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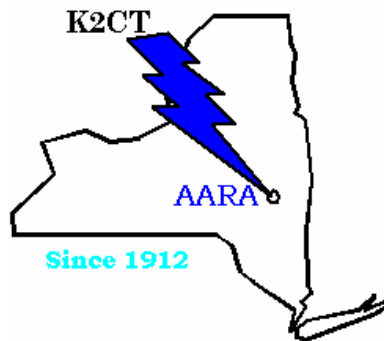
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AARA

Meets at the
Colonie Community Center
1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday DEC. 12

Social Hour 6:55 PM
Meeting begins 7:47 PM

home made refreshments
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

DEC. Meeting

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

AARA 10 meter Sprint

DEC 11 Thursday 7pm - 8pm
AARA 10 meter Sprint SSB
28.400-28.500 USB

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

AARA 10 METER SPRINT

DEC 11 Thursday 0000 - 0100 [7pm - 8pm]

**AARA 10 meter Sprint SSB
28.400-28.500 USB**

ARRL FIELD DAY 2008 Results June 2008

These are the results for Hudson Division, 3A, Power Mult = 2

Displaying entries for **Category=3A** and **Power Mult=2** and **Division=HU**

Entries 1 to 14 of 14 listed

#	Call	Score	Category	QSOs	Power Mult	GOTA Call	Section	Participants	Club
1	W2LV	7,658	3A	2,275	2		NNJ	17	Sussex Co. ARC
2	K2VN	6,320	3A	1,698	2	K2RRM	NLI	25	Nassau ARC
3	K2CT	5,654	3A	1,534	2	KM2O	ENY	51	Albany ARA
4	K2QS	4,568	3A	1,189	2	AA2OI	ENY	91	QSY Society
5	W2AMC	4,152	3A	1,313	2		NLI	43	Peconic ARC
6	N2TY	4,036	3A	1,094	2		ENY	84	Troy ARA
7	WA2UMX	3,622	3A	1,138	2	N2MBX	ENY	15	Saratoga Co RACES Assn
8	W2HO	3,300	3A	945	2		ENY	65	Orange Co ARC
9	W2RAK	2,524	3A	718	2		NLI	8	Kings Co RC
10	WA2LQO	2,466	3A	670	2		NLI	15	Grumman ARC
11	W1BAA/2	2,026	3A	299	2	K1LEE/2	ENY	30	Southern Berkshire ARC
12	W2IR	1,914	3A	456	2		ENY	16	Schenectady Museum ARA
13	W2LIS	1,602	3A	563	2		NLI	21	Long Island AR Simplex Club
14	N2B	1,250	3A	250	2		NNJ	6	Branchburg OEM



Nov 2008 Meeting

ATVET The Albany/Troy VE Team

. ATVET is a joint effort of the Albany Amateur Radio Association (AARA), and the Troy Amateur Radio Association (TARA). We are affiliated with the ARRL/VEC, and have been proud to provide testing opportunities since 1984. ATVET offers new license exams and upgrade exams for all license classes. Contact:

Gerald Murray WA2IWW, ATVET LIAISON:, atvet@n2ty.org or 518-482-8700

AARA 10 meter Sprint SSB

NEW RULES FOR 2008!

It's once again that time of year for the AARA 10 Meter Sprint! This year's event will be the evening of **Thursday, December 11** between 7pm and 8pm local time (in UTC, December 12 between 0000z and 0100z). Frequencies for the Sprint are 28.4-28.5 MHz. Give a signal report and your first name (or nickname). Use the same name for every contact. All contacts should be made using Upper Side-Band.

As anyone who has participated in the Sprint in the last few years knows, the bottom of the solar cycle can be brutal on 10 Meters. So, to liven things up, this year's Sprint includes new rules that allow all stations to be worked again and again.

The new rules specify that if at least 10 minutes have elapsed since you last worked a particular station, you may work that station again for QSO credit. For example, if W2ABC works K2XYZ at 0004z, they can work each other again at or after 0014z. If they find each other again at 0016z and complete a second QSO at that time, they can work each other a third time at or after 0026z. Therefore, it is possible to work every station up to a maximum of six times during the one hour Sprint period.

If two stations involved in a QSO have clocks that aren't synchronized, it's not a problem. Each station must wait at least 10 minutes by his or her own clock. Score one point for every valid contact you make, with one exception: your first contact with K2CT, the AARA club station, is worth 10 points.

Your log should record

- 1) the time of each complete contact,
- 2) the call sign of the station worked,
- 3) and the exchange sent to and received from that station (signal report and name).

Also record the points for each complete contact and the total claimed score. Be sure to put your own call sign on the log you submit, especially if your log is on paper.

Send a copy of your complete log to us via e-mail (plain text only) at:

sue.walt@verizon.net

Or, bring a copy of your log on paper to the December meeting.

See you on 10 Meters!

73, Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

AARA 10 meter Sprint SSB **DEC 11 Thursday 7pm - 8pm**
28.400-28.500 USB

147.12MHz repeater

The Albany County ACES repeater 147.12, now has a 100hz tone requirement in order to access that repeater. It also transmits the same 100hz tone so that if you wish to set a DCS in your receiver, you will no longer hear any kerchunking, intermod, or other interference.

CONTESTS

SARTG New Year RTTY Contest 0800Z-1100Z, Jan 1

AGCW Happy New Year Contest 0900Z-1200Z, Jan 1

ARRL RTTY Roundup 1800Z, Jan 3 to 2400Z, Jan 4

EUCW 160m Contest 2000Z, Jan 3 to 0700Z, Jan 4

Midwinter Contest, CW 1400Z-2000Z, Jan 10

North American QSO Party, CW 1800Z, Jan 10 to 0600Z, Jan 11

Midwinter Contest, Phone 0800Z-1400Z, Jan 11

DARC 10-Meter Contest 0900Z-1059Z, Jan 11

Hungarian DX Contest 1200Z, Jan 17 to 1200Z, Jan 18

North American QSO Party, SSB 1800Z, Jan 17 to 0600Z, Jan 18

CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW 2200Z, Jan 23 to 2159Z, Jan 25

BARTG RTTY Sprint 1200Z, Jan 24 to 1200Z, Jan 25

ARRL Jan. VHF Sweepstakes Jan 17 1900Z to Jan 19 0359Z

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DX PROPAGATION: SCIENTIST SAY THAT THE NEW SUNSPOTS ARE HERE

Amateur Radio Newslines™ Report 1633 – Nov. 28, 2008

Improved band may soon be on their way.

Scientists say that after more than two years of few sunspots, even fewer solar flares, the sun is finally showing signs of life.

David Hathaway is a sunspot forecaster of the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville Alabama. In his opinion the solar minimum is behind us. He said that in October scientists counted five sunspot groups. Hathaway says that this may not sound like much, but in a year with record-low numbers of sunspots and long stretches of spotlessness, five is significant.

Even more significant is the fact that four of the five sunspot groups belonged to Solar Cycle 24. That's the new and long-awaited next installment of the sun's 11 year solar cycle. Hathaway says that October was the first time sunspots from new Solar Cycle 24 outnumbered spots from old Solar Cycle 23.

Hathaway adds that this is a good sign that the new cycle is taking off. This will be welcome news to the ears of hams who have waited a long time to work some new and possibly rare DX. (NASA)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee

Have designated the following:

President Fred Fitte, WA2MMX

Vice-President

Nathaniel Greenman, KB2HPX

Secretary Walt. Legowski, WA1KKM

Treasurer Saul Abrams, K2XA

Nomination from the floor will be accepted at the Election Meeting