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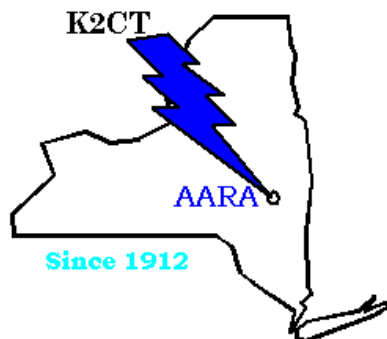
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## AARA

AARA Meets at the  
**Bethlehem Town Hall**  
**445 Delaware Ave**  
**Delmar, NY 12054**

**Friday Nov. 9th**  
Social Hour 6:55 PM

Holiday Get-Together  
REFRESHMENTS

## DEC. MEETING



- THURSDAY  
Dec. 13th 2012  
7PM - 8PM

Rules see page 3

ELECTIONS

Holiday Get-Together  
REFRESHMENTS



### 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](http://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

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee  
Have designated the following:

President John Fritze, K2QY

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Treasurer Saul Abrams, K2XA

3-yr Director Sue Rothchild, N2LBR

Nominations from the floor will be  
accepted at the Election Meeting



### Morse Code Plays Role in New Spielberg Movie

News.ARRL website 11/27/12

Producer Steven Spielberg has used Amateur Radio or Morse code in three of his last four movies: *Super 8* (2011), *The Adventures of Tin Tin* (2011) and *Lincoln* (2012). Members of the Morse Telegraph Club ([MTC](#)) -- an association of retired railroad and commercial telegraphers, historians, radio amateurs and others with an interest in the history and traditions of telegraphy and the telegraph industry -- played an integral part in the production of *Lincoln*.

According to International President of the Morse Telegraph Club James Wades, WB8SIW, several MTC members -- including Tom Perera, W1TP; Derek Cohn, WB0TUA; Kevin Saville, N7JKD, and Roger Reinke -- provided telegraph instruments to equip the 16 operating positions

portrayed at the War Department set. Jim Wilson, K4BAV, and his son Matt had roles as extras. Wilson also worked with production staff and the actors to explain telegraph technology and the role of the telegrapher in the 1860s.

“Nine of the 16 telegraph positions depicted in the War Department were fully operational,” Wades said. “These instruments could be operated in any combination through the use of a specialized computer program and custom built terminal units for the process. When necessary, a hand key could be inserted in the individual telegraph loops so messages could be improvised.”

Wades, who was employed as a Technical Advisor for the production, worked with set designers over a period of months to develop the War Department telegraph scenes, coordinating the process of procuring the necessary instruments and serving as an historical consultant as the telegraph scenes were developed. He also worked the producers to develop historically appropriate message traffic that fit the sequence of the script;

however, as the movie was edited, he explained that the final product evolved into a more generic facsimile of Morse traffic.

“Those with a background in landline telegraphy will hear the occasional snippet of message traffic in the audio track of the movie,” he said. “We are very pleased that Mr Spielberg and his staff took the time to treat the telegraph with dignity and respect. It is a pleasure to be associated with a high quality motion picture that can genuinely be classified as not just entertainment, but as a work of art.”

### **50/50 Raffle** at the meeting

\$1.00 for 1 ticket OR  
3 tickets for \$2.00

# AARA 2012 SPRINT

THURSDAY  
Dec. 13th 2012 7PM – 8PM

It's that time of year again for the AARA 10 Meter Sprint! We have a handsome trophy available for this year's winner that would make a nice addition to anyone's shack.

This year's event will be the evening of Thursday, December 13 (the night before the December AARA meeting) between 7pm and 8pm local time.

Frequencies for the Sprint are 28.4-28.5 MHz. All contacts should be made using Upper Side Band. You can log your contacts on paper, or you can use Bud's (WF2B) logging software. Contact Bud if you'd like a copy of it.

This year's Sprint will use the same rules as previous years. The exchange is the last two digits of the year you were first licensed (like the Check in ARRL November Sweepstakes) and your first name (or nickname). For example, a valid exchange is "75 Joe" (assuming your name is Joe and you were first licensed in 1975). Use the same two-digit year and name for every contact. We'll also keep things interesting for the whole hour with the "10-Minute-Rule": 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, when you work a station and note the time, you can work that same station again 10 (or more) minutes later, and again after another 10(or more) minutes have passed. It is therefore possible to work every station up to a maximum of six times during the one hour Sprint period.

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 (two-digit year 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 me via e-mail (plain text or Bud's logging file only) to:

[sue.walt@verizon.net](mailto:sue.walt@verizon.net)

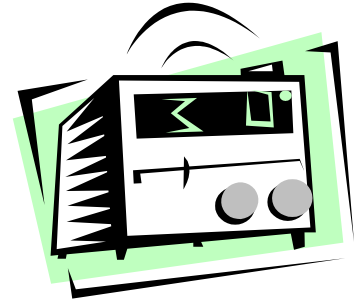
Or, bring a copy of your log on paper to the December meeting.

Contacts made during the Sprint can be used for credit toward the AARA WARM Award and the AARA Centennial Award. See Bud, WF2B, for details.

A nice trophy awaits this year's Sprint winner

**See you on 10 Meters!**

73, Sue, N2LBR



## 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).

ATVET will again be holding their exam sessions in the C.I.I. Building (Low Center for Industrial Innovations), Room 3045, on the Campus of RPI. Examination room doors will open 40 minutes prior to the exam time, with exams starting at the times indicated below. The fee charged all applicants at ARRL VEC-coordinated Amateur Radio examination sessions will be \$15.00 either cash, or check ( payable to ARRL-VEC )

If you like to help out next season contact: ATVET LIAISON: Gerald Murray, WA2IWW  
New dates of exams to be announced

Check out and join <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/K2CT-AARA/>

[www.k2ct.net](http://www.k2ct.net)

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

Contests send your results to Sue, N2LBR at [sue.walt@verizon.net](mailto:sue.walt@verizon.net)

### December

NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 14
Russian 160-Meter Contest	2100Z-2300Z, Dec 14
OK DX RTTY Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 15
Feld Hell Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 15
Croatian CW Contest	1400Z, Dec 15 to 1400Z, Dec 16
ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW	1800Z-2359Z, Dec 16
QRP ARCI Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint	2000Z-2359Z, Dec 16
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Dec 17
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 21
AGB-Party Contest	2100Z-2400Z, Dec 21
Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party	0001Z, Dec 22 to 2359Z, Jan 1
RAEM Contest	0000Z-1159Z, Dec 23
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Dec 26
DARC Christmas Contest	0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Dec 27
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 28
RAC Winter Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 29
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Dec 29 to 1500Z, Dec 30

### January 2013

SARTG New Year RTTY Contest	0800Z-1100Z, Jan 1
AGCW Happy New Year Contest	0900Z-1200Z, Jan 1
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 4
PODXS 070 Club PSKFest	0000Z-2400Z, Jan 5
ARRL RTTY Roundup	1800Z, Jan 5 to 2400Z, Jan 6
EUCW 160m Contest	2000Z, Jan 5 to 0700Z, Jan 6

**Are You Changing Your Address:** Please contact Walt, WA1KKM 456-3637 or via e-mail  
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