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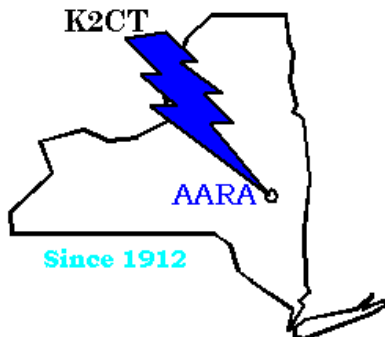
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AARA

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

Friday DEC 12th
Social Hour 6:55 PM

Holiday get together

DEC. MEETING

AARA 10 Meter Sprint
DEC 11th 7PM-8PM

Holiday baked goods party
Bring a treat

Elections of Officers



Discussion on the changes
to the AARA By-Laws
see page 3

K2CT Repeater

Talk-in repeater 145.19 (-) MHz
pl tone 103.5Hz

AARA Dues

Dues cheerfully accepted,
Dues are \$15.

B-PLUS Newsletter sent via the
K2CT Web page in .pdf format
www.k2ct.org

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 Dave Gallety, KM2O

Vice-President

Randy Woessner, KC1NN

Secretary Walt. Legowski, WA1KKM

Treasurer Saul Abrams, K2XA

3-yr Director John Fritze, K2QY

Nominations from the floor will be
Accepted at the Election Meeting



AARA Nov. 2014 Meeting
Photo by Bud, WF2B

AARA 2014 SPRINT

It's that time of year again for the SPRINT! We have another 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 11 (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. wf2b@arrl.net

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) at:

sue.walt@dososaur.com

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. See Bud, WF2B, for details. wf2b@arrl.net

A nice trophy awaits this year's Sprint winner. See you on 10 Meters!

73, Sue, N2LBR

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE ALBANY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION INC.

Preamble

We, the membership do hereby constitute ourselves as the Albany Amateur Radio Association (hitherto known in this document as "AARA") and adopt this constitution as our governing instrument. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members; to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism, and individual operating efficiency; to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio; and provide services to the community when needed.

Article I: Membership

All persons interested in Amateur Radio shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and approval **by one board member and** such terms as provided in the By-Laws attached hereto.

Article II: Officers and Directors

Section 1 - Identification of Officers and Directors

The officers of this Association shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall also serve as Directors. Other Directors will include, if not already Board Members, the Trustee for the AARA Club Call Sign, the editor of the club journal - B-Plus, the immediate past President, **the webmaster**, and three elected Directors. All Officers and Directors shall be Members in good standing of the AARA, at least 18 years of age, and licensed Radio Amateurs.

Section 2 - Nominations for Office

Candidates for offices and directorships will be nominated by a three-member Nominating Committee appointed by the President at the October meeting. This Committee will submit one eligible candidate for each office and directorship at the November meeting. In the event the current president is **renominated** to the presidency, the committee shall submit the name of a candidate to serve an interim term of one year should the immediate past president be **reelected**. Nominations from the floor for all offices and directorships will be accepted at both the November and December meetings. The **AARA Club members shall be notified with the names of all nominees selected by the Committee and those nominated at the November general meeting via e-mail, posting on the clubs website and/or being published in the December issue of B-Plus.**

Section 3 - Election to, and Term of Office

Candidates for officers and directors receiving the most votes of the members present and in good standing at the December meeting shall be declared elected. The December meeting shall be referred to as the **Annual Meeting**. The officers of the Association shall be elected for a term of one year. Each year, one Director shall be elected for a term of three years. If a new president is elected, the immediate past President shall serve as Director ex-officio for one year. Terms of office for Officers and elected Directors shall begin and end **after the elections** at the **Annual Meeting**.

Section 4 - Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall succeed for the remainder of the President's term. In the event of a vacancy in any other office, the Board shall appoint someone to fill the unexpired term of the person leaving office with the approval of the membership at the next general meeting.

Section 5 - Removal From Office

The process for removal of Officers or Directors may be initiated by a petition signed by one-fourth of the total membership and submitted to the Board for investigation. Following thorough investigation by the Board, including permitting individual(s) named in this petition to refute any charges or allegations at a closed hearing, the Board shall make recommendations to the membership at the next regular meeting of the AARA, and subsequently **notify the members via e-mail and/or publish that recommendation on the web site and in B-Plus**. The individual(s) then may be removed from office following an affirmative vote by 75% of the membership in attendance at the meeting following publication.

