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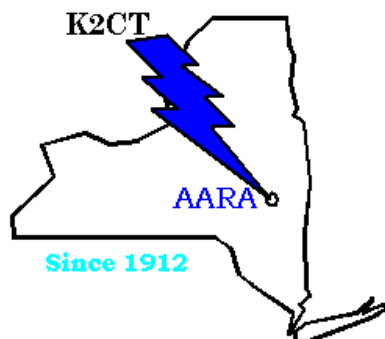
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103rd Year

AARA

AARA Meets at the
Bethlehem Town Hall
445 Delaware Ave
Delmar, NY 12054

Friday JUNE 12th
Social Hour 6:55 PM

refreshments
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

SEPT MEETING

Field Day 2015 Review

Contest season is starting up

Preparing for the fall contest season
Even the small guy can have fun.

Public Service events (see page 5)

K2CT Repeater

Talk-in repeater 145.19 (-) MHz
pl tone 103.5Hz

AARA Dues

Dues cheerfully accepted,
Dues are \$15.

B-PLUS Newsletter sent via the
K2CT Web page in .pdf format
www.k2ct.org

Checks should be made out to AARA
and sent to: sabrams@nycap.rr.com
Saul Abrams, K2XA
307 Maple Rd.
Slingerlands, NY 12159



2015 Field Day

Here is the score Total **8,450** (2014 was 7016 total)

Total bonus 1,390

QSO Points 7,060

Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:

	CW		Digital		Phone	
	QSOs	Pwr (W)	QSOs	Pwr (W)	QSOs	Pwr (W)
160m						
80m	358	100			511	100
40m	381	100			544	100
20m	309	100			189	100
15m	50	100			46	100
10m					3	100
6m					13	100
2m					2	10
1.25						
Other						
Satellite						
GOTA					26	100
TOTAL	1098		0		1334	

GOTA Bonus: GOTA Coach - Double Bonus Points

Name/Call	QSOs	Bonus Points
Andrew Costello, KC2SQI	8	0
Jamie Hanson, (NONE)	2	0
Matt Wiley, KD2IXD	3	0
Zach Dounane, (NONE)	5	0
Ankit Patel, VU3NMQ	3	0
Adam Dounane, KD2ERU	5	0

Thanks to all those that made this soggy and cool weekend of K2CT's 2015 Field Day effort one of the best ever. Even lousy propagation couldn't hold us back. Unofficial results put this year well over last in terms of contacts made and apparently our third best ever. The two better also occurred in a period of much better solar conditions making this year even more impressive. 2391 contacts were logged on the 3 HF stations. 54% of the contacts on phone, 46% CW with a raw score of 6978. Bonus point calculations plus integration of GOTA and VHF stations scores will add to this.

My last look at the sign in sheet showed at least 47 people were in attendance through the weekend. These included several visitors including our division Vice Director Bill W2UDT, and some operators (including the international contingent, Ankit VU3NMQ) of our GOTA station KC2ZDC. We even squeaked in a visit from an elected official, a local fire commissioner.

This year's Field Day took a lot of planning, once again led by Field Day Chair & VP Randy KC1NN. This planning began at the Board of Directors level last fall. The March membership meeting equipment run-through and June meeting final planning session went a long way to making things gel this past weekend. An early start to setup on Friday put us well ahead of the curve by the time Saturday rolled around. I believe our roughly 90 minute take-down on Sunday may well be a record. Discussions on improvements for next year are already underway. Everyone did a fantastic job!

Thanks for all the effort!

Dave KM2O
AARA President

ARRL "Clarity on Amateur Radio Parity" Statement Separates Fact from Fiction

The ARRL Letter Sept. 3, 2015

The ARRL has taken steps to address objections and concerns recently raised by representatives of community associations about the [Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015](#) -- H.R. 1301 and S. 1685. A statement released on August 28, "[Clarity on Amateur Radio Parity](#)," makes it clear that the bill would *not* create new federal policy with respect to outdoor amateur antennas. As it points out, the FCC already recognizes a strong federal interest in effective Amateur Radio communication from residences and has adopted a limited preemption of state and local regulation of Amateur Radio antennas. The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 would extend the limited preemption to private land-use restrictions.

