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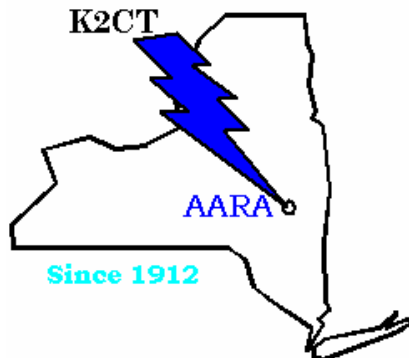
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AARA

At The AARA May 9th Meeting
Steve Mendelsohn W2ML
will be our guest speaker

**April 11th is the
Annual
AARA Dinner**

at the Shaker Ridge Country Club
6:00PM Open Bar

April DINNER

With Our Guest Speaker:

P. Thomas Carroll, Phd. "**The Hudson-
Mohawk Region: Silicon Valley of the**

Nineteenth Century". This talk is a riveting
presentation of how and why our area is known
as the Birthplace of the American industrial
revolution. Dr. Carroll is an animated and
dynamic presenter your sure to enjoy!

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AARA Dues

Dues are \$15 with
B-PLUS available at the K2CT Web page in
.pdf format www.k2ct.net

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

K2CT Repeater

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

or

444.30 (+) w/pl tone 100.0Hz

The AARA Dinner

Friday, April 11, 2008

ATTENTION ATTENTION!

The AARA Dinner is scheduled for **Friday, April 11, 2008** at 6:00 PM at the Shaker Ridge Country Club, opening with cash bar then dinner at 7PM.

All area clubs are cordially invited to attend.

Prime Rib of Beef
Chicken Parmesan
Sea Bass

Call Fred Fitte – WA2MMX 784-3861
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PACKET CLUSTER

The new node callsign is WC2L and address is: telnet://dxc.wc2l.com

Please remember that there is a great web site with the latest list and addresses at <http://www.dxcluster.info> that is kept up by AD1C.

Packet cluster: telnet://dxc.wc2l.com

Thank you - March Program

Special thanks go to Larry Wolfgang WR1B for traveling from the league to speak to us. His topic, Top Ten Favorite "Hints and Kinks" was enjoyable and informative. Larry was very gracious to come here at his own expense to give this talk and it was well received by those in attendance. Larry is a former editor of the popular QST column and had a number of published ideas complete with some actual samples of them for presentation. He encouraged us to contribute our own ideas to this column as it is our contributions to the hobby that make it enjoyable for everyone.

Thanks again, Larry!! NATHANIEL, KB2HPX

ARRL Field Day will be held June 28-29. For more information, please visit the Field Day Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/fieldday>>.

The 2008 ATVET

schedule appears below. It may also be found at:

www.n2ty.org/atvet.htm

The fee for 2008 is still \$14.00.

'73 Jerry, WA2IWW

Exam Date	Day	Doors Open	Exam Time (Doors will Close)
April 19, 2008	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
May 10, 2008	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
July 25, 2008	Wednesday	6:20 PM	7:00 PM
October 11, 2008	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
November 8, 2008	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM

April Dinner at Shaker Ridge Country Club, April 11th, 2008

Be sure not to miss our annual club dinner this month at the Shaker Ridge Country Club. This is our annual social dinner where we encourage all members and significant others to come out for some good food, fellowship and entertainment.

The cost is \$35.00 per person with dinner choices as follows:

Prime Rib of Beef
Chicken Parmesan
Sea Bass

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Cash Bar
7:00 PM Dinner

Please make your check out to the Albany Amateur Radio Association and send it no later than April 4th to:

**Frederick E. Fitte – WA2MMX
14 Spartan Drive
Valatie, New York
121284**

This year we are pleased to have a talk by P. Thomas Carroll, Phd. entitled "***The Hudson-Mohawk Region: Silicon Valley of the Nineteenth Century***". This talk is a riveting presentation of how and why our area is known as the Birthplace of the American industrial revolution. You will definitely be amazed by the rich history we have here right in our local area. More about our talk and presenter can be found in this newsletter. Dr. Carroll is an animated and dynamic presenter your sure to enjoy!

Please sign up now for this exciting time, We hope to see you all there!!

Greater Albany as the Silicon Valley of the Nineteenth Century

Everyone now knows that today's greater Albany is quickly becoming Tech Valley, but far fewer know that this is the area's second go-around of that sort. The usual accounts of that earlier era have argued, with considerable justification, that the Hudson-Mohawk region was the "birthplace of the American industrial revolution." After reviewing this interpretation, this lecture will add other dimensions to it. Anticipating Terman at Stanford, yesteryear's upstate New York enthusiasts self-consciously made the cutting-edge technology of their day the focus for regional prosperity. They deliberately cultivated infrastructure developments in transportation (including the Erie Canal), in education (including Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute), and in investment banking. They skillfully utilized national military funding. Perhaps most importantly, they recognized early on that what they were doing would not "improve" the then-dominant rural-agrarian lifestyle, but would rather replace it with our "modern" urban-industrial way of life. Just as Silicon Valley enthusiasts breathlessly celebrate "postmodernism," yesterday's visionaries gushed about their millennial role. Their clear understanding of this cultural dimension of technological change gave direction to some celebrated engineering innovations.

