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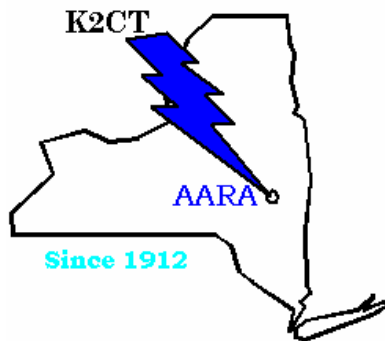
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AARA

Meets at the
Colonie Community Center
1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday Feb 13

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

refreshments
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

FEB MEETING

Join us this month, as our own Bruce Goldstein WA3AFS, will be discussing an easy to construct antenna made entirely of coax. It is called the Coaxial Inverted L and it is great for working DX. Bruce will present design and construction as well as his experiences with this antenna for over 25 years. He will also talk about his quest for finding a workable 160M antenna that he started almost 40 years ago. I'm sure others have had a similar quest!

So head out on Friday the 13th (of February) and beat the winter blues to get the facts on an antenna that your sure to want to build when the weather breaks this spring!! See you there!!

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,
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*** 2008 AARA 10-METER SPRINT RESULTS ***

CALL	QSOs	SCORE
W2GDJ	58	67
WA1KKM	51	60
WA3AFS	47	56
KM2O	43	52
WD2AJS	38	47
KB2HPX	38	47
N1EU	36	45
K2CT (K2BX, op.)	45	45
WF2B	30	39
WA2MMX	27	36
KC2NIF	24	33
K2XF	17	26
K2EP	11	20
N4ZHG	1	1

The new "10-minute" rule kept things lively for the whole hour. Look for these rules to apply until the sunspots return.

Thanks to Bud, WF2B, whose logging macro made keeping track of the QSOs (and the clock) easy!

W2GDJ is officially declared this year's winner. Congratulations!

73,
Sue, N2LBR

LAURA L. SMITH NAMED TO AMATEUR RADIO ENFORCEMENT ROLE

Laura L. Smith of Pennsylvania has been named by the FCC to fill the vacancy created when Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, retired in 2008 as Special Counsel for the Spectrum Enforcement Division of the FCC's Enforcement Bureau. Hollingsworth served in that position for more than 10 years as the FCC's enforcement watchdog over the Amateur Radio Service <<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/07/03/10198>>.

A 1990 graduate of the Pepperdine University School of Law, Smith began her legal career with the FCC, working in the Mass Media Bureau and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. She also served as Deputy Division Chief of the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division. Smith is currently licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

ICHAEL J. COPPS NAMED ACTING FCC CHAIRMAN

On Thursday, January 22, President Barack Obama named current FCC Commissioner Michael Copps as Acting Chairman of the Commission. Rumors circulated in mid-January that technology executive Julius Genachowski would be nominated as Chairman. Copps will serve as Acting Chairman until a new Commissioner/Chairman is confirmed.

"I am honored to be designated as Acting Chairman of the FCC," Copps said in a statement released by the FCC. "I thank President Obama for his confidence in me and for this opportunity to serve. I know that I have a truly gifted and terrific team to work with. I pledge every effort I am capable of to help steer the Commission through its current transition to new leadership."

ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, congratulated Copps on his appointment. "Whenever we have sought a meeting with him or his staff, his door has always been open to us," he said.

Currently serving a second term as FCC Commissioner, Copps began his first term with the Commission in 2001. Before his appointment to the FCC, he served as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Trade Development at the US Department of Commerce, where he was previously Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Basic Industries. Copps came to Washington in 1970, joining the staff of Senator Ernest Hollings (D-SC) and served for more than a decade as his Chief of Staff. He has also held positions at a Fortune 500 company and at a major trade association. Before coming to Washington, Copps was a professor of American history at Loyola University of the South. He received a BA from Wofford College and earned a PhD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Upon being sworn in for his second term as FCC Commissioner in 2006, Copps said that "The last four and a half years have been tremendously transformative for the world of telecommunications and the media. The future holds even greater challenge. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues on the Commission, with the Congress and with all the other stakeholders to help bring the most advanced, accessible and cost-effective communications system in the world to all American consumers."

