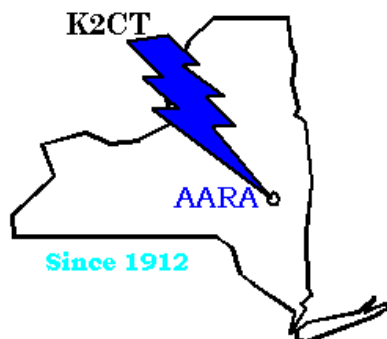


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## AARA DINNER

**Shaker Ridge Country Club.**

**802 Albany Shaker Rd.**

**Albany, NY 12211**

**Friday April 3**

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

## APRIL DINNER

The AARA Dinner is scheduled for **Friday, April 3, 2009** at Shaker Ridge Country Club. 802 Albany Shaker Rd. Albany, NY 12211 456-4251 Cash Bar starts at 6pm see page 2

Program: Cold War tactics, the secret adventures of how nuclear submarines were used in the Ford, Carter and Reagan era's are a tribute to the sacrifices of the Navy's silent service

### K2CT Repeater

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

or

444.30 (+) w/pl tone 100.0Hz

### **AARA Dues**

Dues are \$15 with B-PLUS available at the K2CT Web page in .pdf format [www.k2ct.net](http://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

## ATTENTION ATTENTION! AARA DINNER

Join us again this year as we host our annual dinner at Shaker Ridge County Club in Colonie. This year the dinner is **Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009** one week earlier than our regular club meeting date so it won't conflict with Good Friday. Make your plans NOW to attend this annual spring event where we will have an interesting speaker on a topic of general interest. As such, bring someone special for an evening of relaxing fellowship overlooking the greens at Shaker Ridge. Even better, this year we were able to hold the price at 35.00 per person as last year.

Dinner choices are:

**Prime Rib – choice rib eye, slow roasted and served with natural au jus**

**Chicken Parmesan – lightly breaded boneless breast w/fresh marinara & mozzarella cheese**

**Salmon Filet – Atlantic Salmon, char grilled and finished with a dill buerre blanc**

We must receive your check and meal choices by March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to guarantee a reservation.

Please send a check made out to: AARA and indicate your meal choice, to our dinner chairman:

**Nathaniel Greenman KB2HPX**

**PO Box 155**

**Voorheesville, NY 12186-0155**

More reminders will follow by email and at the club meeting in March, including the speaker's information. Again, we must receive your check to reserve a space for you.

### PROGRAM:

During the Cold War, US nuclear submarines were used to conduct special operations designed to get inside the minds of the military leaders of our adversaries. We'll travel with these boats as we learn how the missions were planned and how our US Navel forces were put at great risk to execute them.

These secret adventures of how nuclear submarines were used in the Ford, Carter and Reagan era's are a tribute to the sacrifices of the Navy's silent service. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to learn about some of the chilling exploits of our sailors in Russian waters in the 70's and 80's. This talk will surely appeal to a diverse group, as this is an account of a tenuous time in our nation's recent history.

**Our speaker, Mr. Ray Misiewicz** is a retired mechanical engineer with 35 years in the design and operation support of nuclear submarines at Knolls Atomic (KAPL) and has made the study of these missions a passion that he enjoys sharing with others

### GLOBAL SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST SCHEDULED FOR APRIL

The ARRL Letter

Vol. 28, No. 11 March 20, 2009

IARU Region 1 has invited the HQ stations of IARU Member-Societies, as well as the EOCs of Emergency Communications Groups (ECGs), to participate in the 2009 Global Simulated Emergency Test (GlobalSET), on Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 1100-1500 UTC

<<http://www.arrl.org/news/files/2009GlobalSET.pdf>>. The GlobalSET will take place on and near the emergency Center of Activity (CoA) frequencies on 80, 40, 20, 17 and 15 meters, +/- QRM. IN the US, ARES groups that will be representing EOCs need to register through their IARU International Emergency Communications Coordinator. Registrations should be e-mailed to ARRL Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager Dennis Dura, K2DCD <k2dcd@arrl.org>, and must include the call sign (this will be used as the name of the ECG) and the EOC that the ECG is representing, as well as a list of the names and call signs of all operators involved.

The intent of the 2009 GlobalSET is for established IARU Headquarters stations and EOCs to test their capabilities. Dura said that W1AW will be the official ARRL and ARES representative for this event. Other ARES groups that participate from EOCs (as per their established response plan) are also invited to participate. "While we appreciate individual interest in participating, the purpose of the GlobalSET is to allow IARU Member-Societies and other EOCs they support to test their infrastructures and procedures at the highest levels," Dura said. "Other events, such as ARRL Field Day and the annual ARRL SET are available for individuals to test their preparedness."