P. THOMAS CARROLL, PhD

A native of Princeton, New Jersey, P. Thomas Carroll is an American cultural historian who specializes in the history of American science and technology. A graduate of Caltech and the University of Pennsylvania, he has been the Executive Director of the Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway since January 1997, and the Executive Director of *RiverSpark*, New York State's First Heritage Area, since December 2002. Before that, he was Associate Professor of History in the Department of Science and Technology Studies,

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and now and then he has held adjunct appointments both there and in Rensselaer's School of Architecture. He has published on topics ranging from Charles Darwin, to the history of solid propellant rocketry, to the history of American chemistry. He is the co-author of the lead article in the centennial issue of *Science*, the nation's leading weekly magazine of scientific research, and he is the sole author of the lead article in the centennial issue of *American Scientist*. In 1975, he became the very first paid employee of the Charles Darwin Correspondence Project, traveling to Cambridge, England, that summer to help launch it. Just recently, he accepted an invitation to write the history of the early days of that Project. He has been a Mellon Fellow at the Library of the American Philosophical Society and an Exxon Research Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is proud to live in Troy with his wife Nan.

STATION LOCATOR SERVICE **NEW FOR FIELD DAY 2008**

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This year, for the first time, the ARRL has put together a Station Locator to help amateurs or those interested in Amateur Radio find a Field Day site near them. According to ARRL Field Day Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, many amateurs have been asking for something like this for many years.

If your group would like to be a part of the Station Locator Service, it's easy to get started. Just go to the Field Day Station Locator Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/locator.php>> and follow the instructions.

ARRL Field Day will be held June 28-29. For more information, please visit the Field Day Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/fieldday>>.

NY Jets Game Day Frequency Coordinator – **W2ML**

We welcome **Steve Mendelsohn W2ML**, a familiar friend of AARA, back to tell us about his position as the Game Day Frequency Coordinator for the NY Jets football team. Steve is responsible for the frequency coordination of all the RF that is used in the stadium on Game Day. He is a senior systems engineer for ABC Television and currently president of the North Jersey DX association that also manages the W2 incoming QSL bureau and a former Hudson Division Director.

N2Y / N2J Special Event with a Hitch!

N2Y and N2J will be the **Special Event** call signs used for this year's special event honoring the precious lives that were lost and giving thanks to the world that stood by us in time of need while this tragic event shattered lives throughout the globe. Let us not forget the lives that were taken during the first attack on the World Trade Center in 1993. This is for them as well!

We will be operating from a very special location not many know about.

Operations will commence on **Sept. 11 at 0000UTC** and will be a multi-operator event. More on the hitch NEXT MONTH

At The MAY Meeting
Friday, May 9, 2008
Steve Mendelsohn W2ML
You'll want to be there

**2008 CQ 160-METER
PHONE CONTEST RESULTS**

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	MULTS	CLAIMED SCORE
K2XA	SO (H)	442	77	92,554
WA3AFS	SO (H)	394	74	77,848
N1EU	M/S	146	58	25,056
WB2KLD	SO (L)	170	51	21,675
K2ONP	SO (H)	109	35	9,310
WA1KKM	SO (H)	16	9	342
N2LBR	SO (H)	6	4	48

2008 ARRL DX CONTEST -- PHONE RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	CLAIMED SCORE
K2XA	SOSB20	1356	108	439,020
WC2L	SO (H) A	607	203	369,663
N1EU	SO (H) A	438	250	328,500
K2EP	SO (H) A	369	183	202,581
N2LBR				
(+WA1KKM)	M/S	385	164	189,420
K2XF	SO (H) A	348	172	179,052
W2GDJ	SO (H) A	311	161	150,213
K2BX	SO (H) A	289	134	116,178
K2ONP	SO (H) A	216	132	85,536
WA3AFS	SO (H) A	159	158	75,336
WK2H	SO (H) A	161	84	40,572
WF2B	SO (H) A	101	71	21,513

2008 RUSSIAN DX CONTEST

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	MULTS	CLAIMED SCORE
K2ONP	SO (H) CW	348	72 + 25	166,937
NJ1F	M/S MIX	121	58 + 1	26,491
WA1KKM	SO (H) CW	114	46 + 0	25,208

Please send your contest scores to us at:
sue.walt@verizon.net

73,
Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

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