"Congress and the FCC already have acted to prohibit restrictions that prevent the installation of direct-to-home satellite dishes, TV antennas, and customer-end wireless broadband antennas," the statement said.

The legislation also does *not* prohibit community associations from reviewing proposed ham radio antenna installations or from having final approval; it limits restrictions to those necessary to accomplish an association's legitimate purposes -- such as safety and aesthetics. The bill does *not* mandate that a particular size of antenna be permitted, as long as size and placement restrictions do not prohibit, but reasonably accommodate, Amateur Radio communication.

"Claims that the bill will do any of these things are simply wrong, and are either misunderstandings of the plain language of the bill or deliberate misrepresentations," the ARRL statement asserted.

As introduced in both the House and Senate, the bill recognizes that the federal interest in effective Amateur Radio communication remains the same, whether a residence is subject to state and local regulations, to private land-use restrictions, or both.

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

Contests

ARRL September VHF Contest	1800Z, Sep 12 to 0300Z, Sep 14
North American Sprint, CW	0000Z-0400Z, Sep 13
Swiss HTC QRP Sprint	1300Z-1900Z, Sep 13
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 16
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Sep 16-Sept 17
NAQCC CW Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Sep 17
NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder	0145Z-0215Z, Sep 18
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 18
AGB NEMIGA Contest	2100Z-2400Z, Sep 18

ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	0600 local, Sep 19 to 2400 local, Sep 20
SARL VHF/UHF Analogue/Digital Contest	1000Z, Sep 19 to 1000Z, Sep 20
Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW	1200Z, Sep 19 to 1200Z, Sep 20
SRT HF Contest SSB	1300Z, Sep 19 to 1300Z, Sep 20
South Carolina QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 19 to 0300Z, Sep 20
Washington State Salmon Run	1600Z, Sep 19 to 0700Z, Sep 20 and Sep 20
New Jersey QSO Party	1600Z, Sep 19 to 0359Z, Sep 20 and Sep 20
QRP Afield	1600Z-2200Z, Sep 19
Feld Hell Sprint	1800Z-1959Z, Sep 19
North American Sprint, RTTY	0000Z-0400Z, Sep 20
BARTG Sprint 75	1700Z-2100Z, Sep 20
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Sep 21
144 MHz Fall Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Sep 21
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Sep 23
Pirate QSO Party	0030Z-0330Z, Sep 23
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 23
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Sep 23 and Sep 24
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW	1900Z-2000Z, Sep 24
NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder	0145Z-0215Z, Sep 25
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 25
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Sep 26 to 2400Z, Sep 27
Maine QSO Party	1200Z, Sep 26 to 1200Z, Sep 27
Texas QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 26 to 0200Z, Sep 27 and Sep 27
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	1400Z-1700Z, Sep 26 (144) and Sep 26(432)
UBA ON Contest, 6m	0700Z-1000Z, Sep 27
Classic Exchange, Phone	1300Z, Sep 27 to 0800Z, Sep 28, Sep 29
Peanut Power QRP Sprint	2000Z-2200Z, Sep 27
222 MHz Fall Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Sep 29
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 30
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Sep 30 and Oct 1
UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Sep 30

October 2015

NRAU 10m Activity Contest	1700Z-1800Z, Oct 1 (CW) and
1800Z-1900Z, Oct 1 (SSB) and 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 1 (FM) and 2000Z-2100Z, Oct 1 (Dig)	
SARL 80m QSO Party	1700Z-2000Z, Oct 1
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 2
YLRL DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest	1400Z, Oct 2 to 0200Z, Oct 4
TARA PSK Rumble Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Oct 3
15-Meter SSTV Dash Contest	0000Z, Oct 3 to 2359Z, Oct 4
German Telegraphy Contest	0700Z-1000Z, Oct 3
Oceania DX Contest, Phone	0800Z, Oct 3 to 0800Z, Oct 4
TRC DX Contest	1200Z, Oct 3 to 1200Z, Oct 4
Russian WW Digital Contest	1200Z, Oct 3 to 1159Z, Oct 4
International HELL-Contest	1600Z-1800Z, Oct 3 (80m) and Oct 4 (40m)
California QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 3 to 2200Z, Oct 4
4 State 4x4 QRP Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 3
FISTS Fall Slow Speed Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 3
WAB HF Phone	1900Z, Oct 3 to 1900Z, Oct 4
UBA ON Contest, SSB	0600Z-1000Z, Oct 4

