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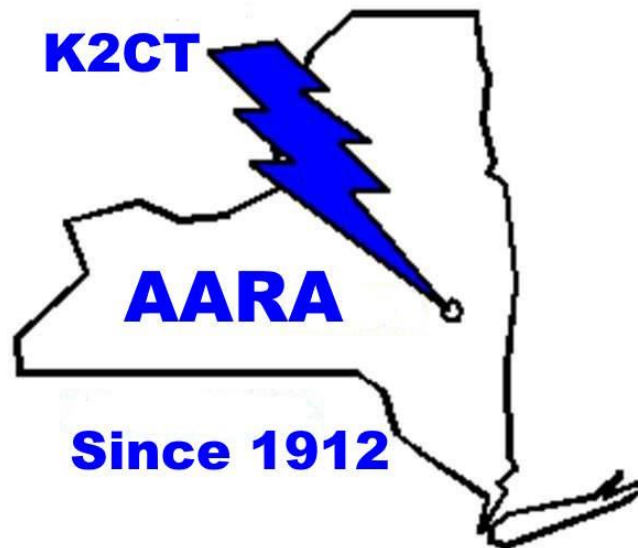
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AARA Next Meeting:
September 4th
2024 @ 7:30 PM
Slingerlands Fire Dept.

Topic:
To Be Announced

PLEASE Pay Your Dues
Dues are \$20
Checks can be sent to:

Saul Abrams, K2XA
307 Maple Rd.
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Field Day 2024



On June 22nd and 23rd the club participated in the annual ARRL Field Day event at Haile's Cave site at Thacher Park.

The Stats:

Call Used: K2CT GOTA Station Call: K2ALB ARRL/RAC Section: ENY

Class: 4A

Participants: 31 Club/Group Name: Albany ARA

Power Source(s): Generator, Battery, Solar

Power Multiplier: 2X

Preliminary Total Score: 6,531

Bonus Points:

100% emergency power	400
Media Publicity	100
Public location	100
Public information table	100
Formal message to ARRL SM/SEC	100
W1AW Field Day message	100
Formal messages handled (11 x 10, max of 100)	100
Natural power QSOs completed	100
Site visit by invited served agency	100
Educational activity	100
Youth participation (1 x 20, max of 100)	20
Safety officer	100
Social media	100
GOTA Station	135
GOTA Coach	100
Entry submitted via web	50

Total bonus points 1,805

Score Summary: (Cabrillo log/dupe sheet file: K2CT.dup)

	CW	Digital	Phone	Total
Total QSOs	503	451	455	

Total Points 1006 902 455 2363

Claimed Score = (QSO points x power mult) = 4,726

Submitted by: David Galletly, KM2O d4star@gmail.com

Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:

	CW		Digital		Phone	
	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)
160m						
80m	69	100	16	100	47	100
40m	308	100	201	100	245	100
20m	97	100	140	100	56	100

15m	28	100	69	100	76	100
10m	1	100	15	100	2	100
6m	0	100	10	100	2	100
2m						
222						
432						
Other						
Satellite						
GOTA			27		100	
TOTAL		503	451		455	

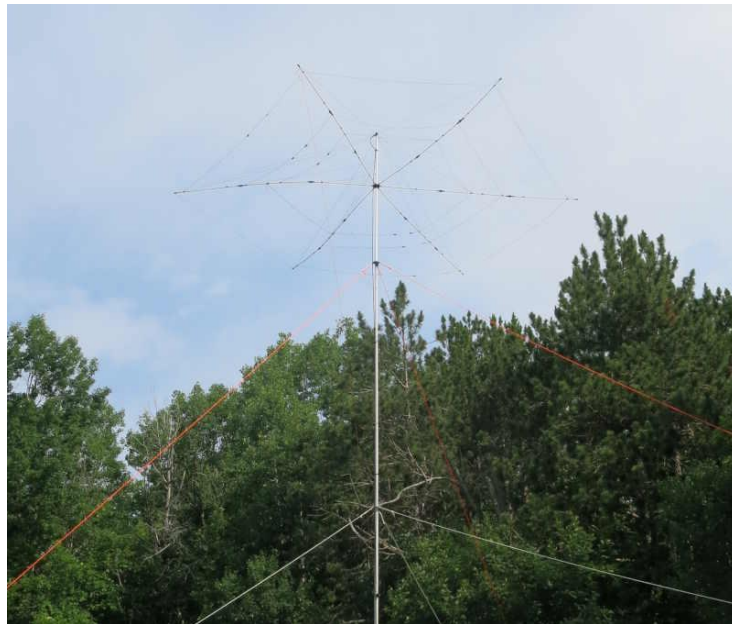
GOTA Bonus: GOTA Coach - 100 Bonus Points

