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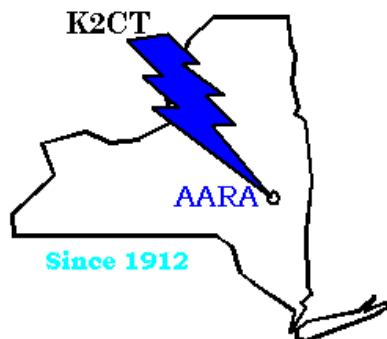
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100th Year Celebration

AARA DINNER

Western Turnpike Golf Course
2354 Western Ave.
Guiderland, NY 12084

Friday April 20

Open Bar 6:00-7:00
Dinner begins 7:00 PM

APRIL MEETING

AARA Dinner Fri. April 20th
Western Turnpike Golf Course
2354 Western Avenue
Guiderland, NY 12084

This year as our speaker is NYS Assemblyman Jack McEneny, a lifetime resident of the Pine Hills Neighborhood of Albany and a graduate of CBA will speak about The History of Albany, NY and Amateur Radio. Celebrating our 100th Year will also be other dignitaries, an event we hope you will not miss.

K2CT Repeater

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

AARA Dues

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

\$20 for mailing of the newsletter Checks should be made out to AARA and sent to:
Saul Abrams, K2XA
307 Maple Rd.
Slingerlands, NY 12159

50/50 Raffle at the Dinner

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). At RPI C.I.I. Building (Low Center for Industrial Innovations), Room 3045

If you like to help out next season contact: **ATVET LIAISON: GERRY MURRAY, WA2IWW**
atvet@n2ty.org or 518-482-8700

Exam Date	Day	Doors Open	Exam Time (Doors will Close)
March 10, 2012	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
April 28, 2012	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
May 4 th in DELMAR	FRIDAY	6:30 PM	7:00 PM in DELMAR
July 25, 2012	Wednesday	6:20 PM	7:00 PM
October 13, 2012	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM

2012 CQ 160-METER PHONE CONTEST RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	MULTS	CLAIMED SCORE
WA3AFS	SO (H) A	141	49	18,081
WB2KLD	SO (L)	144	38	13,110
K2BX	SO (H) A	95	30	6,720
N1CC	SO (L) A	20	8	320

2012 ARRL DX CONTEST -- PHONE RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	CLAIMED SCORE
K2XA	SO (H)	2055	364	2,244,060
W2GDJ	SO (H) A	1245	373	1,392,036
N1EU	SO (H) A	1062	395	1,258,470
K2ONP	SO (H) A	887	321	854,181
KM2O	SO (H)	1004	248	746,232
N2LBR	M/S	781	287	672,441
(+WA1KKM)				
N1JP	SO (H) A	800	277	664,800
K2BX	SO (H) A	744	289	645,048
K2EP	SO (H) A	644	251	484,932
WA3AFS	SO (H) A	500	297	445,500
WC2L	SO (H) A	584	249	436,248
K2XF	SO (H) A	452	240	325,440
N1CC	SO (L) A	414	214	265,788
WF2B	SO (H) A	50	31	4,650
K2DL	SO (L)	17	14	714

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

73, Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

On Air EVENTS

April 2012

EU Spring Sprint, CW 1600Z-1959Z, Apr 14
 Georgia QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 14 to 2359Z, Apr 15
 Rookie Roundup 1800 UTC to 2359 UTC, Apr 15
 Hungarian Straight Key Contest 1500Z-1700Z, Apr 15
TARA Skirmish Digital Prefix Contest 0000Z-2400Z, Apr 21
 Holyland DX Contest 0000Z-2359Z, Apr 21
 ES Open HF Championship 0500Z-0859Z, Apr 21
 EU Spring Sprint, SSB 1600Z-1959Z, Apr 21
 Michigan QSO Party Apr 21 - 22
 Ontario QSO Party Apr 21 - 22

ARRL Field Day 1800Z, Jun 23 to 2100Z, Jun 24

AARA May meeting
 Location
 Bethlehem Town Hall
 Delaware Ave
 Delmar, NY 12054

Are You Changing Your Address: Please contact Walt, WA1KKM 456-3637 or via e-mail sue.walt@verizon.net with your address corrections

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PUBLIC SERVICE

The Dragonfly Adventure is requesting Communication for their 5K and Half Marathon event on **Saturday May 19th**. The event starts at 8am at Tamarac High School in Brunswick, NY. We did this last year and believe it got over around 1-1:30. I am looking for 4-6 volunteers for this event. Anyone interested in helping out please let me know. Contact Steve, KC2VUE at 308-6029.

Date: Sunday April 22, 2012

When: Race starts at 8 am,

I would like to be there between 7-730.

Where: Elm Ave Park

The Duathlon is a 2 mi run followed by a 10 mi bike ride and ending with another 2 mi run. There is a map of both the running route and bike route at <http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/parksMain/parksEvents.asp>

Please let me know if your able to help.

Thanks, Steve, KC2VUE Phone: 308-6029
 Albany ARA Public Service Coordinator

ARRL Field Day 1800Z, Jun 23 to 2100Z, Jun 24

AARA Field Day 2012 will be at Thatcher Park in the Hailes Cave Pavilion

FCC Seeks Public Comments on Emergency Communications by Amateur Radio and Impediments to Amateur Radio Communications

AARA.org 04/05/2012

In response to the [Congressional directive](#) to prepare a study to assess Amateur Radio's role in emergency and disaster communications and the impact of private land use regulations on the amateur community's ability to provide such communications, the FCC issued [DA 12-523](#) soliciting comments from the public. The period for public comment runs until May 17, 2012.

