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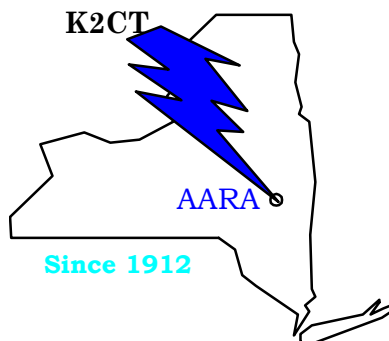
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Colonie Community Center

1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday JAN 14

Social Hour 6:55 PM
Meeting 7:45 PM

refreshments
soda, diet soda, coffee

JAN. Meeting

January's program will feature will be George Bowen "W2XBS". George will speak about THIS WEEK IN AMATEUR RADIO which can be heard every Saturday evening at 9 pm on the K2CT repeater. TWIAR is full of news and technical information that is geared exclusively to our hobby. For more information see the TWIAR web site. <http://www.twiar.org>

K2CT Repeater

Talk-in repeater
145.19 (-) MHz
pl tone 100.0hz

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
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

SWAP SHOP

Send items to B-Plus editor, Mike, WD2AJS at wd2ajs@arrl.net or call 489-3110

SWAP: Hughes Network Systems Eliptical Satellite Dish (35" w X 22" t) and fixed pole mount (with both DSS and FSS LNB's attached (condition unknown). Free (or for swap credit towards used 2 m equipment). Contact Bryan (KC2NIF) at Bryan88@yahoo.com

..DXCC..

I'm looking for DXCC statistics from AARA club members. Here's what I have so far.

	Current	Total	Countries needed
K2XF	335	343	
K2XA	334	346	BS7
K2EP	332	337	BS7. VU4. VU7
WK2H	329		4W. BS7. E4. FO/M. P5. VU4
K2ONP	327	332	FR/G, FR/J, FT/X, VK9X, YV0, ZL8, ZS8
W2GDJ	313		3C0, 7O, BS7, FR/G, FR/J, FT5W, FT5X, FT5Z, KH7, KP1, KP5, ST, T5, VU4, VU7, YV0, ZS8
K2BX	311	315	
N1JP	300		
NA2NA	186	188	

Congratulations to K2BX on receiving 5BDXCC and the Challenge award

I will update the list every few months. If you need ten or less countries, include a list of them. If you have any other DX awards (dxcc, 5bdxcc, waz, challenge), send me a list and will publish them in B+. K2EP@arrl.net

73, Ernie K2EP



DEC 2004 Meeting

AARA Annual Dinner

Please mark your calendars. The annual dinner will be **Friday April 8, 2005** at the Shaker Ridge Country Club. More details later

Bud Hovey, WF2B

60th anniversary

The ARRL Letter Vol. 23, No. 50 Dec. 24, 2004

CQ to celebrate 60th anniversary with "CQ Gang" on-air event: CQ Amateur Radio magazine invites Amateur Radio operators around the world to join in celebrating its 60th anniversary by taking part in an on-air event during the first 60 days of 2005. CQ's first issue was published in January, 1945. During the "CQ Gang" activity--January 1 until March 1, 2005--all hams ever associated with CQ as staff members, contributing editors or authors--as well as current subscribers to CQ, CQ VHF and Popular Communications may sign "/60" after their call signs. Certificates will be issued for contacts with enough /60 stations to garner a minimum of 60 contact points, based on number of contacts times the number of different position multipliers (eg, editor, columnist etc) worked. Shortwave listeners also are eligible to earn contact points and certificates. Endorsements will be issued up to 600 points. CQ club station WW2CQ will be active from various parts of the US during the event. Separate certificates will be available for working WW2CQ in all call sign districts from which it is active. Complete rules for the CQ Gang 60th Anniversary activity appear in the December 2004 issue of CQ and on the CQ Web site <<http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/CQ60 Award Dec04.pdf>>.

On 146.94 MHz Repeater from
6:30-8:00 AM Jock, KB2GOM runs a
2-meter Commuter Net.

