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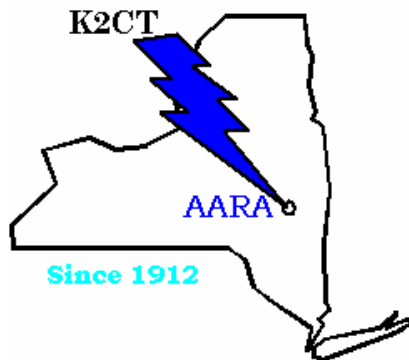
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## AARA

Meets at the  
Colonie Community Center

1653 Central Ave. Colonie

**Friday FEB. 10**

Social Hour 6:55 PM  
Selling begins 7:16 PM

refreshments  
soda, diet soda, coffee

## FEB. Meeting

**At the February Meeting  
AARA Club Flea Market  
Bring your goodies to sell  
Bring money to buy**

### K2CT Repeater

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

**or**

**444.30 (+) w/pl tone 100.0Hz**

**K2CT Repeater 145.19  
w/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 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

**ATTENTION AARA CONTESTERS!**

**\*\*\* HF CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT \*\*\***

The 2006 ARRL International DX Contest is coming! The CW weekend is February 18-19 and the Phone weekend is March 4-5. Get on, have some fun, and send us your scores for publication in B-Plus! Send us your call, entry category, mode, power level, number of QSOs, number of country multipliers, and claimed score.

Send all of the above (plain text only) to:  
sue.walt@verizon.net

See you in the pileups! 73,  
Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

**Operating Events**

- Feb 11-12 - CQWW RTTY WPX
- Feb 11-13 – Northern NY QSO Party
- Feb 18-19 - ARRL International DX Contest
- Feb 25-26 - CQ WW 160-Meter Contest—CW
- March 4-5 - CQ WW 160-Meter Contest—SSB

# AARA Annual Dinner

**Friday April 7, 2006**

AARA Dinner is scheduled for Friday, April 7, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the Shaker Ridge Country Club, with Cash bar opening at 6:00PM.

Our Speaker will be Investigator Julie Murphy, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Counter Terrorism Intelligence Unit, New York State Police, who will make a presentation on "Operation Safeguard & Counter Terrorism Awareness".

Dinner this year will cost \$30.00 per person (inflation finally hit the cost of food). Choices are:

- Prime Rib of Beef
- Cranberry Harvest Chicken
- or Potato Encrusted Halibut.

Please let Bud Hovey, WF2B know your choice as soon as possible and please pay by check made out to AARA or cash by our March 10 meeting.

Checks can be either given to Bud at the February or March meetings or sent to him by mail:

Harry Hovey,  
15 Sylvan Lane,  
Troy, NY 12180-8542

You can reach Bud at 283-2337 or [wf2b@verizon.net](mailto:wf2b@verizon.net).

## AARA DXCC TOTALS

CALL	CURRENT	TOTAL	COUNTRIES NEEDED
K2XF	335	343	
K2XA	334	352	BS7
K2VV	333	354	
K2EP	333	337	BS7, VU7
WK2H	329		4W, BS7, E4, FO/M, P5, VU4
K2ONP	327	332	FR/G, FR/J, FT/X, VK9X, YVO, ZL8, ZS8
W2GDJ	321		7O, BS7, FR/G, FR/J, FT5W, FT5X, FT5Z, KP1, VU7,
K2BX	316	315	
N1JP	300		
NA2NA	186	188	

## CHALLENGE AWARD TOTALS

	TOTAL
K2VV	2431
K2XF	2054
K2BX	1507
K2EP	1397
W2GDJ	583

**Congratulation K2BX for receiving 1500 band country endorsement for the Challenge award.**

Their must more DXers out there. Please send me you totals.  
Ernie, k2ep@arrl.net

## FCC ORDERS AMATEUR RULE CHANGES TO CONFORM WITH WRC-03

The ARRL Letter Vol. 25, No. 04 Jan. 27, 2006

The FCC has ordered several rule revisions to implement changes agreed to at the international level during World Radiocommunication Conference 2003 (WRC-03). Acting Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Chief Catherine W. Seidel signed the Order, released January 19. The changes affect §97.111, Authorized transmissions; §97.113, Prohibited transmissions; §97.115, Third party communications, and §97.117, International communications.

"These amendments will ensure that the Commission's Amateur Radio Service rules conform to Article 25 of the international Radio Regulations adopted at the 2003 World Radiocommunication Conference, and will further the Commission's ongoing efforts to streamline its Amateur Service Rules," the FCC said. "The overall effect of this action is to update the Part 97 Amateur Radio Service rules in the Code of Federal Regulations to conform to now-effective international agreements."

The rule changes will become effective upon publication in The Federal Register. The FCC Order revises:

\* §97.111(a)(1) to permit "transmissions necessary to exchange messages with other stations in the Amateur Service, except those in any country whose administration has notified the ITU that it objects to such communications. The FCC will issue public notices of current arrangements for international communications." The old language permitted communication among amateur stations in different countries "except those in any country whose administration has given notice that it objects to such communications."

The FCC said the change does not prejudice its proposal to amend §97.111(a)(2) to clarify that amateur stations may, at all times and on all authorized channels, transmit communications necessary to meet essential needs and to facilitate relief actions.