According to IARU Region 1 Emergency Communications Coordinator Greg Mossop, GODUB, the GlobalSET is not a contest, but an emergency communications exercise to develop skills needed to provide an international emergency network.

Mossop said that the GlobalSET has four objectives:

- \* To increase the common interest in emergency communications.
- \* To test how usable the CoA frequencies are across ITU regions.
- \* To create practices for international emergency communications.
- \* To practice the relaying of messages using all modes: Voice (SSB), Data or CW.

"The exercise will build on earlier GlobalSET exercises and will focus on generating and relaying messages in a common format across country borders, rather than the information gathering capabilities that we've done in the past," Mossop said. "We will pass messages in a format that we may have to use for the agencies we may serve. The message exchange will take longer than in previous exercises, and stations will have to be patient to transmit their messages across country and language boundaries."

Each participating station is to send messages to their Regional HQ station using the IARU

International Emergency Operating Procedure <<http://www.darc.de/referate/notfunk/info/emerg-ww.pdf>>, using IARU message forms <<http://www.iaru-r1.org/IARU-msg1.pdf>>. Stations should relay the messages they receive to their Regional HQ station; the Region 2 station is TGOAA in Guatemala. To comply with license regulations in some countries, all messages should be addressed to Greg Mossop, GODUB, and should come from a licensed radio amateur. Messages should contain fewer than 25 words and should not include anything that would be considered as a "real emergency" message by a listener. Mossop suggests constructing messages that include weather conditions, the number of operators at the station or even an interesting fact about the station. "There is no limit on the number of messages to be sent," he said, "but each one must have a unique message number." Regional HQ stations will not be sending messages, only receiving them.

Mossop recommends that in order to create "a more realistic situation, please limit your transmitting power during the exercise to 100 W. We are especially interested in stations operating mobile/portable and/or on emergency power."

Usually held in May, the 2009 GlobalSET was moved to April to tie into World Amateur Radio Day. The theme of the 2009 World Amateur Radio Day is "Amateur Radio: Your Resource in Disaster and Emergency Communication." "This is an ideal opportunity to showcase the work of emergency communications groups around the world," Mossop said.

For more information on the 2009 GlobalSET, including a list of CoA frequencies for Regions 1, 2 and 3, please see the GlobalSET announcement <<http://www.arrl.org/news/files/2009GlobalSET.pdf>>.

## 2009 CQ 160-METER PHONE CONTEST RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	MULTS	CLAIMED SCORE
WA3AFS	SO (H)	464	78	98,124
N1EU	SO (H)	304	62	49,228
K2EP	SO (H)	215	54	28,836
K2XA	SO (L)	217	52	28,548
WB2KLD	SO (H)	180	47	21,432
NJ1F	SO (H)	113	44	12,628
W2GDJ	SO (H)	61	16	2,144

## 2009 ARRL DX CONTEST -- PHONE RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	CLAIMED SCORE
WC2L	SO (H) A	1173	287	1,009,953
W2XL	M/S	918	264	726,264
(+KM2O+W2EG+ops)				
N1EU	SO (H) A	669	326	654,282
K2XA	SOSB20	1559	114	533,178
N2LBR	M/S	527	215	339,915
(+WA1KKM)				
K2XF	SO (H) A	411	197	242,310
K2ONP	SO (H) A	305	195	178,425
W2GDJ	SO (H)	231	162	112,266
WF2B	SO (H) A	149	101	45,147
WA3AFS	SO (H) A	101	100	30,300
NJ1F	SO (H) A	68	56	11,424
WB2KLD	SOSB15	13	6	234

Please send your contest scores to us at: [sue.walt@verizon.net](mailto:sue.walt@verizon.net)  
73, Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

The AARA  
Dinner is  
scheduled for  
Friday, April 3,  
2009 at Shaker  
Ridge Country  
Club

## ATVET 2009 EXAM SCHEDULE

### 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).

CII Building - Room 3045  
RPI Campus  
Troy, NY

Day	Date	Doors Open	Exam Start
Saturday	April 25	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
Wednesday	July 22	6:20 PM	7:00 PM
Saturday	October 17	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
Saturday	November 14	9:20 AM	10:00 AM

The 2009 Exam Fee will be \$15.00 (payable to ARRL-VEC)

We are affiliated with the ARRL/VEC, and have been proud to provide testing opportunities since 1984. If you have any questions, please feel free to phone Gerald Murray, WA2IWW, (evenings and weekends) at 518-482-8700, or e-mail me at [atvet@n2ty.org](mailto:atvet@n2ty.org).

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