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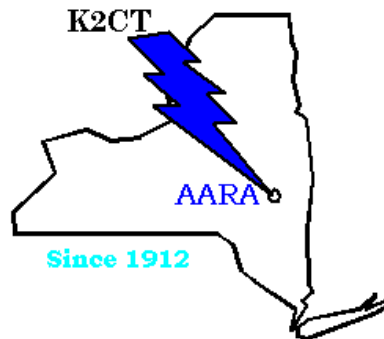
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AARA

AARA Meets at the
**Osterhout Community
Center is off RT 85 at
7 Old (New Salem) Rd,
Voorheesville**

Friday FEB 14h

Social Hour 6:55 PM

refreshments
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

FEB. MEETING

Program is the DVDs about
DX Expeditions trials and tribulations.

More Contests, More on Radio Events, New
countries to contact, More on the ARRL
Centennial Contest with a yearlong Special
Event operation...

NOTE: Feb and March meetings will be held
in the Osterhout Community Center in off RT 85
on 7 Old Rd, Voorheesville. [map page 4](#)

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:
Saul Abrams, K2XA
307 Maple Rd.
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***** **AARA CONTESTERS ON THE AIR** *****

2013 CQWW DX CONTEST -- CW RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	ZONES	CLAIMED SCORE
N1EU	SO (H) A	2,499	570	- 156	5,256,240
NX2X	SO (H)	2,597	-	602 -	4,476,472
K2ONP	SO (H) A	1,621	-	555 -	2,612,385
N1CC	SO (L) A	985	359	- 120	1,320,124
K2EP	SO (H) A	646	-	410 -	765,060
WC2L	SO (H) A	582	342	- 96	734,964
K2BX	SO (H) A	589	-	421 -	703,070
W2GDJ	SO (H) A	475	-	456 -	607,848
K2XF	SO (H) A	292	162	- 56	183,556
WF2B	SO (H) A	166	-	165 -	76,725
W2EG	SO (H) 40M	68	-	45 -	8,685
WA3AFS	SO (H) A	33	-	66 -	6,138

2013 ARRL NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES -- PHONE RESULTS

STATION	PREC	QSOs	SECTIONS	CLAIMED SCORE
W2GDJ	U (H)	1,110	83	184,260
KM2O	B	888	82	145,632
K2QY	B	285	79	45,030
WA3AFS	A	86	83	14,276
W2XM	A	80	44	7,040

2013 ARRL 160-METER CONTEST RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	MULTS	CLAIMED SCORE
K2XA	SO (H)	352	75	57,075
K2ONP	SO (H)	403	66	55,968
W2GDJ	SO (H)	315	66	46,134
N1CC	SO (L)	327	62	41,292
K2EP	SO (H)	201	62	26,970
WA3AFS	M/S	63	31	5,586

2013 ARRL 10-METER CONTEST RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	MULTS	CLAIMED SCORE
W2GDJ	M/S (H) MX	820	270	664,200
NX2X	SO (H) MX	1,081	183	624,762
N1CC	SO (Q) MX	759	172	406,608
W2EG	SO (H) CW	405	96	155,520
KM2O	SO (H) PH	689	110	151,580
K2QY	SO (L) PH	168	64	21,504
K2EP	SO (H) PH	145	60	17,520
WB2KLD	SO (L) PH	110	53	11,660
WA3AFS	M/S (H) PH	62	61	7,564
WF2B	M/S (H) MX	55	34	4,692

73, and thanks for all the scores!
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CYOP Operation Approved for DXCC Credit

02/01/2014 ARRL News

The ARRL DXCC Desk has approved the 2013 operation of CYØP — Sable Island — 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*

ARRL Debuts Centennial "ARRL at 100" Video

01/27/2014 ARRL Media and Public Relations Allen Pitts, W1AGP

As part of its Centennial celebration, the ARRL has debuted a video that explains the League's history and mission over the past century. "ARRL at 100 — A Century of Ham Radio" Past ARRL Manager for Media and Public Relations Allen Pitts, W1AGP, wrote and produced the half-hour presentation, which is available for club meetings and other gatherings. Pitts said he got started on the project about a year ago with a personal study of the League's history.

"Using books, old QSTs and documents stored in Newington as sources, I eventually created a 28 foot long timeline that rolled across my office floor," he recalled. "This paper roll was then posted in the main hallway, where staff and visitors were invited to write comments and additional events on it."

Last fall, the unwieldy roll was transformed into a more permanent graphic banner, which became the basis for the new [timeline booklets](#). These will be freely available at major Centennial conventions in 2014.

