Macaroni Grill
153 Wolf Rd (1 Metro Park Rd)
Colonie, NY 12205

National Parks on the Air Update

The ARRL Letter for January 21, 2016

Great pileups were reported from many National Parks on the Air ([NPOTA](#)) activators over the January 16-17 weekend. We're getting more and more comments from participants who are catching "NPOTA Fever" and beginning the chase.



At three weeks into the year-long event, we've seen nearly 200 of the 483 NPOTA units activated -- an amazing level of participation! Several Chasers are taking the event seriously as well; 11 Chasers have more than 100 NPOTA units confirmed, and 84 have 50 or more units in the bag. And it's still mighty cold in a large part of the county...just think what activity will be like when it warms up a bit.

NPOTA Managers Sean Kutzko, KX9X, and Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, are talking NPOTA, ham radio, and RVing on this week's RoadTreking.com [podcast](#), "Reliable Communications for the RVer," hosted by Mike Wendland, K8ZRH, an NPOTA Activator.

More than 20 Activations are scheduled for the week of January 21-27; check the NPOTA Activations [calendar](#) for details. Follow NPOTA on Facebook and Twitter, too! -- *Thanks to ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Sean Kutzko, KX9X*

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******* AARA CONTESTERS ON THE AIR *******

2015 ARRL 160-METER CONTEST RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	MULTS	CLAIMED SCORE
K2EP	SO (H) A	184	69	28,497
WA3AFS	SO (H) A	53	52	7,696

2015 ARRL 10-METER CONTEST RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	MULTS	CLAIMED SCORE
NX2X	SO (H) CW	819	121	396,396
W2EG	SO (L) CW	351	86	120,744
N1CC	SO (Q) MX	301	97	91,956
KM2O	SO (H) PH	111	42	9,324
WA3AFS	SO (H) PH	31	31	1,922

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Don't forget to get on for the ARRL International DX Contest (February 20-21 for CW, March 5-6 for Phone) and send us your scores!

73,
Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

We need your help! TODAY!

For the past year, ARRL has been working in both houses of Congress to promote the Amateur Radio Parity Act. This is legislation that would provide some relief on antenna restrictions for Amateurs living in deed-restricted communities. The bills are H.R. 1301 in the House of Representatives and S 1685 in the Senate. Complete information on the legislation is available **here** www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-parity-act

We believe that H.R. 1301 will be scheduled for a hearing before the House Energy and Commerce Committee in the near future. Your Congressional representative is a member of that committee.

We need you to contact them and ask for their support of this legislation of vital importance to the future of Amateur Radio.

ARRL has set up a website that makes contacting your Representative an easy task. Please follow the link to <https://arrl.rallycongress.net/ctas/urge-congress-to-support-amateur-radio-parity-act>

When you visit that page, enter your Zip code and your information (name, address, etc.). An editable draft letter will be created. Once you make any desired edits, click the "send" button and your letter will be on its way. If you prefer to contact your Representative by phone, the site provides that information for you as well.

We are now at a crucial stage in our effort to get the Amateur Radio Parity Act successfully through Congress. The bill cleared the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation on November 18th. We need your help NOW to insure that the bill successfully moves through the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

WE CAN ONLY SUCCEED WITH YOUR HELP! Please take a few minutes to let your Representative know this legislation is important to you and all the other Amateurs in your District.

Thank you for your help at this critical juncture. Let's get this done!

Kay Craigie, N3KN, President

ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio

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