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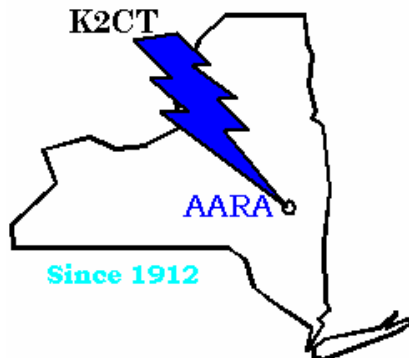
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AARA

Meets at the
Colonie Community Center
1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday Jan. 11

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

refreshments
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

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

JAN. Meeting

George Bowen W2XBS the executive
producer of the program, **This Week in
Amateur Radio**, and president of
Community Video Associates, Inc.,
which produces it.

He will discuss the details of how this
bulletin is put together and distributed
on repeaters, HF, internet, satellite,
podcasts and 3 meter broadcast
throughout the world on a weekly basis

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K2CT Repeater
Talk-in repeater 145.19 (-) MHz
pl tone 103.5Hz
Down for Repairs
or
444.30 (+) w/pl tone 100.0Hz

George Bowen W2XBS January 11th, 2008

Meeting Program

Producing This Week in Amateur Radio
Many of us may have heard of the weekly amateur radio production of This Week in Amateur Radio. It is an international production that has its roots right here in the Capital Region. Our own George Bowen W2XBS the executive producer of the program and president of Community Video Associates, Inc., which produces it, will be with us to discuss the details of how this bulletin is put together and distributed on repeaters, HF, internet, satellite, podcasts and 3 meter broadcast throughout the world on a weekly basis. AARA's own club repeater on 145.190 Mhz is the flagship repeater for this broadcast. George works tirelessly on this production for the good of amateur radio and we are pleased to welcome him and learn the engineering behind this valuable service. Check out www.twiar.org es hope to see you all there!!

AARA Fall 2007 Licensing Course

AARA is proud to welcome 6 new hams to the hobby! AARA sponsored a licensing class this fall at the Colonie Village Family Recreation Center.

Special thanks go to Bob, W2XM for spearheading this entire project and coordinating with Brian Casey at the Village Center for the meeting space. An excited class for sure and we hope to welcome them officially at future club meetings. Additionally, AARA would like to thank the teachers who freely donated many hours of time for the furtherance of our hobby; Bud, WF2B Dave, N2DU, Rob K1UI and Nathaniel KB2HPX.

The list of new licensees is as follows:

Dean Christian, KC2SQH, Andrew Costello, KC2SQI, Bob Kramer, KC2SQK, Judith Marsh, KC2SQL, Dave Vrablic, KC2SQM and Manoj Khambete, KC2SQJ.

Brian Casey who was also in the class will take his exam in January.

If you see these new hams at a future club meeting, be sure to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome! Please consider offering your expertise as an instructor at a future AARA licensing class; our hobby depends on it!

www.k2ct.net

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.

Question Pool

Hudson Division Beacon - e-mail edition - # 81

New Amateur Extra Class Question Pool Released (Dec 26, 2007) -- The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) has released the new pool of questions for the Amateur Extra class license

- see <http://www.ncvec.org/page.php?id=338>
This pool will become effective for examinations given on or after July 1, 2008, and should be in service until June 30, 2012. The pool, which consists of 741 questions and 12 graphics, can be downloaded from the NCVEC Web site in Word, PDF or RTF formats. If you have any questions concerning the new Amateur Extra question pool, please contact the NCVEC's Question Pool Committee via e-mail at qpc@ncvec.org