Article III: Duties of Officers

Section 1 - President

The president shall preside at all meetings of this Association and the Board of Directors, and conduct the same according to the rules adopted. The President's duties are as follows:

- i) Enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws.
- ii) Decide all questions of order.
- iii) Sign official documents that are adopted by the AARA.
- iv) Be responsible to the Board of Directors.
- v) Appoint **Committee** Chairpersons.
- vi) Perform all other customary duties pertaining to the Office of President.

Section 2 - Vice-President

The Vice-President shall be responsible for such matters as may be delegated by the President. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the functions of the President.

Section 3 – Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the AARA and of the Board of Directors, and carry out all correspondence. At the expiration of the term of office, the secretary shall turn over all AARA records in his/her possession to the successor.

Section 4 - Treasurer

The treasurer shall receive and record all monies paid to the AARA and shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended, and keep a roster of members. The treasurer shall pay no bills without proper authorization. The Board will authorize annual fixed operating expenditures. The Treasurer shall submit to the Secretary an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts at the Annual Election Meeting.

A brief treasurer's report shall be submitted at each general meeting. At the expiration of the Treasurer's term, all possessions belonging to the AARA shall be turned over to the successor, and an audit shall be performed.

Section 5 - Board of Directors

The affairs of the AARA shall be managed by a Board of Directors duly elected or appointed in accordance with Article II of this Constitution and By-Laws. The Board of Directors shall:

- i) Implement a **structure for governing** AARA operating activities as stipulated under the Constitution and By-Laws.
- ii) Direct the care of funds of the AARA.
- iii) Make appropriations for specific purposes, provided that such appropriations can be covered by funds available in the treasury.
- iv) Act upon all questions of acceptance and expulsion of members.
- v) Direct the business of the AARA, either itself or through its officers and **committees**.

The Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly to conduct the affairs of the AARA, with the first meeting being called within 60 days of the Board members assuming office. Subsequent meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, or at the request of any three or more members of this Board.

Five of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board.

The actions of the Board of Directors governing policy shall be reported to the Association at its next regular meeting.

Section 6 - Committees

For the purpose of coordinating AARA activities, the Board of Directors may form committees for specific purposes of interest to the organization, composed of members of the organization. The President shall be empowered to appoint a chair of a committee formed by the Board of Directors. The Chair of any committee thus formed would be empowered to appoint committee members to address the specific purpose. These committees would advise the Board of Directors and membership of the committee's activities on a regular basis. Committees formed would have a term ending at the Annual Meeting each year unless specifically extended past that date or terminated earlier by the Board of Directors.

Article IV: Meetings

The By-Laws shall define and provide for regular and special meetings. At all meetings, 75% of the average attendance of the last six general meetings shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article V: Dues

The Board of Directors, in accordance with By-Laws shall fix the amount of dues, to be paid annually in January. Members in arrears more than six months shall be considered not in good standing and not eligible to vote. Members in arrears more than one year will be dropped from the membership roster. Dropped members may be reinstated by reapplying for membership and paying one year's arrears and the current year's dues.

Article VI: Amendments

This Constitution, and these By-Laws, may be amended by a three-fourths majority vote of the membership present. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in written format stating both the part to be changed and the new provision proposed. Such proposals are to be put forth at a regular meeting of the AARA and may not be voted on until the following regular or special meeting. Advance written notification of the proposed change, by publication in B-plus, shall be made to the membership prior to the meeting of consideration and vote.

Article VII: Rules

When there is a question of procedure, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern.

Article VIII: Continuity

All rules, regulations and policies which were established prior to the adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws, if not in conflict with them, are still in effect.

BY-LAWS

MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall be held on the second Friday of each month at **or about 7:30 PM at the call to order by the president** from September through June. The meeting date may be changed due to a conflict of the normal meeting date with holidays or due to emergencies. Effort will be made by the Officers to contact all members and notify them of meeting date changes by the most expeditious method.

Special meetings of the AARA may be called by the Board of Directors, by the President, or upon request of 25 members sent by written notice to the Secretary. All members must be notified, at least one week before the date of the special meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Types of Membership

The types of membership shall be: (1) Honorary Life Membership, requiring no dues; (2) Full Membership, Junior Membership and family Membership requiring dues. **The initial dues structure and any changes in dues for each of the three dues-paying membership classes shall be recommended by the Board and approved by a majority vote of the membership present at the Annual Meeting. Dues for the junior and family membership classes are to be less than dues for the full membership class and may be zero.** Honorary Life Members shall be designated by the Board of Directors; no more than one per year may be awarded. Full Membership is accorded individuals over 18 years of age. Junior Membership is accorded those members under 18 years of age who are not included in a Family Membership.

