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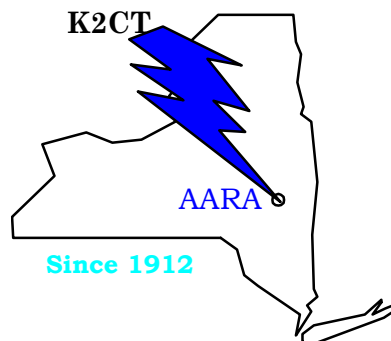
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AARA

Meets at the
Colonie Community Center
1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday Dec. 12

Social Hour 6:55 PM
Meeting 7:45 PM
Refreshments
soda, diet soda, coffee

DEC. Meeting

Election of New Officers

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Julius W2IHY of W2IHY Technologies
specializing in affordable audio technology
(microphone audio equalizers) for amateur
radio applications. Its products are built to
be used in transmitting environments where
RFI and less-than-perfect ground systems
can compromise the performance of audio
equipment

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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AARA *WE Need YOU to Volunteer* **AARA**

AARA Homepage
www.qsl.net/k2ct

2003 CQWW DX CONTEST -- PHONE RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	ZONES	CLAIMED SCORE
WE2F	SO (H) A	1770	383	112	2,461,140
W2GDJ	SO (H) A	1405	-	-	2,128,377
N1EU	SO (H) A	1021	419	118	1,537,431
K2XA	SO (H) A	684	368	117	901,615
N2LBR					
(+WA1KKM)	M/S	802	296	82	827,820
K2XF	SO (H) A	725	271	75	706,532
N1JP	SO (H) A	231	132	55	114,818
K2BX	SO (H) A	177	131	42	84,424
K2DL	SO (L)	106	71	31	26,418

2003 ARRL NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES -- CW RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	SECTIONS	CLAIMED SCORE
WE2F	B	946	71	134,332
W2GDJ	U	507	79	80,106
N1EU	U	239	76	36,328
K2XA	A	192	66	25,344

Send your CQWW CW scores
(in plain text) to:
sue.walt@verizon.net

73,
Walt, WA1KKM
and Sue, N2LBR

2003 ARRL NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES -- PHONE RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	SECTIONS	CLAIMED SCORE
NA2NA				
(+W2GDJ)	M	1,157	80	185,120
WE2F	U	824	78	128,544
K2XA	A	87	48	8,352
N1EU	B	59	28	3,304
K2DL	A	43	25	2,150

AARA SPRINT
10-meters
DEC 11, 2003 7-8pm

LIVING IN THE WAL-MART WORLD

ARRL Hudson Division Nov 2003

"For now, it seems RFID is just the latest cost of living in a Wal-Mart world" says Matthew Boyle in a "Fortune" article. See <http://www.fortune.com/fortune/technology/articles/0,15114,526418,00.html> for details.

Wal-Mart is apparently going to use the Part 15 technology on 900 MHz. Apparently Wal-Mart has plans to implement RFID technology on its shipping pallets but it may go further than that. Their real intent, not mentioned in

the article, may be to track your shopping cart from the moment you enter the store, to see where you go first, what items you pick up first, and how people travel around the store. This information will allow them to "arrange" the store better to suit the shopping nature of the customers.

If you live near a Wal-Mart or one of their distribution centers you may see your noise floor increases on 902 MHz!!

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee of

John Pritt, N1JP
Barry Gross, N1EU
Dave Unverhau, N2DU

Have designated the following:

President Ernie Popp, K2EP

Vice-President

Guy Hoose, WK2H

Secretary Bill Nettleton, K2BX

Treasurer Saul Abrams, K2XA

3-year Director

Seymour Miller, K2XF

secure Amateur Radio antenna bills in New York and New Jersey. Parts of both states fall within the Hudson Division.

A resident of East Williston, New York, Fallon has served as director since 1997. A former high school English teacher and a ham for 41 years, Fallon is an ARRL Life Member.

