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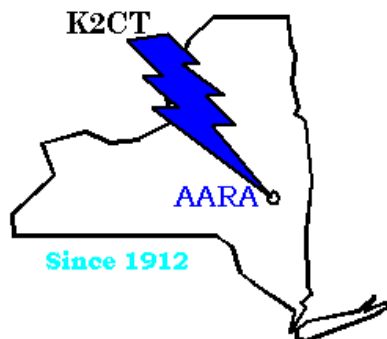
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AARA

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

Friday April 11th

Social Hour 6:55 PM

refreshments
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

April MEETING

Summer SkyWarn training presented by the National Weather Service in Albany. All members are encouraged to go on line and register at: <http://cstar.cestm.albany.edu:7775/skywarn/Talks.htm>

The NWS has been very appreciative of amateur radio operators the past couple of years. This year there is even talk about replacing the old HF radio at the station on Fuller Road. Let's all try to show our support and sign up.

SkyWarn certifications are only good for 2 years, so if it's been a while, or you know of someone who might like to attend, please sign up. The public is invited.

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.net

Checks should be made out to AARA
and sent to:

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

2014 ARRL DX CONTEST -- CW RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	CLAIMED SCORE
N1EU	SO (H) A	3325	487	4,857,825
W2GDJ	SO (H) A	1080	355	1,150,200
N1CC	SO (L)	1120	281	944,160
WC2L	SO (H) A	566	266	451,668
WK2H	SO (H) A	511	237	363,321
K2EP	SO (H) A	407	246	300,336
K2ONP	SO (H) A	471	181	255,753
N1JP	SO (H) A	476	178	254,184
K2BX	SO (H) A	333	199	198,801
K2XF	SO (H) A	284	154	130,746
WF2B	SO (H) A	207	125	77,625
WA3AFS	SO (H) A	77	77	17,787

2014 ARRL DX CONTEST -- PHONE RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	CLAIMED SCORE
N1EU	SO (H) A	1750	425	2,231,250
W2GDJ	SO (H) A	1305	391	1,530,765
KM2O	SO (H)	1343	228	917,928
N1JP	SO (H) A	1035	236	732,790
WA3AFS (+KD2ERU)	M/S	554	322	535,164
WK2H	SO (H) A	731	232	507,384
K2XF	SO (H) A	460	219	302,220
K2ONP	SO (H) A	421	228	287,964
K2QY	SO (H) A	382	194	222,324
K2EP	SO (H) A	223	126	84,294

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Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

MAY MEETING

**AARA Buffet
Dinner \$25.00**

**Buffet Dinner will be held at the
Delmar Firehouse on Adams St
parking is in a lot across Delaware
Ave. at the Methodist Church**

Public Service: Amateur Radio Credited in Rescue of Wayward Hikers

ARRL Letter 2014-03-28

Authorities in Kern County, California, say Amateur Radio was responsible for the rescue of five adult hikers, who became lost in San Emigdio Canyon. The group had left Pine Mountain Club on the morning of Saturday, March 22, hiking to a vehicle parked near Highway 166 when they went astray.

"They had hand-held radios with them and called an Amateur Radio operator in Pine Mountain Club to report [they were] lost," a Kern County Sheriff's Department summary said. "Air-1 quickly located the lost hikers in a dry creek bed, approximately 12 miles south of Highway 166, and a ground unit transported them to their vehicle." The sheriff's office said the hikers, who had plenty of food and water, "were extremely exhausted, but did not require medical aid."

In the hiking party were Cliff Brunk, K8BUW, and his wife Judith, KG6BXM. According Don Quick, KW6PMC, who knows the couple, Cliff Brunk -- who was carrying a hand-held transceiver -- fell and struck his head. While not seriously injured, he was in pain. At that point, the group decided to return home, but then realized they were lost and outside of cell phone range. Using his radio, Brunk was able to reach Bill Hopper, AB6CF, via the Pine Mountain repeater, Quick said. The injured ham reported the hiking party's predicament but couldn't provide details regarding their location. Another member of the party was able to pass along the group's location, however, and Hopper called 911.

