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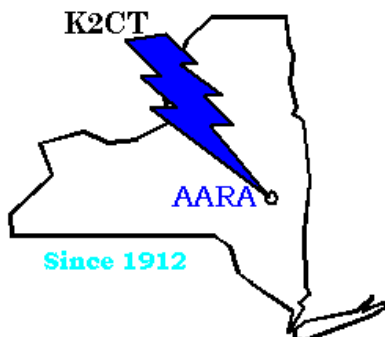
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## AARA

Meets at the  
Colonie Community Center  
1653 Central Ave. Colonie  
**Friday DEC 11**

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

refreshments  
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

## DEC. MEETING

**Election of New Officers**  
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Festive Food

AARA Sprint Highlights



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

### 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

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## **2009 CQWW DX CONTEST -- PHONE RESULTS -- FINAL LIST**

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	ZONES	CLAIMED SCORE	
W2XL (+W2EG+5ops)	M/S	1038	-	446	-	1,301,874
KM2O	SO (H)	713	-	309	-	623,871
K2EP	SO (H) A	604	-	379	-	607,563
N2LBR (+WA1KKM)	M/S	584	244	-	72	511,920
K2XF	SO (H) A	528	-	275	-	406,725
K2ONP	SO (H) A	344	-	247	-	233,168
N1CC	SO (L) A	335	178		76	215,392
WA3AFS	SO (H) A	259	-	285	-	194,370
K2BX	SO (H) A	366	-	184	-	191,544
WB2KLD	SO (H)	251	-	150	-	107,550
WF2B	SO (H) A	68	56	-	31	14,877
W2GDJ	SO (H) A	30	-	?	-	2,600
K2DL	SO (L)	24	22		13	2,030

Send your CQWW CW scores to us at: [sue.walt@verizon.net](mailto:sue.walt@verizon.net)

## **2009 ARRL NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES -- CW RESULTS**

STATION	PREC	QSOs	SECTIONS	CLAIMED SCORE
W2EG	A	827	80	132,320
N1CC	A	651	78	101,556
K2ONP	U	475	78	74,100
WA1KKM	B	155	50	15,500
K2XA	A	113	59	13,334
W2XM	A	85	39	6,630

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73, and thanks for all the scores!

Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

## ***Regulatory: FCC Looks to Revise, Clarify Vanity Call Sign Rules***

The ARRL Letter Nov. 25, 2009

On Wednesday, November 25, the FCC issued a *Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)* -- WT Docket No. 09-209 -- seeking to amend the Commission's Amateur Radio Service rules to clarify certain rules and codify existing procedures governing the vanity call sign system, as well as revise certain rules applicable to club stations.

According to the FCC, almost 80,000 licensees have replaced their sequentially issued Amateur Radio call signs with a vanity call sign since the program began in 1996. When the program began, the Commission established what they called "the broad outlines" of the vanity call sign system, concluding that call signs generally should not be available for reassignment for two years following the death of a licensee, or expiration or termination of the license for that call sign. In doing so, the Commission made exceptions for former holders of the call sign, close relatives of a deceased former holder and club stations of which a deceased former holder was a member.

The Commission did not, however, specify all of the procedures governing the vanity call sign system, but indicated that the procedures "would be

set out in the *Public Notices* announcing 'starting gates' for the groups receiving initial priority and that the procedures would be adjusted from gate to gate as experience dictated." The procedures announced in the *Public Notices* announcing the gates are still in effect, but they are not set forth in the Commission's Rules. The *NPRM* states that the FCC "now believe[s] that certain provisions should be codified in our rules, and others added, so that the vanity call sign system will be fair, equitable and transparent to all amateur service licensees. The Commission also decided in the *Vanity Report and Order* [issued in 1996] to resume issuing new club station licenses. We believe that certain rule changes to the club station licensing rules may be appropriate."

The comment period for WT Docket No. 09-209 will extend for 60 days after it is published in the *Federal Register*. Historically, items appear in the *Federal Register* approximately 7-10 days after they appear on the FCC Web site. Reply comments can be made up to 75 days after publication in the *Federal Register*.

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Peter Hines, N2KAD, webmaster. E-mail [hines@nycap.rr.com](mailto:hines@nycap.rr.com) with any suggestions.

**DEC 10 Thursday 0000Z - 0100Z [7pm - 8pm]**  
**AARA 10 meter Sprint SSB**  
**28.400-28.500 USB**

The Nominating Committee  
Bud, WF2B, Sue, N2LBR, Seymour, K2XF

**SWAP SHOP** Send items to B-Plus editor, Mike, WD2AJS at [wd2ajs@nycap.rr.com](mailto:wd2ajs@nycap.rr.com) or call 489-3110

**FOR SALE:** 300 feet of Rohn 3/16-inch EHS guy wire. Never used. \$60. Walt Legowski, WA1KKM, 456-3637, [sue.walt@verizon.net](mailto:sue.walt@verizon.net)

**FREE** QST Magazine 1978 thru 2004 take 1 year or all

Contact Nels , WB2SBO 439-7357

**FREE:** Very old Heathkit Oscilloscope, probably 1950's vintage, perhaps the O-2 model. Does fire up and show a trace.

**FREE:** Ethernet router; VCR/DVD player and recorder that doesn't work. Maybe you are a better troubleshooter! Contact Ray, KG2B, at [KG2B@nycap.rr.com](mailto:KG2B@nycap.rr.com)

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee

Have designated the following:

President Ernie Popp, K2EP

Vice-President

Nathaniel Greenman, KB2HPX

Secretary Walt. Legowski, WA1KKM

Treasurer Saul Abrams, K2XA

3-yr Director John Pritt, N1JP

Nomination from the floor will be accepted at the Election Meeting

Contest

Dec 10 AARA 10 Meter Sprint 7-8pm

Dec. 12-13 ARRL 10 Meter Contest

Jan. 2-3 ARRL RTTY Roundup

Jan 17-18 North American QSO Party, SSB

# AARA 2009 SPRINT

THURSDAY  
Dec. 10th 2009 7PM – 8PM

## 2009 AARA 10 METER SPRINT ANNOUNCEMENT

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 10 between 7pm and 8pm local time (in UTC, December 11 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. You can log your contacts on paper, or you can download Bud's (WF2B) logging software from [k2ct.net](http://k2ct.net). The software runs using Excel or OpenOffice, and includes complete instructions.

Since there are still almost no sunspots, we'll keep things lively by using the same rules as last year. Under these rules, as long as 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 the time of each complete contact, the call sign of the station worked, 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 or Bud's logging file only) at: [sue.walt@verizon.net](mailto: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

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