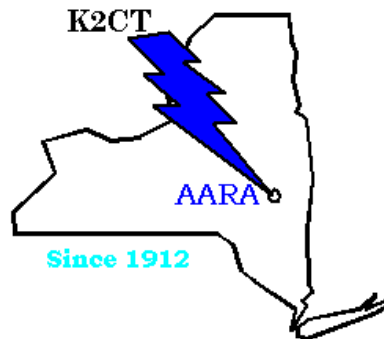


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## AARA

Meets at the  
Colonie Community Center  
1653 Central Ave. Colonie  
**Friday JAN 8**

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

refreshments  
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

# JAN. 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

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Contesting  
Local Public Service  
ATVET  
Albany/Troy Volunteer Examiner Team  
Planning Tower/Antenna Projects  
Propagation for 2010

**\*\*\* 2009 AARA 10-METER SPRINT RESULTS \*\*\***

CALL	QSOs	SCORE
K2XA	59	68
WA1KKM	45	54
WA3AFS	45	54
K2EP	41	50
K2ONP	41	50
K2CT (W2GDJ, op.)	49	49
KM2O	38	47
K2XF	36	45
WA2BJE	15	24
W2XM	10	19

There were many stations on for the sprint for which no log was received.  
You must enter to win!

Thanks again to Bud, WF2B, for making his logging macro available for everyone to use. If you haven't already done so, see Bud if you think you may qualify for the WARM Award.

K2XA is officially declared this year's winner. Congratulations Saul!

73, Sue, N2LBR

**2009 CQWW DX CONTEST -- CW RESULTS**

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	ZONES	CLAIMED SCORE	
N1EU	SO (H) A	1788	451	133	2,971,392	
K2ONP	SO (H) A	1110	336	107	1,385,704	
N2LBR						
(+WA1KKM)	M/S	925	319	101	1,083,600	
W2GDJ	SO (H) A	700	-	399	-	759,696
K2EP	SO (H) A	573	-	399	-	638,001
K2XF	SO (H) A	509	-	328	-	462,480
WK2H	SO (H) A	409	200	73		315,315
W2EG	SO40 (L)	403	-	130	-	150,280
N1JP	SO (H) A	105	92	41		36,974
K2BX	SO (H) A	34	-	35	-	3,430
WF2B	SO (H)	29	24	23		3,384
W2XM	SO (L)	17	16	7		1,150
WA3AFS	SO (H)	7	-	14	-	266

**50/50 Raffle at the meeting**

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

First Drawing 50% of the raffle money

Second Drawing in the 50/50 raffle will be a plastic automobile-license-plate frame that promotes amateur radio Brought to us by Bob, W2XM

## 2009 ARRL NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES -- PHONE RESULTS

STATION	PREC	QSOs	SECTIONS	CLAIMED SCORE
W2GDJ	U	940	80	150,400
KM2O	B	912	79	144,096
N1CC*	A	441	79	69,678
K2XA	B	390	73	56,940
WA3AFS	B	315	78	49,140
WB2KLD	A	152	67	20,368
K2ONP	B	149	51	15,198
WA1KKM	B	75	37	5,550
K2DL	A	25	20	1,000
W2XM	A	21	15	630

\*AARA Member Emeritus

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

### Dayton Hamvention 2010

From: ARRL Club Newsletter

Dec. 18, 2009 Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, Editor

Hamvention organizers have announced that the theme for the Dayton Hamvention 2010 will be "Amateur Radio Clubs Worldwide: The Lifeline." The event will take place May 14 -- 16, 2010 at the HARA Complex in Dayton, Ohio.

< <http://www.hamvention.org/index.php> >

If you have never been to "Dayton" it is worth the effort to visit the grand-daddy of all hamfests.

Many clubs coordinate travel and lodging for Hamvention so that members travel together and enjoy the event with familiar friends. If your club is considering an organized caravan or other group trip to the event now is the time to make your reservations and start planning your trip. Hotel rooms disappear quickly for this well attended extravaganza.

ARRL Expo will be exhibited in the Ballarena hall. We hope to meet and greet many ARRL members that weekend.

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**FOR SALE:** 300 feet of Rohn 3/16-inch EHS guy wire. Never used. \$60. Walt Legowski, WA1KKM, 456-3637, [sue.walt@verizon.net](mailto:sue.walt@verizon.net)  
**FREE:** Very old Heathkit Oscilloscope, probably 1950's vintage, perhaps the O-2 model. Does fire up and show a trace.

**FREE:** Ethernet router;  
VCR/DVD player and recorder that doesn't work. Maybe you are a better troubleshooter!  
Contact Ray, KG2B, at [KG2B@nycap.rr.com](mailto:KG2B@nycap.rr.com)

Contest	
Jan 9 - Jan 9	PSKFest
Jan 16 - Jan 17	North American QSO Party
Jan 29 - Jan 31	CQ WW 160 Meter Contest
Jan 29 - Jan 31	ARRL Jan VHF Sweepstake

## AARA April Dinner

Friday April 8, 2010

Ham Radio in general and Radio Contesting specifically, can be difficult to explain to the "layman". How do you describe "what you do?"  
Contesting Online -- Ham Radio Contesting on the Net eHam.net and Contesting.com

n4muh on 2007-02-19

A chance to contact many different stations around the country and around the world. To challenge and improve operating skills that can be used in an emergency to save lives. A way to test your skill against fellow radio operators.

Anonymous on 2007-05-10

Just having good clean fun.

k6faf on 2005-11-05

Explanation to laymen: I collect connections to other people like me to compete with them towards the overall result of the competition.

At this moment I only collect connections that I have not made before. Once I cannot improve that number any more, because I have reached my goal, I will compete for the number of connections with all the others out there. So far this soothed my wife and my neighbors!!!! They do not think I am a lunatic, because sometimes I take the earphone jack out and let them participate live.

Explanation to insiders: I still hunt for the 5bDXCC,5bWAS,5bWAZ and 5bIOTA. Once they are on my wall, I might consider to compete for numbers again.....or some contest-team signs me up as op! You are welcome to tempt me!

KD4MCA on 2005-10-22

I was always involved in sports. Baseball, basketball, football, cycling, you name it I played it at one time or another. I never was a great athlete but I loved the competition. Then about 9 years ago my eyesight began to fail me (too many years of type 1 diabetes). Now I can't catch a ball, hit a ball, etc. Radio contesting gives me a way to fuel my competitive spirit that lives inside me despite my physical limitations. This past year I practiced CW so I could get more points in the NC QSO Party, much like I would have worked on free throws or batting practice 10 years ago. For me contesting fulfills that competitive need I have, the need to improve, to compete, to attempt to win.

WAOAVL on 2005-10-20

Contest operation is analogous to Indy 500 racing for competitive amateur radio Op's who display a test of equipment preparation, physical endurance, and strategic planning that can result in the THRILL of VICTORY or the agony of defeat...

K0HB on 2005-10-10

Worldwide game of electronic splat-ball.

AD6WL on 2005-10-05

It's when my wife (XYL) gets to go shopping, visit her mothers or sisters. She can do just about what ever she wants as long as she doesn't bother me.

DJ7EC on 2005-09-28

Sitting in dark hot rooms, together with other crazy guys and listening to the funny sounds wich are coming out of the radio. No sleep for 24 or 48 hours but fun fun fun! :-)

I just tell them you have to make as much contacs as possible in the given time. Some say: Oh what a stupid hobby you have! Others are sitting next to me and listening to the radio for hours (CQWW SSB 2004 at my fathers Camping side hihi).There I explained about 25 times what i am doing hi hi

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

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