"As part of the study contained in [Public Law No. 112-96](#), the Commission has opened a 45 day period for comments to be filed on the issue," said ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND. "Because of the short deadline for the study to be completed and presented to Congress -- before the end of August -- the ARRL and the amateur community must quickly mobilize their response."

The FCC *Public Notice* focuses on two specific areas for comments. The first is the role that Amateur Radio has played and continues to play to support emergency and disaster relief organizations, such as FEMA and local/state emergency management agencies. The second is to determine impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio communications. This would include the impact that private land-use regulations -- such as deed restrictions and homeowner association covenants -- have on the ability of licensed amateurs to fully participate in providing support communications to the served agencies.

"This study is not about zoning ordinances or regulations adopted by the local or state governments," Henderson explained. "Amateurs already have the limited protection of **PRB-1** to assist them with those situations. The areas of concern here are the limitations that are placed on a property when it is purchased, either as part of the deed of sale or by restrictions imposed by the neighborhood/homeowner's association. Those restrictions -- sometimes referred to as CC&Rs -- are not currently covered by the FCC's PRB-1 decision from 1985."

To allow the ARRL to quickly collect and collate relevant information from the amateur community to help support the filing it will make with the FCC on this issue, a website has been setup. The site -- www.arrl.org/ccr-study-information -- provides details about what kind of information is needed by the ARRL.

Also on the site, you will find links to two online data collection forms. The first form allows you to provide information about specific emergency communications in which Amateur Radio has played a role since January 2000. The second form asks for specific information on the CC&Rs/deed restrictions that control your property. It also asks you to provide information on how those restrictions have impacted your ability to fully support emergency communications.

"Whether you are an ARRL member or not, your information and situation are important to helping us make the case for all amateurs," Henderson said. "Whether your support communications are with ARES®, RACES, SKYWARN, CERT or other emergency and disaster groups, your voice should be heard. If you cannot operate effectively from home during an emergency because CC&Rs prohibit adequate antennas on your property, that is important to document and quantify. This issue affects all of Amateur Radio, not just ARRL members."

Henderson said that due to the short timeframe that the FCC has allotted for public comment, time is of the essence. In order to allow the ARRL to develop its comments, the ARRL asks that all information sent by the amateur community be received at the ARRL no later than April 25, 2012: "We realize this is a very short turnaround asking for your response, but this is based on the time provided by the Commission for the comment window."

It is important that when you provide specifics of your CC&R, you also provide the ARRL with a copy of its actual wording. If you have the CC&R in a digital format (or you can scan the document into a file), it can either be uploaded through the website above or it can be sent via an e-mail to CCRinfo@arrl.org. If you do not have an electronic format, a hard copy may be sent via US mail to: CCR Study Information, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

"We need factual, specific details," Henderson said. "The more accurate information we have -- including copies of the CC&R language -- the stronger case we can make. Having copies of the exact CC&Rs is important. It allows us to demonstrate the wide variation of restrictions. Including the specific text is as important as any other piece of information you provide."

If you have questions about what is being requested, you may contact the ARRL Regulatory Information Office via **e-mail**. "Again, time is of the essence in this matter," Henderson said. "This is the best opportunity that amateurs have had to address the impact of overly burdensome private land use restrictions. If Amateur Radio is to succeed in this effort, it is going to take all of us working together."

[ARRL Field Day: Be Ready for Field Day in Official Field Day Gear from the ARRL](#)

The ARRL Letter for April 5, 2012

You've spent all year preparing for [ARRL Field Day](#), but there are still a few things you're missing: The official 2012 Field Day shirt, hat, pin and logbook! ARRL Field Day -- Amateur Radio's largest on-the-air operating event -- is just a little more than two months away, so be sure to get your gear *before* supplies run out. This year's ARRL Field Day shirt is a khaki T-shirt that sports the 2012 Field Day logo atop a pocket, with the ARRL diamond logo and "Ham Radio" on the back. Shirts are available in sizes Small-4XL. The hat -- which has "Field Day" emblazoned on its front -- is Texas Orange and is color-coordinated with this year's logo. New for 2012 is the *ARRL Field Day Logbook*. This nifty logbook is set up in the Field Day reporting format and includes dupe sheets and other forms that you need to have to ensure a successful Field Day. **Clubs, order early!** Collect orders from members and place a single order -- pay only \$12.50 shipping for orders over \$50 (while supplies last). ARRL Field Day is June 23-24, 2012. Fulfill all your Field Day apparel needs at the



Field Day pin

[Field Day Supplies section of the ARRL website.](#)



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Want To Have Your Photo Published in QST?—[From ARRL Website](#)

Have you ever wanted to see a photo of yours in QST, the annual ARRL Amateur Radio Calendar or another ARRL publication?

Well, here's your chance! If you're among the winners, not only will your photographic skill be propagated far and wide, but we're offering \$100 as the First Prize.

The winning photo and three runners-up will be published in QST. All submitted photos will also be considered for the 2013 ARRL Calendar.

For this purpose, landscape format is preferred.

Deadline: Photos must be received at ARRL HQ by May 31, 2012.

For All The Details! <http://www.arrl.org/news/enter-the-seventh-annual-arri-photo-contest>