Saratoga County Amateur Radio Association

presents our 30th annual

HAMFEST 2015

When: Sunday, September 13th Gates open at 7:00am

Where: Saratoga County Fair Grounds, 162 Prospect St, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Cost: \$10 per person that includes hourly door prize drawing, an 8'x8' "tailgate" space to sell your equipment



- ✓ KJI Electronics will be in attendance selling new Ham Radio Gear
- ✓ Door prizes drawn hourly (must be present to win)
- ✓ Drawing held at noon for "major" prize (need not to be present to win)
- ✓ VE exam to be held at 9:00am (off site)
 - Cornell Co-Op Extension (The SOLAR Building), 50 W High St, Ballston Spa, NY 12020
- ✓ Lots of new and used equipment
- ✓ Inside tables available for \$10 each on a first come, first serve basis
- ✓ Reservations and prepay welcome and encouraged
- ✓ Food booth open all day serving:

○ Breakfast



- Coffee
- Pastries
- Breakfast sandwiches

○ Lunch



- Hamburgers
- Hotdogs
- Sausages (with peppers and onions)



Directions:

- I-87 to exit 12
- West on route 67 to Ballston Spa
- At the intersection of route 67 and route 50 look for signs to the HAMFEST

Talk-in:

K2DLL repeater system
147.000 PL91.5
147.240 PL 91.5

For information or reservations contact: Darlene Lake, 314 Loudon Road #84,
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Email: dar@saratogaspringsny.us
Phone: 518-587-2385

CAN YOU HELP OUT?

Rensselaer County ARES/RACES has 2 events going on for the same day, with about 20 total ham volunteers needed. We did this last year, successfully, but because of various other commitments, we're short hams this year. As of 8/30, the best guess is we're short by 6 or more.

Both are Saturday September 19th, starting in the morning.

In addition to good cause of promoting ham radio community service, both of these events are for great causes on their own:

1 - MS Bike event. Randy Stein has been coordinating this for years, truly a great cause. This is in northern Columbia County.

2 - Hero's at home Ruck march. This is a marathon length hike in northern Renssealer County done to support local veterans here at home, and the veterans that support them.

For hams that participated in these events last year (2014) we ask that you PLEASE stick with the event that you helped with last year. Contact us to confirm that you can help.

Both events are in rural areas, are run on 2m repeaters, and can generally be done from your vehicle. There are 2 fixed sites for the Ruck march where the volunteer can spend part of the time indoors. Most other locations for both events are for water stops or something like it, near a road but safely off of it.

Each event may have a spot where a volunteer will travel with another volunteer in their vehicle.

For both events, the ham's job is just communication and liaison. No traffic directing, furniture moving, painting, or other non-communications jobs. Both events are run by experienced teams.