Pitts said he realized that the timeline held an interesting storyline about the ARRL and its protection of Amateur Radio for 100 years, and he decided the next step would be to use it as the basis for scripting a video. "Unlike the classic 'Amateur Radio Today,'" Pitts said, "this new video would *not* be hampered by any TV broadcast restrictions, so it was made to fit into a 30 minute time slot." Al Petrunti, KA1TCH, of [The New Day Group](#) was chosen for the video production. Securing a "personality" to host the video turned out to be easier than it first seemed.

"After inquiries to professional television personalities, it was apparent that the budget could not meet their expense requirements," Pitts explained. As it happened, a host was right at hand, as QST Managing Editor Becky Schoenfeld, W1BXY, stepped forward. "Once again an amateur did excellent professional-grade work," Pitts said. "Becky had done a fair amount of stage work in the past and absolutely lights up the video with her knowledge of ham radio and obvious true interest in the topic. We couldn't be happier."

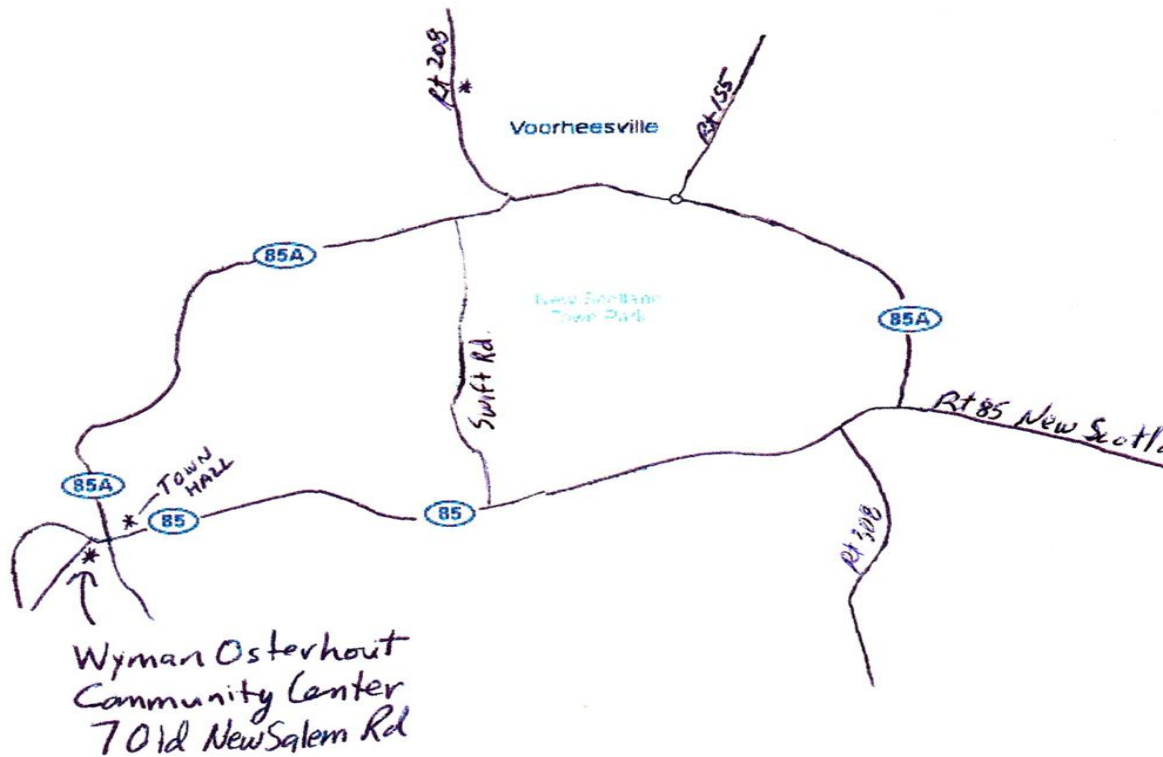
Pitts solicited brief "I am the ARRL" cameo clips from around the country and included these along with impromptu clips taken at hamfests.

Pitts feels the video represents some of the best scriptwriting he's ever done, "but then, it is one of the best stories I have found," he added. "We often say 'If not for the ARRL we would not have ham radio as we know it,' but few people know how very true that really is and how close we came on several occasions to not having ham radio."

Pitts credited Petrunti's ability to quickly understand "the visions I had in my head for many video shots. Better yet, he was excellent at putting people at ease in front of the camera — and we had a lot of people."

First to view the video was the ARRL Board of Directors at its annual meeting earlier this month. "Since then it has already received many compliments from hams and also professional videographers," Pitts said.

The video can be seen and/or downloaded from the [ARRL website](#) and viewed on [YouTube](#). **DVDs** are for sale from the ARRL online store. ARRL Directors and Section Managers received courtesy copies of the DVD and booklets.



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

HELP OUT and GET INVOLVED

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