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AARA Next Meeting:
Wednesday, February 4th, 2026
7:30 PM - Slingerlands Firehouse

Topic:
POTA and SOTA Activations

PLEASE Pay Your Dues
Dues are \$20
Checks can be sent to:

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Winter Field Day (Almost)

As the club has done in the previous years, we planned to join the Winter Field Day event by setting up at the Waldman Lodge at Albany County's Lawson Lake Park, January 24 and 25th. Unfortunately, the County decided to cancel our reservation due to the predicted low temperatures and high winds on Saturday and heavy snow on Sunday.

Despite the cold weather, we did set up antennas and radios on Friday the 23rd. Thanks to everyone who participated!



Tri-Bander On Push Up Tower



End Fed Wire Antenna



Two and Six Meter On the Side of the Lodge



Everything All Packed Up

CQ DX Marathon

Starting January 1 of each year and running until the end of December, the DX Marathon is the perfect answer for the DX-er who needs that extra incentive to get on the air every day.

Simply work as many **countries** and **CQ Zones** as you can in each calendar year, regardless of the band or mode. Each country and zone counts only once, so you can concentrate on working new ones, rather than working the same ones on multiple bands and modes. (From: <https://dxmarathon.com>)

Rules are here: <https://dxmarathon.com/rules/2026>

New 60-Meter Frequencies Available as of February 13

The new 60-meter frequencies approved by the FCC in December will become available to amateurs as of February 13, 2026, along with new power restrictions on those frequencies. It's a bit confusing, as different rules apply to different segments of the band. The changes result from the FCC's action to approve a worldwide 60-meter amateur allocation made by the World Radiocommunication Conference in 2015 (WRC-15).

See <https://tinyurl.com/mt8p8jpa>. (Source: ARRL.org)

Swap Shop

Have radio gear you want to buy, sell, trade, or give away?

Please send your item descriptions to wa3afs@arrl.net or dgherring@hotmail.com

Important Links:

Find a license class in your area: www.arrl.org/class

Find a license exam in your area: www.arrl.org/exam

The Eastern Iowa DX Bulletin:

<http://www.eidxa.org/EIDXBulletin.html>