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## AARA

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

**Fri. OCT 13th**

Social Hour 6:55 PM

refreshments  
soda, coffee, cookies etc.

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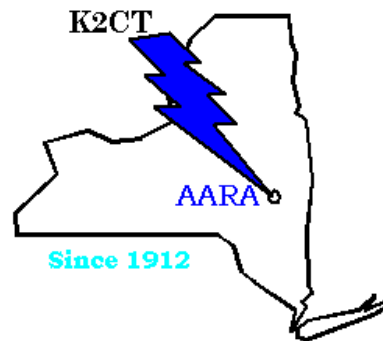
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## OCT MEETING

Please PAY your Dues.

AARA preparing for  
the upcoming contest season

Dave, KM2O will present:

The JCC Maccabi Games®  
of 2017 radio communications  
and how everything worked.

also as Section Emergency  
Coordinator for the Eastern New York  
will speak about hams in  
emergencies.

145.19 (-) MHz  
pl tone 103.5Hz

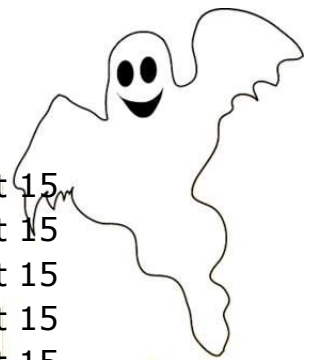
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## Contesting

### +OCTOBER

Makrothen RTTY Contest  
 Oceania DX Contest, CW  
 Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB  
 Arizona QSO Party  
 Pennsylvania QSO Party  
 FISTS Fall Unlimited Sprint  
 Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW  
 Run for the Bacon QRP Contest  
 10-10 Int. Fall Contest, **CW**

### **New York QSO Party**

Worked All Germany Contest  
 Illinois QSO Party  
 SKCC Sprint  
 CQ Worldwide DX Contest, **SSB**  
 German Telegraphy Contest  
 SARL 80m QSO Party  
 Oceania DX Contest, Phone  
 SKCC Weekend Sprintathon  
 California QSO Party  
 10-10 Int. 10-10 Day Sprint

### +NOVEMBER

Ukrainian DX Contest  
 ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, **CW**  
 High Speed Club CW Contest  
 WAE DX Contest, **RTTY**  
 10-10 Int. Fall Contest, **Digital**  
 JIDX Phone Contest  
 OK/OM DX Contest, CW  
 SKCC Weekend Sprintathon  
 CQ-WE Contest  
 YO International **PSK31** Contest  
 SARL Field Day Contest  
 LZ DX Contest  
 All Austrian 160-Meter Contest  
 ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, **SSB**  
 Run for the Bacon QRP Contest  
 SKCC Sprint  
 CQ Worldwide DX Contest, **CW**

0000Z, Oct 14 to 1559Z, Oct 15  
 0800Z, Oct 14 to 0800Z, Oct 15  
 1200Z, Oct 14 to 1200Z, Oct 15  
 1600Z, Oct 14 to 2359Z, Oct 15  
 1600Z, Oct 14 to 2200Z, Oct 15  
 1700Z-2100Z, Oct 14  
 0000Z-0200Z, Oct 15  
 0100Z-0300Z, Oct 16  
 0001Z, Oct 21 to 2359Z, Oct 22  
 1400Z, Oct 21 to 0200Z, Oct 22  
 1500Z, Oct 21 to 1459Z, Oct 22  
 1700Z, Oct 22 to 0100Z, Oct 23  
 0000Z-0200Z, Oct 25  
 0000Z, Oct 28 to 2400Z, Oct 29  
 0700Z-0959Z, Oct 3  
 1700Z-2000Z, Oct 5  
 0800Z, Oct 7 to 0800Z, Oct 8  
 1200Z, Oct 7 to 2359Z, Oct 8  
 1600Z, Oct 7 to 2159Z, Oct 8  
 0001Z-2359Z, Oct 10

1200Z, Nov 4 to 1200Z, Nov 5  
 2100Z, Nov 4 to 0300Z, Nov 6  
 0900Z-1700Z, Nov 5  
 0000Z, Nov 11 to 2359Z, Nov 12  
 0001Z, Nov 11 to 2359Z, Nov 12  
 0700Z, Nov 11 to 1300Z, Nov 12  
 1200Z, Nov 11 to 1200Z, Nov 12  
 1200Z, Nov 11 to 2359Z, Nov 12  
 1900Z, Nov 11 to 0500Z, Nov 13  
 1600Z-2200Z, Nov 17  
 1000Z, Nov 18 to 1000Z, Nov 19  
 1200Z, Nov 18 to 1200Z, Nov 19  
 1600Z, Nov 18 to 0700Z, Nov 19  
 2100Z, Nov 18 to 0300Z, Nov 20  
 0200Z-0400Z, Nov 20  
 0000Z-0200Z, Nov 22  
 0000Z, Nov 25 to 2400Z, Nov 26

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## ARRL and Local Volunteers in Puerto Rico Working Together in Storm Recovery

10/08/2017 from the AARA.org

Nearly 2 dozen ARRL volunteers from the mainland and five local radio amateurs have been working in concert to do what needs to be done in the Hurricane Maria recovery under way in Puerto Rico.