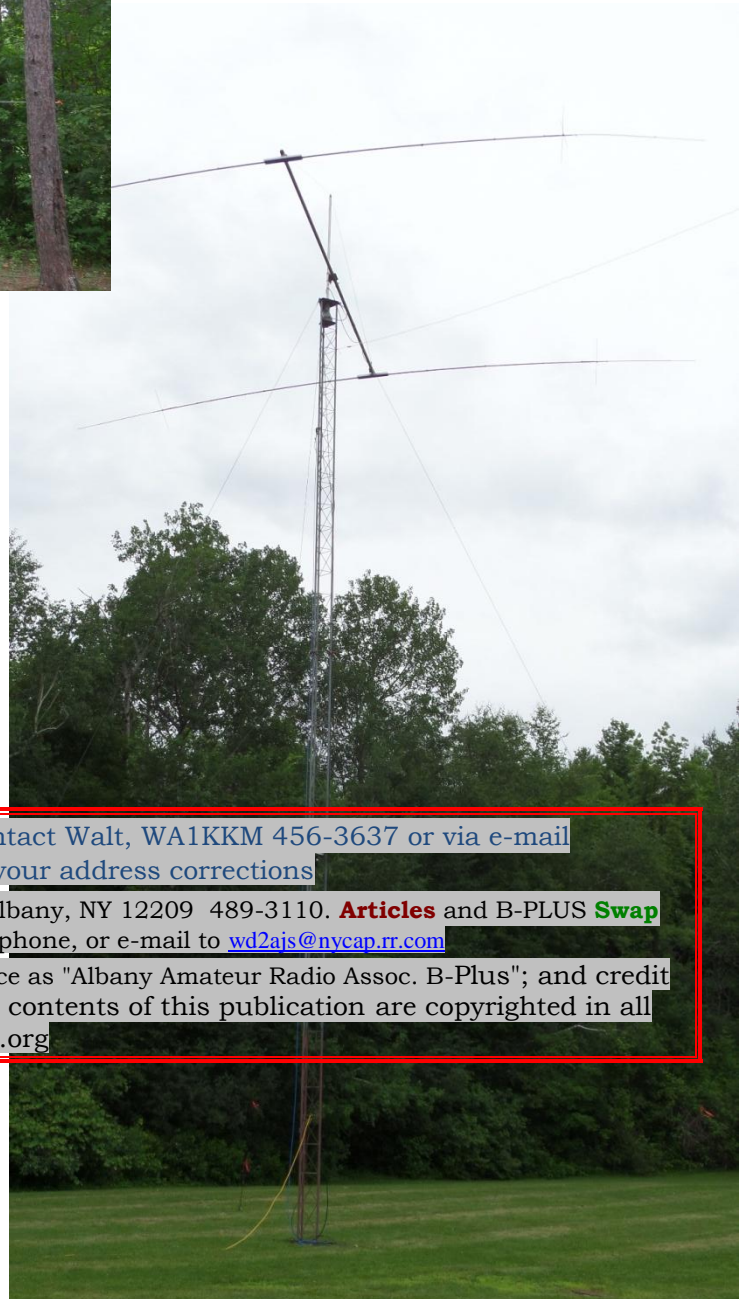
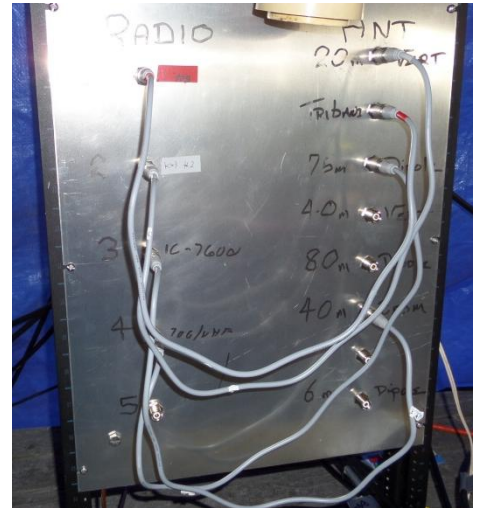
All traffic is informal...no need to be familiar with formal traffic. If a ham is interested, and doesn't have a mobile radio, we can most likely find equipment for them to use for this event. We will work with anyone interested in public service.

The ruck march times are approximately 8:30AM to 6:00PM. A bag lunch will be provided, and relief for breaks. The times for the MS bike event are varying - please contact Randy for details.

If you can help us with one of these, please contact one of us:

For the MS Bike event - Contact Randy Stein KL7TJZ at rstein02@gmail.com
For the Ruck march - Contact Karen Smith, KS2O at ksmithkb2uuc@aol.com , or Tom Stewart KC2FCR at kc2fcr@yahoo.com





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