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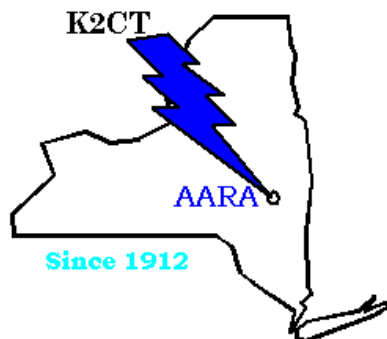
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## AARA

Meets at the  
Colonie Community Center  
1653 Central Ave. Colonie  
**Friday FEB 12**

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

refreshments  
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

# FEB. MEETING

### 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

Local Public Service

Operating Events  
Get on the air

ATVET  
Albany/Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

Propagation for 2010

AARA Dinner will be April 9<sup>th</sup>

## 50/50 Raffle at the meeting

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

First Drawing 50% of the raffle money

## AARA DINNER

Western Turnpike Golf Course

2354 Western Avenue

Guilderland, NY 12084

Price is \$35.00 per person

Dinner choices are:

- 1) Chicken Scarpiello
- 2) Stuffed Pork Tenderloin
- 3) Haddock François
- 4) Vegetarian Dish

Fri, April 9th 2010

We are working on a Guest Speaker.

Payment can be sent to Stephen Hans KC2VUE, 38 Parker School Rd, Johnsonville, NY 12094.

OR see him at the meeting

I will also be sending out a flyer to everyone by the end of February.

\*\*\* AARA CONTESTERS ON THE AIR \*\*\*

### 2009 ARRL 160-METER CONTEST RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOS	MULTS	CLAIMED SCORE
N1EU	M/S	949	113	236,509
WA3AFS	SO(H)	402	99	89,100
K2EP	M/S	307	69	45,057
W2GDJ	SO(L)	220	60	27,120

### 2009 ARRL 10-METER CONTEST RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOS	MULTS	CLAIMED SCORE
N1CC*	M/S(L)MIX	324	48	45,600
W2EG	SO(H)CW	134	30	16,080
KM2O	M/S(H)PH	59	22	2,596
W2GDJ	SO(H)CW	30	17	2,040
WA3AFS	M/S	25	13	650

\*AARA Member Emeritus

Don't forget to get on for the ARRL International DX Contest (February 20-21 for CW, March 6-7 for Phone) and send us your scores!

73,  
Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

## FCC Notice of Proposed Rule Making to Revise and Clarify Vanity Call Sign Rules Open for Comments

Late last year, the FCC [issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making \(NPRM\)](#) -- [WT Docket 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. Interested parties may make comments on the NPRM in the following ways: via the [Federal eRulemaking Portal](#) or via the FCC's [Web site](#). Comments must be submitted by March 26, 2010; reply comments are due no later than April 12, 2010.

**HELP** Well I fired up my Drake TR-7 today in anticipation of getting in the AARA 10 meter Sprint next week. I have not had it on in a while.

Anyway after being on for a while the audio went dead and the digital display was floating all over the place. I looked at it for a while but what do I know.

The last technical person to look at it was Fred Fegley, KA2MTI. That was over 10 years ago and I surmise that he is a SK.

Two things:

1) Does anyone have any ideas what might be wrong with it.

2) Does anyone know of a reasonable repair person who has time to look at this old thing?

73 de Peter, N2KAD [hines@nycap.rr.com](mailto:hines@nycap.rr.com)

## ARRL Board Makes History and Elects Its First Woman President –

From: Hudson Division Beacon  
E-mail edition - # 105

ARRL Board Elects 15th President: Kay Craigie, N3KN (Jan 16, 2010) --

As its first order of business at the 2010 Annual Meeting, the ARRL Board of Directors elected ARRL First Vice President Kay Craigie, N3KN, of Blacksburg, Virginia, as the organization's new President.