Section 2 - Dues

The membership year extends from January 1 to December 31. One year's dues must accompany all applications for membership. New members joining September or later shall have their dues payments apply to the coming year. If the Board of Directors rejects an application for membership, dues accompanying such application shall be promptly refunded.

The treasurer shall notify delinquent members when they are between three to six months in arrears. This notification may be made **via e-mail**, in writing, by telephone, or by personal contact.

Section 3 - Expulsion of Members

Upon written request of ten or more members, that, for cause therein stated, a member of the AARA should be considered for expulsion, the Board of Directors shall advise in writing the accused of the specific charges. The accused shall have the right to appear before a special hearing convened by the Board of Directors. The accused shall be notified in writing at least fifteen days in advance of the convening of such a hearing. The case against the accused must be considered and a decision rendered no later than the next regular meeting of the Board. The decision for expulsion shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors.

OFFICIAL JOURNAL

The **B-Plus on line** shall be the official publication of the AARA.

2014 CQWW DX CONTEST -- PHONE RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	ZONES	CLAIMED SCORE
K2ONP	SO (H) A	1,160	347	- 100	1,496,556
N2LBR	M/S	960	339	- 102	1,199,520
(+WA1KKM)					
K2BX	SO (H) A	975	-	397 -	1,121,922
N1JP	SO (H) A	855	330	- 91	1,036,502
KM2O	SO (H)	946	-	384 -	1,027,584
N1CC	SO (L) A	878	306	- 107	1,001,112
WA3AFS	M/S	645	-	433 -	772,472
(+KD2ERU)					
WB2KLD	SO (L)	641	-	328 -	596,304
WK2H	SO (H) A	653	-	299 -	566,605
K2XF	SO (H) A	417	214	- 56	324,000
K2QY	SO (H)	433	176	- 53	283,044
K2EP	SO (H) A	320	-	219 -	205,641
WC2L	SO (H) A	232	143	- 46	120,582
W2GDJ	SO (H) A	200	-	? -	110,876

Send your CQWW CW scores to us at: sue.walt@dososaur.com

2014 ARRL NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES -- PHONE RESULTS

STATION	PREC	QSOs	SECTIONS	CLAIMED SCORE
KM2O	B	830	81	134,460
W2GDJ	U	515	83	83,450
K2QY	U	291	79	45,978
WB2KLD	A	216	74	31,798
WA3AFS	M	142	81	23,004
(+KD2ERU+Zach)				

2014 NEW YORK QSO PARTY

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	MULTS	CLAIMED SCORE
W2EG	SO (L)	541	86	93,052

NX2X	SO (H) MIX	509	91	60,424
WA3AFS	SO (H) MIX	265	89	24,386
WB2KLD	SO (L)	110	53	5,830
K2QY/M	MMOB (L)	103	42	4,326
(+KM2O)				



73, and thanks for all the scores!

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Capital Region Amateur Radio Events Calendar.

A collaborative Google Calendar with other Capital Region ham groups to showcase ham radio public service events, meetings, hamfests, VE sessions and things ham radio. Import events directly into your personal calendar. Visit directly

at: <http://k2ct.org/events.html>

ATVET

If you can HELP OUT on future dates :

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

More Contests

NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Dec 12
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 12
ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 13 to 2400Z, Dec 14
NAQCC CW Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Dec 17
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Dec 19
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 19
Russian 160-Meter Contest	2000Z-2400Z, Dec 19
OK DX RTTY Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 20
Feld Hell Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 20
Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party	0001Z, Dec 20 to 2359Z, Jan 4
Croatian CW Contest	1400Z, Dec 20 to 1400Z, Dec 21
ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW	1800Z-2359Z, Dec 21
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Dec 22
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Dec 24
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Dec 26
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 26
DARC Christmas Contest	0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26
RAC Winter Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 27
SARTG New Year RTTY Contest	0800Z-1100Z, Jan 1
ARRL RTTY Roundup	1800Z, Jan 3 to 2400Z, Jan 4
EUCW 160m Contest	2000Z, Jan 3 to 0700Z, Jan 4
North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Jan 10 to 0600Z, Jan 11

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