LOGBOOK OF THE WORLD NOW EASIER THAN EVER

In order to better accommodate new users as well as existing account holders, ARRL's Logbook of The World (LoTW) has been updated <<http://www.arrl.org/lotw/>>. According to ARRL Membership and Volunteer Programs Assistant Manager Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, these improvements were made based LoTW help questions and listening to users.

"Through the efforts of Membership and Volunteer Services Manager Dave Patton, NN1N, and Information Technology Manager Jon Bloom, KE3Z, we have also added an automated results table on the LoTW Users Home Page that lists members in numeric order who have achieved the Triple Play Award," said ARRL Chief Operating Officer

Harold Kramer, WJ1B. "IT personnel have also fixed a number of longstanding issues with Logbook in recent weeks, and some additional enhancements are underway."

The GET STARTED section <<http://www.arrl.org/lotw/start.html>> has been simplified with links for each of the four steps in the certificate process.

New ARRL Triple Play WAS Award started January 1. See <http://www.arrl.org/awards/> for details.

==> THE BIG STORY -- ARRL Expands Member Access to QST Archive (Jan 29, 2009) -- ARRL is pleased to announce that online access to the QST archive will be expanded. Beginning February 1, 2009, ARRL members will be able to search and view QST -- from December 1915 through December 2005 right from their computer. With an additional year -- 2005 -- added to the viewable archive, this valuable benefit is available to all ARRL members. See <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/01/29/10599/?nc=1>

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WE are looking for pictures of your Ham Shack Send pictures to Peter, N2KAD

Please try the 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 with any suggestions.

K2CT Repeater

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

CONTESTS

YLRL YL-OM Contest	1400Z, Feb 13 to 0200Z, Feb 15
PODXS 070 Club Valentine Sprint	2000 local, Feb 13 to 0200 local, Feb 14
CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	0000Z, Feb 14 to 2400Z, Feb 15
New Hampshire QSO Party	0001Z, Feb 14 to 0001Z, Feb 15
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Feb 14
Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, CW	1100Z-1300Z, Feb 14
Dutch PACC Contest	1200Z, Feb 14 to 1200Z, Feb 15
KCJ Topband Contest	1200Z, Feb 14 to 1200Z, Feb 15
Louisiana QSO Party	1500Z, Feb 14 to 0300Z, Feb 15
OMISS QSO Party	1500Z, Feb 14 to 1500Z, Feb 15
FISTS Winter Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Feb 14
RSGB 1st 1.8 MHz Contest, CW	2100Z, Feb 14 to 0100Z, Feb 15
North American Sprint, SSB	0000Z-0400Z, Feb 15
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Feb 16
AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening	1900Z-2030Z, Feb 18
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	2000Z-2130Z, Feb 19
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Feb 20
<i>ARRL International DX Contest (CW)</i>	<i>0000Z, Feb 21 to 2400Z, Feb 22</i>
REF Contest, SSB	0600Z, Feb 21 to 1800Z, Feb 22
Feld Hell Sprint	1700Z-2000Z, Feb 21
High Speed Club CW Contest	0900Z-1100Z, Feb 22 and 1500Z-1700Z, Feb 22
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Feb 27
Russian PSK WW Contest	2100Z, Feb 27 to 2100Z, Feb 28
CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB	2200Z, Feb 27 to 2159Z, Mar 1
UBA DX Contest, CW	1300Z, Feb 28 to 1300Z, Mar 1
Mississippi QSO Party	1500Z, Feb 28 to 0300Z, Mar 1
North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Feb 28 to 0600Z, Mar 1
<i>ARRL International DX Contest (Phone)</i>	<i>March 7 - 8</i>

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).

We are affiliated with the ARRL/VEC, and have been proud to provide testing opportunities since 1984. If you have any questions, please feel free to phone Gerald Murray, WA2IWW, (evenings and weekends) at 518-482-8700, or e-mail me at atvet@n2ty.org.

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