She will take over the reins from outgoing President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, at the close of the Annual Meeting. In October, Harrison advised the Board that he would not seek re-election. See full story at

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2010/01/16/11292/?nc=1>

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Does anyone happen to have an EIDE controller card lying around in the junk box? The hard drive controller on my PC failed and I'm trying to get the box going again. Frank, N4ZHG, 473-9256

### Contest

**Feb 20-21** ARRL International DX Contest CW

**Feb 13-14** CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest

Feb 14 North American Sprint, SSB

Feb 26-28 Russian PSK WW Contest

Feb 27-28 CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB

North American QSO Party, RTTY

Feb 28-March 1 North Carolina QSO Party

**March 6-7** International DX Contest PHONE

The [2009 ARRL Periodicals on CD-ROM](#) is now available and includes the complete 2009 fully searchable collection of three ARRL journals -- [QST](#), [QEX](#), and the National Contest Journal ([NCJ](#)). Users of Amazon.com's Kindle, as well as Apple's iPhone and iPod touch, can now [download ARRL's General Q&A and Extra Q&A](#) directly from the online book seller. These two titles join the *Tech Q&A* that was released for the Kindle in December.

### ARLX003 Haiti Amateur Radio Frequency Update/Reciprocal Operating

Clearance Special Bulletin 3 ARLX003

Jan 25, 2010

Considering the improving communications situation in Haiti, Dr Cesar Pio Santos, HR2P, IARU Region 2 EMCOR, announced the release of HF frequencies, including 7.045 and 3.720 MHz, for normal use. He states, "We thank the world radio amateur community for their support in keeping these frequencies clear during the past days.

the earthquake. Port-au-Prince, January 20, 2010, Montaigne Marcelin, Directeur Général.

In addition, CONATEL (the Haitian Telecomm regulator) has set up temporary offices and released a public notice. Amateurs wishing to operate in Haiti to assist with disaster relief need to contact CONATEL to get formal reciprocal operating clearance.

The text of the CONATEL public notice is as follows:

The National Council of Telecommunications (CONATEL) hereby notifies the general public, and those particularly impacted, that following the widespread damage caused by the violent earthquake of January 12, 2010, a satellite office of CONATEL was installed at Number 97 of the Avenue Panaméricaine in Pétiion-Ville with the goal of assuring the continuity of its work. This arrangement will allow, among other things, better coordination for establishing a temporary emergency telecommunications network in Haiti.

Consequently, all concerned are asked to contact CONATEL at the above mentioned address between 9 AM and 1 PM and throughout the day at the following telephone numbers: (you must dial the international calling code 011 and then the Haitian country code 509 first): 3454-0541, 2516-0000 or 3702-1414, or at these e-mail addresses: [techommunication@yahoo.fr](mailto:techommunication@yahoo.fr) or [info@conatel.gouv.ht](mailto:info@conatel.gouv.ht) before any use of telecommunications equipment or the spectrum resources.

We hope to avoid interference problems and possible conflicts between the incumbent operators established in Haiti and those who are newly operating in this unusual circumstance.

The National Council of Telecommunications (CONATEL), while thanking the telecommunications service providers for all their efforts to keep their networks operational despite the widespread damage that has been noted, takes this opportunity to offer its sympathies to the families of the victims of

## Schenectady Amateur Radio Association **80th Anniversary Celebration**

The SARA members are inviting all adjacent radio clubs and their members to help us celebrate our

**80th anniversary**

Date: 5 April 2010

Time: 7 PM.

Price Chopper Community room  
1639 Eastern Parkway  
Schenectady NY 12309

<http://events.cbs6albany.com/schenectady-ny/venues/show/651184-price-chopper-community-room>

Our guest speaker will be

**Dave Sumner** K1ZZ from ARRL HQ.

We ask for a ball-park estimate of members that may be attending, so we can order a sufficient quantity of cake.

More info contact Hal Post AK2E, SARA Secretary [ak2e@arrl.net](mailto:ak2e@arrl.net)

**Are You Changing Your Address:** Please contact Walt, WA1KKM 456-3637 or via e-mail [sue.walt@verizon.net](mailto:sue.walt@verizon.net) with your address corrections

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