Name/Call	QSOs	Bonus Points
Zach Dounane, KE2CVF	13	65
Kathryn Carroll, KD2MPU	6	30
Mark Jacquinot, K2DL	3	15
David Clark, KE2BWO	2	10
Frank Viscusi, KD2EBF	1	5
Alexander Thompson, KD2MPX	1	5
Jason Mantor, KD2WZX	1	5

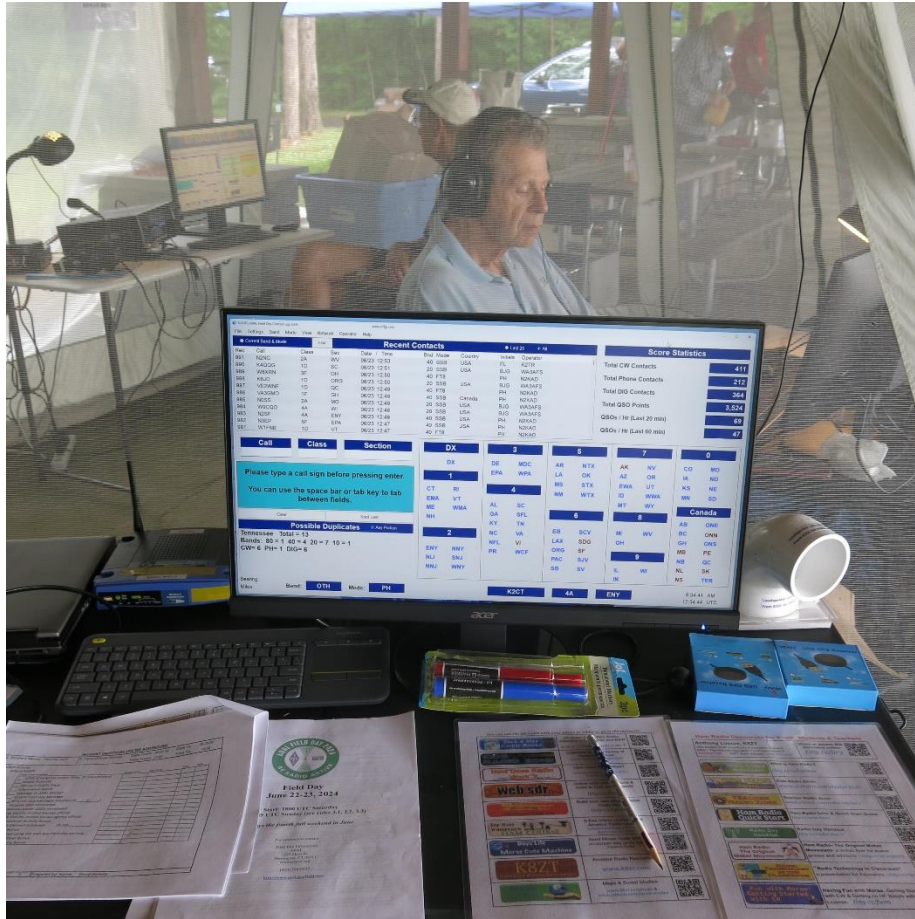




Beams!



Spider Beam on Push Up Tower



Fred K2TR Making Contacts



Our Very Active GOTA Station



Media Coverage

David Galletly, KM2O, Named Vice Director of the ARRL Hudson Division

David Galletly, KM2O, has been appointed Vice Director of the ARRL Hudson Division. ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, appointed Galletly to the remainder of the term ending in December, 2024, following the promotion of former Vice Director Ed Wilson, N2XDD, to Hudson Division Director.