During his tenure as Hudson Division Director, he's been a member of all standing committees and now sits on the Administration and Finance Committee, which oversees the League's programs and budget. In addition, Fallon has served on the ARRL Executive Committee for four years and is on the ARRL Foundation Board.

The election result leaves Mendelsohn--a veteran ARRL officeholder who once served as Hudson Division Director and as ARRL First Vice President--again without a League leadership role. Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF, was the lone candidate for the vice director's seat that Mendelsohn vacated to run for the division's top spot.

Incumbents running unopposed and declared elected are: Director Dick Isely, W9GIG, and Vice Director Howard Huntington, K9KM, in the Central Division; Director Tom Frenaye, K1KI, and Vice Director Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF, in the New England Division; Director Greg Milnes, W7OZ, and Vice Director Jim Fenstermaker, K9JF, in the Northwestern Division; and Director Dennis Bodson, W4PWF, and Vice Director Les Shattuck, K4NK, in the Roanoke Division.

Three-year terms of office for successful director and vice director candidates begin at noon on January 1.

Radio controlled ECHOLINK node is up and running. It's on 147.550 simplex using the standard DTMF control codes for ECHOLINK. The coverage area is approximately a 10 mile radius centered on Delmar. For further info contact John, K2QY at jgalt54@aol.com

FALLON RETAINS HUDSON DIVISION DIRECTORSHIP

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2003

In an ARRL election battle that pitted director against vice director, Frank Fallon, N2FF, prevailed to retain his seat as Director of the League's Hudson Division. He beat back a challenge from his Vice Director Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML, 1933 to 1470. Ballots were counted November 21 at ARRL Headquarters. The Hudson Division's was the sole contested seat in the current director/vice director election cycle. For his nearly 500-vote margin Fallon, who's retired, credits his ability to devote full time to ARRL as well as to Hudson Division members' apparent appreciation for what he's been able to accomplish.

"That's what made the difference," Fallon said. "I'm real happy with the way the vote turned out." He said work already is under way to

National Radio Emergency Network to debut:

The National Radio Emergency Network (NREN) The ARRL Letter Vol. 22, No. 46 Nov 21, 2003

<<http://www.aa8vs.org/nren/>> will commence operations December 1. A cooperative effort of several US CW net managers, NREN hopes to provide an alternative public service network geared to low-power, portable and mobile stations. "Because CW provides significantly more reliability for stations operating at low power levels (QRP) or with compromise antennas, this will be a CW-based program," said an announcement from Chuck Mabbott, AA8VS. NREN will work on the "radio watch" principle, and member stations will maintain a watch on one or more of three selected frequencies in the 40, 30, and 20-meter bands. A detailed description of NREN, along standard operating procedures is available on the NREN Web page <<http://www.aa8vs.org/nren/>>.

DX-Cluster can be accessed on web at
<telnet://na2na.net>

ATVET 2003/2004

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atvet@n2ty.org or 518-482-8700

New Dates coming soon

Upcoming Events

December, 2003

ARRL 10-Meter Contest 0000Z, Dec 13 - 2400Z, Dec 14
ARRL Straight Key Night Dec. 31

.. AARA ANNUAL SPRINT ..

The Albany Amateur Radio Association will once again hold it's annual 10 meter sprint on **Thursday, December 11, 2003**. The sprint will begin at 0000 GMT (7:00 PM) and last one hour. All contacts must be made between the frequencies of **28.400 and 28.500 MHz using USB**. Exchange will consist of **signal report and first name** (e.g. "59 Ernie"). Each contact is worth 1 point and a 10 point bonus is awarded for working the AARA club call "K2CT". Logs should be e-mailed to sue.walt@verizon.net Put logs in body of e-mail *Please*, no attachments

Hints for new testers.

Before submitting your logs, check for broken calls. If you worked Bud W2FB, it was probably WF2B.

Keep your log times in GMT not local time.

59 is the normal signal report given in a contest. Remember, if you can hear him, he's 59. If you can't he's 57.

See you in the pileup!

73,
Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR
sue.walt@verizon.net

SWAP SHOP

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