ARRL's Logbook of the World

The ARRL Letter Vol. 26, No. 50 Dec. 21, 2007

ARRL's Logbook of the World Counts More Than 150 Million Contacts: ARRL's Logbook of the World (LoTW) -- a repository of log records submitted by users from around the world -- passed its latest milestone Wednesday, December 19 as the QSO counter clicked past 150 million contacts entered into the system, with more added since. When both participants in a contact submit matching QSO records to LoTW, the result is a QSL that can be used for ARRL award credit, such as DXCC. ARRL Membership and Volunteer Programs Manager Dave Patton, NN1N, said, "These 150 million QSOs represent a doubling of the total since July 2005 when ARRL Contributing Editor H. Ward Silver, NOAX, wrote an article for QST, 'Logbook of the World -- 75 Million QSOs Can't Be Wrong!' <<http://www.arrl.org/lotw/silver.pdf>>. Thanks for using LoTW. We are planning to improve usability and add support for new awards in 2008." Check out Logbook of the World at <<http://www.arrl.org/lotw/>>.

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2007 CQ WORLD-WIDE DX CONTEST - CW RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	ZONES	CLAIMED SCORE
N1EU	SO (H) A	1582	494	129	2,771,104
K2ONP	SO (H) A	934	355	99	1,180,854
N2LBR					
(+WA1KKM)	M/S	793	321	95	899,392
W2GDJ	SO (H) A	718	351	104	897,260
NJ1F	SO (H) A	458	285	87	446,028
N1JP	SO (H) A	450	256	72	403,440
K2XF	SO (H) A	312	229	84	251,339
K2BX	SO (H) A	308	224	66	245,920
WK2H	SO (H) A	314	185	64	216,132
K2EP	SO (H) A	284	174	58	181,192
WF2B	SO (H) A	42	(70)		7,140
WA3AFS	SO160M	2	2	2	24

2007 ARRL 160-METER CONTEST RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	MULTS	CLAIMED SCORE
N1EU	SO (H)	611	103	146,605
K2ONP	SO (H)	656	78	105,612
NJ1F	M/S	231	71	34,932
W2GDJ	SO (L)	258	62	32,170
WA3AFS	SO (H)	166	74	28,120
K2XA	SO (H)	136	56	16,240
WA1KKM	SO (H)	130	41	10,783

2007 ARRL 10-METER CONTEST RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	MULTS	CLAIMED SCORE
K2XA	SO (H) MIX	116	33	11,418
WA2MMX (+WA2WNI+N2XPW)	M/S PH	70	19	2,660
WA3AFS	SO (H) PH	43	17	1,980
KM2O	SO (L) PH	2	2	8

73, and thanks for all the scores!
Sue, N2LBR and Walt, WA1KKM

2007 AARA 10-METER SPRINT RESULTS

CALL	QSOs	SCORE
K2XA	14	23
WK2H	13	22
K2EP	12	21
WA1KKM	12	21
N2LBR	12	21
WF2B	11	20
KM2O	10	19
W2UV	8	17
K2QNU	8	17
AA2OI	8	17
WA2KXY	5	14
K2CT (WA3AFS, op.)	13	13
N2TAD	2	11

K2XA is officially declared
this year's winner.
Congratulations!
73, Sue, N2LBR and Walt, WA1KKM

Operating Events

January

19 - 20ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes [Rules](#)

February

2-16 ARRL School Club Roundup

4 Ten-Ten Int. Winter Contest, SSB

4 North American Sprint, SSB

11 North American Sprint, CW

16 - 17ARRL International DX Contest (CW)



Walt shows off the ARRL Technical Achievement Award he won.

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Time to Pay Your AARA Dues

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NEWS ANCHORS NEEDED

This Week in Amateur Radio, TWIAR, North Americas Premier on the air ham radio news and information service, is searching for persons interested in becoming an on the air news anchor.

Do you have one of those "radio voices"? Do folks on the air tell you that you should be in radio? Then This Week in Amateur Radio is looking for you. Previous broadcast experience is not necessary, but is helpful. Please send your name and ham call if you have one, your city and state, and very important, a return phone number with a good window of time where we can reach you. If you like, you can also send a short mp3 voice demo along with your contact information to: w2xbs@twiar.org.

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Long time member John, K2VV stops by from MO

Photos by Bud, WF2B



a gathering at the Dec 2007 meeting