\* §97.115(a)(2) to facilitate the transmission of international communications on behalf of third parties in emergency or disaster-relief situations, whether or not a third-party agreement is in place between the US and the countries involved. The revision now permits communication with any non-US station "when transmitting emergency or disaster relief communications" as well as with any non-US station "whose administration has made arrangements with the United States to allow amateur stations to be used for transmitting international communications on behalf of third parties." The revised rule further provides that no station may transmit third-party traffic other than emergency or disaster relief communications to a station in a country lacking a third-party arrangement. Still excepted from the prohibition is any third party eligible to be the control operator of an amateur station.

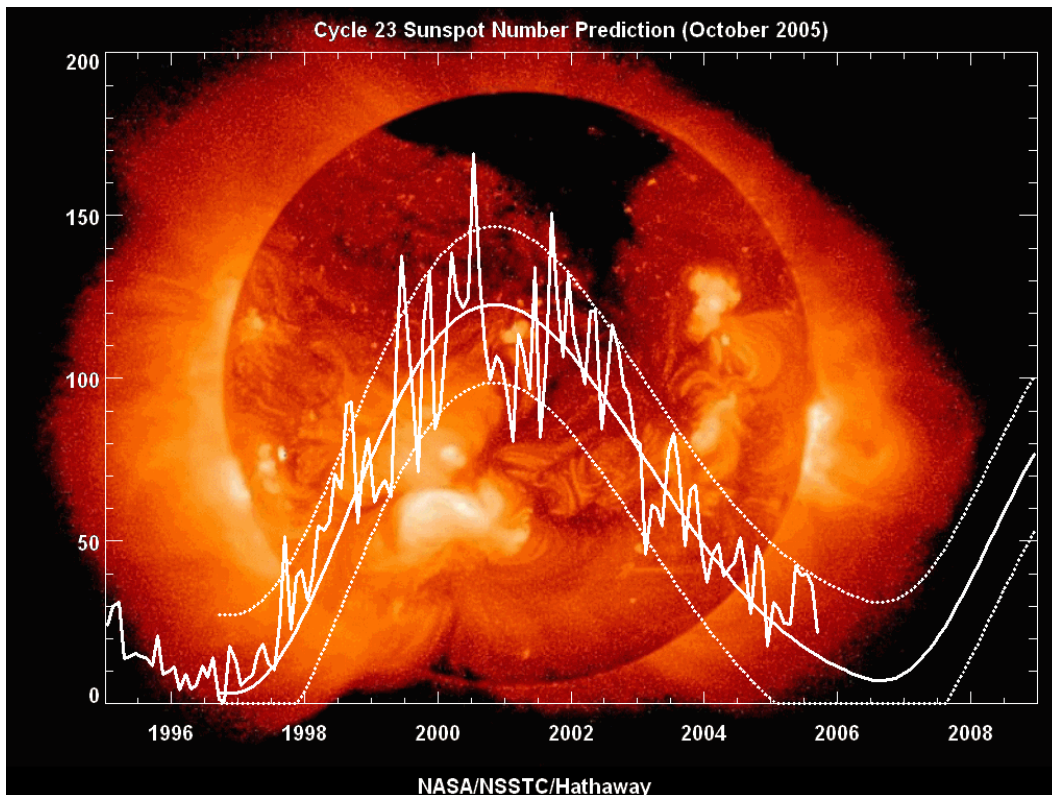
\* §97.113(a)(4) to prohibit amateur stations exchanging messages with amateur stations in other countries from making transmissions that are encoded for the purpose of obscuring their meaning, except for control signals exchanged between Earth command stations and space stations in the Amateur-Satellite service, something Part 97 already provides for. The old rule referred to the use of "codes and ciphers." The same rule also already prohibits transmitting music, communications intended to facilitate a criminal act, obscene or indecent words or language and false or deceptive messages, signals or identification.

\* §97.117 to state that amateur stations may transmit communications incidental to the purposes of the Amateur Service and to remarks of a personal character.

The FCC also revised §97.3 and 97.309 to update the definition of International Morse code and of various digital codes in the amateur rules to reflect changes in the international Radio Regulations.

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**April 7, 2006**  
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# THE END IS NEAR



It looks like NASA is predicting sunspot cycle #23 to bottom out around the end of the year. 10 meters may be dead, but there is plenty of DX on 30 meters and down. This is a good time to work on your 160 totals. Lets hope that the DX gods are with us and cycle 24 is a super one. 73, K2EP

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

**WE** are looking for pictures of your Ham Shack

Send pictures to Peter, N2KAD

**Please** try the new site and let me know what you think. If you have any feedback please let me know.

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

**Are You Changing Your Address:** Please contact Bill, K2BX with your address corrections: Bill Nettleton, K2BX 7 Frederick Pl., Troy, NY

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Bring your goodies to sell  
Bring money to buy

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

**Public Service:**  
*Volunteer CONTACT John, WE2F at 283-4304*  
**AARA WE Need YOU to Volunteer AARA**

12180 or e-mail at [k2bx@arrl.net](mailto:k2bx@arrl.net)  
B-PLUS March deadline is Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>