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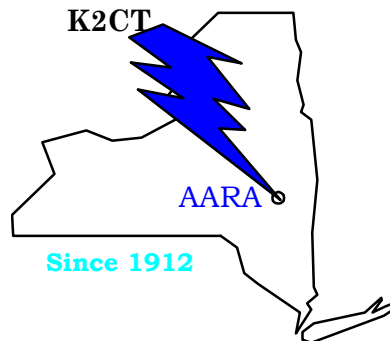
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AARA DINNER

Shaker Ridge Country Club

802 Albany Shaker Rd.
Colonie, NY

Friday April 11

Social Hour 6:00 PM

April Dinner

Dinner Tickets may be
purchased from **Bill, K2BX** call
him at **283-6167**

AARA DINNER APRIL 11, 2003
Sell Raffle Tickets

K2CT Repeater

Talk-in repeater

145.19 (-) MHz

pl tone 100.0hz

or

444.30 (+) w/pl tone 100.0hz

AARA Dues

B-plus is Electronic

Dues are \$15 with
B-PLUS available at the K2CT Web
page in .pdf format www.qsl.net/k2ct
OR \$20 for first class mailing of
the newsletter Checks should be made out
to AARA and sent to: Saul Abrams, K2XA,
307 Maple Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159

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**First Prize: OLYMPUS D550 ZOOM 3 MEGAPIXEL
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ATVET 2003

ATVET CONTACT: Nels Williams wb2sbo@aol.com or 518-439-7357

ATVET LIAISON: Gerald Murray, atvet@n2ty.org or 518-482-8700

May 10, 2003 (Sat.) 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (doors open 9:20 AM)

July 23, 2003 (Wed.) 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM (doors open 6:20 PM)

October 11, 2003 (Sat.) 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (doors open 9:20 AM)

November 8, 2003 (Sat.) 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (doors open 9:20 AM)

Each candidate should bring:

- Social Security Number (required for CORES registration, ULS registration, and FCC Form 605 (application))
- A picture ID and non-picture ID
- Original and photocopy of any amateur licenses
- Original and photocopy of any CSCE documents
- Pens and Pencils
- Calculator
- \$12.00 exam fee (cash, check, or money order payable to ARRL/VEC)

AARA Homepage
www.qsl.net/k2ct

Upcoming Events

April 12-13 Japan International DX Contest
Georgia QSO Party
19-20 Troy's Tara PSK31 Rumble
19-27 Spring Lites QSO Party
26-27 Florida QSO Party
Nebraska QSO Party

SWAP SHOP

Send items to B-Plus editor, Mike, WD2AJS at wd2ajs@arrl.net or call 489-3110

Wanted: Vibroplex bugs contact Lee, W2FYA 436-1296

UTAH GOVERNOR SIGNS AMATEUR RADIO ANTENNA BILL

Utah Gov Michael Leavitt has signed that state's Amateur Radio antenna bill, HB 79. The bill unanimously passed a third reading in the Utah Senate February 14 on a 23-0 vote, less than a month after it was introduced. It had earlier passed the Utah House on a 65-8 vote. Leavitt signed the bill March 15. It becomes effective May 5.

"Thanks to the hams who originated the bill and defended it in its committee hearings," said a comment on the Utah Amateur Radio Club's "News About UARC and Ham Radio in Utah" Web site <http://www.xmission.com/~uarc/announce1.html#prb1bill>. "Thanks also to those who contacted their state senators and representatives and helped assure passage."

Sponsored by Rep Neal B. Hendrickson, HB 79, "Regulation of Amateur Radio Antennas," prohibits municipalities and counties in Utah from enacting ordinances that fail to comply with the limited federal preemption known as

PRB-1. The measure requires local ordinances involving placement, screening or height of an Amateur Radio antenna that are based on health, safety or aesthetics to "reasonably accommodate amateur radio communications" and to "represent the minimal practicable regulation to accomplish the municipality's purpose."

ARRL Utah Section Manager Mel Parkes, AC7CP, has credited Mike Davis, KD7FQD, and John Hanson, KI7AR, for developing the bill and getting Hendrickson to sponsor it. A copy of the legislation is available on the Utah State Legislature Web site <http://www.le.state.ut.us/~2003/bills/hbillint/hb0079.htm>.

Utah becomes the 17th state to enact an Amateur Radio antenna bill. PRB-1 bills are under consideration in several other states, including New York, New Jersey and California. For more information about PRB-1, visit the ARRL Web site's Antenna Restrictions page <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/antenna-restrictions.html>.

The ARRL Letter March 28, 2003

A Joint Message from the ARRL Directors of the Atlantic Division and the Hudson Division

Bernie Fuller, N3EFN and Frank Fallon, N2FF

Please Write a Letter(s) and Help Move A 2662 in the New York State Assembly

While not all of us may be in a position to serve in MARS, ARES or RACES we can all help Amateur Radio by contacting our state and federal representatives about important Amateur Radio legislation.

While the Senate version of our bill is again close to passage the Assembly version of the bill, A 2662I, has still not moved out of the Assembly Local Government Committee. To assure that it gets moving we met with Assemblyman Sweeney of Lindenhurst last Friday in his district office. At the meeting were Phil Lewis, N2MUN, Hudson Division AD; George Tranos N2GA, the NLI SM, Diane Ortiz Tranos, K2DO, NLI PIO, and Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI, President of the Great South Bay ARC and a former NLI SM. All are constituents in the assemblyman's district.

We thank them for taking the time out of their busy lives to attend the meeting. Also in attendance was Hudson Division Director, Frank Fallon, N2FF. Assemblyman Sweeney was very receptive and said he wanted to report the bill out of his committee adding that he felt it would be a good idea to contact the other members of the committee to assure that action.

Please make contact with one (1) or more of the committee members listed below even if your assembly representative is not on the list. Pick members who live near you and let them know how important the bill is to you. Write, fax, telephone or email in that order. Letters are the most effective. See page 46 of the April 2003 QST "Communicating with Congress" article about contacting your representative. While written for contact with your federal representatives nearly all of the advice also applies to state representatives. Members of the Local Government Committee need to know of our interest in the bill. If you are not in the district, you may want to get friends or relatives who do live there to write also.

Please help us move this bill along in 2003. See www.hudson.arrl.org for more information and sample letters.

Public Service:

- 1) WalkAmerica 2003. Date is Sunday, April 27

The new route is over the Hudson Riverway and into the Corning Preserve.

Until we find a new Public Service Chairperson, if you have questions or concerns, the club president is John Naberezny, WE2F, available at we2f@arrl.net. Phone 283-4304

AARA WE Need YOU to Volunteer AARA

Menu for AARA Dinner

When: FRI, April 11

Where: Shaker Ridge Country Club
802 Albany Shaker Rd. Colonie, NY

Cost: \$25:00 per person

Appetizer: **Tossed Garden Salad**

Entrée choice of:

Cranberry Harvest Chicken

Boneless breast of chicken wrapped around cranberry bread stuffing and served with cranberry veloute.

Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus

Potato Crusted Halibut

Halibut filet crusted with potato flakes, sautéed in olive oil and finished with garlic dill butter.

Dessert: **Apple Crisp Ala Mode**

Tickets may be purchased

from **Bill, K2BX**

call him at **283-6167**



Bill, K2BX

B-PLUS MAY deadline is Sat. April 26th

Are You Changing Your Address: Please contact Bill with your address corrections write to

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