Full article on the ARRL website is here:

<https://www.arrl.org/news/david-galletly-km2o-named-vice-director-of-the-arrl-hudson-division>

Saratoga Hamfest

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 7th; Gates open at 7:00 am

Saratoga County Fair Grounds, 162 Prospect St, Ballston Spa, NY 12020
\$10.00 per person includes door prize drawing, plus 8'x 8' "tailgate" space.

<https://www.k2dll.org/category/hamfest/>

Northeast
HamXposition
August 22-25, 2024


and New England Division Convention

ROBUST LINEUP OF VENDORS AND SPEAKERS AT THE 2024 NORTHEAST HAMXPOSITION

For more information, go to: <https://hamxposition.org>

Plans are shaping up for the 2024 Northeast HamXposition and New England Division Convention on August 22-25, 2024 in Marlborough, Massachusetts.

This year's convention will be held at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center, 181 Boston Post Road W, Marlborough, MA 01752. This venue is located off of I-495 on Route 20 west. It offers many amenities and lots of nearby family-friendly attractions and dining options.

The festivities kick off on Thursday evening, August 22 with entertainment provided by nationally known comedian Juston McKinney. Seating is limited to 250 people. Tickets are just \$35, and also available as part of the "Convention Plus" package.

Join your fellow hams for a delicious DXCC/Contest Banquet on Friday night with Yuri Onipko, VE3DZ, as he recaps his 50 years of DX and contesting activities and shares his operating experiences from a variety of locations around the world.

Steve Goodgame, K5ATA, will present the keynote on Saturday morning. Steve leads ARRL's Education and Learning Department. He has a passion for youth outreach, and works constantly to find ways to engage more youth in wireless technology and help teachers ELEVATE their STEM programs.

The Saturday evening Grand Banquet will feature special guest Dr. Tamitha Skov, WX6SWW. Known as “Space Weather Woman” in social media, Dr. Skov forecasts and analyzes space weather processes – in the heliosphere and exosphere.

Several new vendors will have their wares on display at the convention this year: FlexRadio, Elecraft, and SteppIR Communications Systems. We’ll also feature Halibut Electronics, Club Gear Online, Reliance Antennas. Remote Ham Radio, VE2DX Electronics, Gold Medal Ideas, AG Custom Gifts, and others.

New for 2024 is “Mini-Contest University,” based on K3LR’s popular Contest University. CTU has been featured at the Dayton Hamvention since 2007 and has been presented in 15 countries to over 10,000 participants. Mini CTU is a series of contest-oriented talks and presentations offered at HamXposition all day Friday.

HamXposition is pleased to offer a Parks On The Air (POTA) track featuring presentations designed for both newcomer and experienced POTA operators alike. There will be a functioning portable station operating on the hotel grounds designed to show beginners how to “chase” POTA contacts. In addition, an actual POTA activation will occur in a nearby state park following the prize drawing and closing ceremony.

This year, volunteers will staff a special “Get On The Air” station, W1XPO, to mentor and assist newcomers in making their first HF contact.

Our popular EmComm track will be back for 2024. Veteran emergency communicators will share their knowledge and experience to help others to “up their game.” In addition to talks and presentations, convention goers will get to see operational emergency communications vehicles on display in the parking lot.

As always, the Northeast HamXposition will feature a robust flea market, open to tailgaters on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

No major convention would be worth its salt without great prizes. Along with hourly drawings, we’re pleased to announce that one lucky person will receive the grand prize—an Icom IC-705 QRP all-in-one transceiver. Second prize will be a Xiegu X6100 QRP HF/6m transceiver. The third prize will be an Icom ID-50A VHF/UHF/D-Star handheld.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by visiting <https://ticketing.hamxposition.org>.



Important Links:

Find a license class in your area: www.arrl.org/class

Find a license exam in your area: www.arrl.org/exam

The Eastern Iowa DX Bulletin:

<http://www.eidxa.org/EIDXBulletin.html>