During severe inclement weather,
June, KB2JTG runs a 2-meter
Commuter Net from 4:00-6:00 PM

AARA ANNUAL SPRINT

2004 RESULTS

CALL	QSOs	SCORE
K2XA	43	52
NA2NA	42	51
K2CT (W2GDJ, op.)	49	49
K2XF	40	49
K2EP	38	47
K2ONP	36	45
K2QNU	28	37
W2AU	24	33
KV2F	22	31
N2USM	21	30
KB2HPX	20	29
WA1KKM	20	29
N2MQQ	13	22
KC2NIF	12	21
N1EU	12	21
WD2AJS	12	21
WA2UET	11	20
WA2MMX	10	19
K2BX	??	??
KA2BHP	??	??
KB2HPW	??	??
N1JP	??	??
NW2J	??	??
W2DHT	??	??
W2LBB	??	??
WE2F	??	??

Also heard on the air for the sprint were the following stations:

K4XS, KG4IGC, NY2U, K4XSS, WK4R, AG4TO, WA2WQZ, K9OM, N1GXC, W4NFL, WA4TOL, AI4FR, K4ADR, K1GBS, K1ZZ, N4GI, KI4HMW, N2WP, WB4GRE, WA4CIB, K4DLG, KI4BSQ

73,
Sue, N2LBR and Walt, WA1KKM

Public Service:

Volunteer CONTACT John, WE2F at 283-4304

AARA WE Need YOU to Volunteer **AARA**

www.k2ct.net

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 with any suggestions.

Handheld vs. cell phone

The ARRL Letter Vol. 23, No. 50 Dec. 24, 2004

Handheld outplays cell phone in accident's wake: When Storey County, Nevada, Emergency Coordinator Randy Davenport, KA4NMA, got into an automobile accident early on December 10, he sure was glad to have his 2-meter handheld transceiver along. "I was going down a side road and hit a sheet of ice," he reports. "I fishtailed into the other lane and nearly hit a car head on! But for some reason, my Ford Explorer turned sideways going down the road, and it did not roll over." Instead, he ended up sliding off the roadway into a creek, sustaining some injuries in the process. "I had no cell phone service, so I grabbed my HT and put out a call on 146.61," he said (the antenna for his 2-meter mobile was broken in the accident). Richard Foreman, KK7SL, an ARES Assistant Emergency Coordinator in Carson City, heard his distress call and dialed 911. "The fire and sheriff department was on the scene within minutes," Davenport said. "Lesson learned: Cell phones do not work everywhere. Always carry a 2-meter radio (or other band) of some sort--handheld with charged battery or mobile--for emergency communication."



DEC 2004 Meeting

2004 CQWW DX CONTEST -- CW RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	ZONES	CLAIMED SCORE
N1EU	SO (H) A	1577	520	152	2,975,616
W2GDJ	SO (H) A	837	360	118	1,100,356
N1JP	SO (H) A	762	329	110	927,168
K2EP	SO (H) A	700	346	105	881,254
K2XF	SO (H) A	603	317	102	691,769
K2XA	SO 20M	1508	123	38	684,089
N2LBR					
(+WA1KKM)	M/S	645	290	93	676,378
K2ONP	SO (H) A	535	(370)		552,410
WK2H	SO (H) A	404	228	70	336,442
W2GB	SO (H)	280	134	66	145,600

2004 ARRL NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES -- CW RESULTS

STATION	PREC	QSOs	SECTIONS	CLAIMED SCORE
K2ONP	U	527	80	84,320
W2XM	A	292	71	41,464
W2GDJ	A	275	65	35,750

2004 ARRL NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES -- PHONE RESULTS

STATION	PREC	QSOs	SECTIONS	CLAIMED SCORE
W2GDJ	U	1286	80	205,760
KM2O	A	285	75	42,750
WB2KLD	A	255	74	37,740
K2ONP	U	244	68	33,184
K2XA	A	200	57	22,800

DX-Cluster can be
accessed
on web at
<telnet://na2na.net>

AARA Home Page
<http://www.k2ct.net>

73, Sue, N2LBR and Walt, WA1KKM

AARA **February** meeting will feature a **flee market**. Doors will open at 7 pm. Space is limited, so please stick to ham and computer items. **REMEMBER, IF YOU BROUGHT IT AND DIDN'T SELL IT, YOU TAKE IT HOME.**

Please do not leave any thing in the meeting room. A short meeting will follow.

B-PLUS Feb deadline is Jan. 30th.

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