The Kern County Sheriff's Department dispatched a helicopter, which was able to locate the hiking party, but the nearest landing site was too far away for the rescue party to communicate with the hikers. A sheriff's deputy drove into the canyon near the spot where the hikers were stranded, and they walked to his patrol car. The weary hikers got back to their homes late that evening. -- *Thanks to Donald Quick, KW6PMC, and the Kern County Sheriff's Department*

Regulatory: Radio Amateur Facing Substantial Fine for CB Violation

ARRL Letter 2014-03-28

An Oklahoma Amateur Extra class licensee is facing a \$12,000 fine for operating his Citizens Band radio to "interfere with the communications of other CB stations," the FCC said in a *Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture* ([NAL](#)) released March 21. In May 2013 an FCC agent used mobile direction-finding techniques to positively identify the source of a continuous carrier of CB channel 19 (27.1850 MHz) to the residence of Orloff Haines, KF5IXX, in Enid, Oklahoma. Haines was not at home, but his wife showed the agent her husband's CB station, which was transmitting on channel 19. The FCC said the carrier was interfering with CB communication within an approximately 2 mile radius.

Prior to last May, Haines had received two written warnings from the Dallas FCC office, advising him of the consequences of intentionally interfering with other CB communications. "The fact that Mr Haines interfered with other CB communications despite being twice warned in writing that such actions violated [the Communications Act] and FCC rules demonstrates a deliberate disregard for the Commission's requirements and authority," the FCC said, in justifying an upward adjustment of \$5000 in the proposed forfeiture.

The FCC gave Haines 30 days to pay the fine or file in writing for reduction or cancellation of the proposed fine.

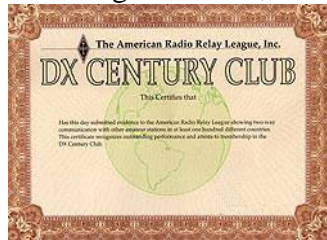
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ARRL Letter April 3, 2014

Dayton Top Band Dinner Speaker Announced: Craig Thompson, K9CT, will present "The FT5ZM TopBand Experience" at the 2014 Dayton [Top Band Dinner](#), Friday, May 16, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Downtown Dayton. The event starts with a social hour at 6:15 PM, with dinner at 7:15 PM.

AMSAT/TAPR Banquet Speaker Announced: Tom Clark, K3IO, will be the featured speaker for the eighth annual AMSAT/TAPR Banquet, Friday, May 16, at the Kohler Presidential Banquet Center, 4572 Presidential Way, Kettering, Ohio -- just south of Dayton. Tickets are \$30 and must be purchased online by May 13 on the [AMSAT](#) website (click on the "AMSAT Store" tab).

Operations Approved for DXCC Credit: The ARRL DXCC Desk has approved the February 26 through March 6, 2014 operation of 3C0BYP -- Annobon -- and the 2013 operation of 9X0HP --



Rwanda -- for DX Century Club credit. If a request for DXCC credit for this operation has been rejected in a prior application, contact ARRL Awards Branch Manager [Bill Moore](#), NC1L, to be placed on the list for an update to your record. Please note the submission date and/or reference number of your application in order to expedite the search for any rejected contacts. DXCC is Amateur Radio's premier award that hams can earn by confirming on-the-air contacts with 100 DXCC

"entities," most of which are countries in the traditional sense. You can begin with the basic DXCC award and work your way up to the DXCC Honor Roll. Learn [more](#). -- *ARRL Awards Branch Manager Bill Moore, NC1L*

ATVET Albany Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

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). ATVET will again be holding their exam sessions in the C.I.I. Building (Low Center for Industrial Innovations), Room 3045, on the Campus of RPI, Troy, NY

Exam Date	Day	Doors Open	Exam Time (Doors will Close)
April 26th 2014	Sat.	9:20 AM	10 AM
May 24th 2014	Sat.	9:20 AM	10 AM

HELP OUT and GET INVOLVED

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