The latest update from the island commonwealth reports that 14 volunteers have deployed to hospitals, while five are embedded with Red Cross reunification teams. One volunteer apiece has been stationed at the precarious Gajataca Dam and at the Juncos Fire Station. Another seven operators are handling net control duties at the Puerto Rico Emergency Operations Center.

Five Amateur Radio volunteers have been redeployed to remote hospitals that are without communication. Volunteers at the EOC, located in San Juan's Convention Center, relayed at request from Guayana Hospital for snacks, water, and a generator. Their second generator was reported to be about to fail.

The effort continues to resurrect the devastated electrical power infrastructure in Puerto Rico, and 40 to 50 Puerto Rican radio amateurs have been assisting the power company to maintain communication in an effort to restore power.

Twenty new transceivers and a 2-meter repeater have arrived. The repeater, donated by Yaesu, will be installed at Arecibo Observatory.

The FEMA ESF-2 (Emergency Support Function #2) communications task force relocated to a new part of the building and asked the Amateur Radio volunteers to join them there. The volunteers took down their station and antennas and re-installed them at the new location.

Vice President Mike Pence visited radio amateurs and emergency responders at the EOC on October 6. ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager Mike Corey, K11U, arrived at the EOC on Friday. — *Thanks to ARRL Puerto Rico Section Manager Oscar Resto, KP4RF; Valerie Hotzfeld, NV9L, and Gary Sessums KC5QCN*

George Politzi, K2ZZ has become a Silent Key. Sept. 18, 2017.

James "Jim" LaPorta, N1CC, of Frankston, Texas, SK Sept. 20, 2017

**HOLD THE Date: October 17th** I have the pleasure to announce the visit of both **Tom Gallgher NY2RF** (the new ARRL CEO) and our very own **Mike Lisenco N2YBB** (Hudson Division Director) and last but not least myself, K2QY (the new ENY Section manager) on October 17th at the regular TARA meeting. The Troy Amateur Radio Assoc. meets at 18:30 (6:30PM) at the Green island Municipal Center located on George St. just North of the Green Island Bridge at the V in the road. See the map attached.

Because of Mike's involvement with the Parity Act, and the time he is spending in Washington, this may be his only visit to the Northern Dist. this year. Tom as the new ARRL CEO is taking time away from all his duties at the League to visit upstate too for the first time.

This is your opportunity to weigh in on all kinds of ham radio issues.

I would love to see TARA's meeting room standing room only!

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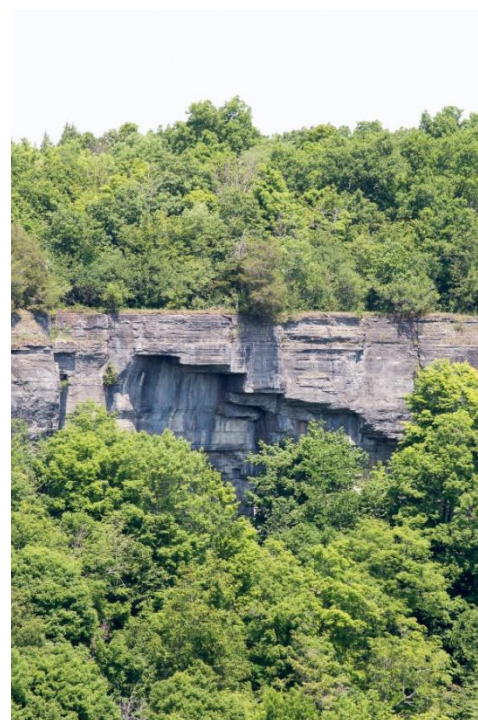
**Contact ATVET LIAISON: Gerry, WA2IWW**     [atvet@n2ty.org](mailto:atvet@n2ty.org) or 518-482-8700

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.

<b>Exam Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Doors Open</b>	<b>Exam Time</b> (Doors will Close)
<b>November 11, 2017</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>10 AM</b>



Photos by Bud, WF2B







Pumpkin Patrol can you help out?

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