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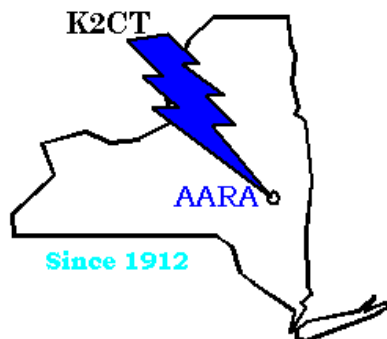
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## AARA

AARA Meets at the  
**Bethlehem Town Hall**  
**Delaware Ave**  
**Delmar, NY 12054**

**Friday JAN 13**  
Social Hour 6:55 PM  
Meeting begins 7:47 PM  
refreshments  
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

## JAN. MEETING

Program is the CD about the  
last great Field Day

New Year, More Contests, New countries to  
contact, prepare for an Emergency,  
Help others...

**NOTE:** Feb and March meetings will be held  
in the Osterhout Community Center in off RT 85  
on 70ld Rd, Voorheesville.

### K2CT Repeater

Talk-in repeater 145.19 (-) MHz  
pl tone 103.5Hz

### **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 mailing of the newsletter Checks  
should be made out to AARA and sent to:  
Saul Abrams, K2XA  
307 Maple Rd.  
Slingerlands, NY 12159

## 50/50 Raffle at the meeting

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

**AARA Dinner will be on**

**Fri April 20, 2012**

## ARRL Launches New DIY Campaign

ARRL News 12/27/2011

The ARRL Public Relations Department has released the Do-It-Yourself (DIY) suite of interrelated promotional materials aimed at exposing the growing Do It Yourself/Maker community to Amateur Radio opportunities. The DIY movement is nothing new to Amateur Radio. For more than a century, hams have been working in basements and attics, taking things apart and putting them back together in new ways, just for the fun of it. Meanwhile, there has been a growing population of DIY hobbyists who do not know about the opportunities of Amateur Radio. “[Maker Faires](#)” have popped up in several areas of the country, from New York to Los Angeles, and according to ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, WIAGP, look suspiciously like ham radio conventions.

“The DIY crowd is as diverse as hams,” Pitts explained. “Many are into computer programming, using new computer chips and open-source electronics prototyping platforms, such as [Arduino](#) that are based on flexible, easy-to-use hardware and software. They are artists, designers, hobbyists and anyone interested in creating interactive objects and applications. DIYers work with everything from

wood and clothing, to energy and chemistry projects, with many interested in robotics.”

To reach this growing group, the ARRL Public Relations Department has created an entirely new set of campaign materials for ARRL Public Information Officers, groups and individual hams to use in reaching out to the DIY/Maker community. Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, and Dave Bell, W6AQ, were recruited to create the new video. Recruiting volunteers throughout 2011, the duo shot more than 65 hours of high-definition video, and then edited it down to a mere 8 minutes. Titled *The DIY Magic of Amateur Radio*, it shows ham-makers projects from around the country. You can watch it on the [ARRL website](#) or on [YouTube](#).

“But a video alone cannot accomplish the goal of linking the viewers with ham radio,” Pitts noted. We also crafted an auxiliary flier as a hand-out to go along with the video. A PowerPoint presentation and speaker’s notes also are available. In addition, ‘Ask Why I DIY with Ham Radio’ buttons were made as a way to encourage informal conversations about our hobby with the non-hams we encounter. We even held a contest, asking hams to provide a scripted 30 second answer to the question ‘What is Amateur Radio?’ that 12 year old Chris Tate, KJ4UBL, of Burlington, North Carolina, took top honors.”

The video is available on DVD discs, along with the printed handout from the ARRL. Find information about ordering or downloading these materials [here](#). For high-definition MPEG versions of the video, please contact Pitts via [e-mail](#) (please be aware that this version is almost 500 megs). ARRL members can get a free ‘Ask Why I DIY with Ham Radio’ button at the ARRL table at larger hamfests and conventions while supplies last.

[www.k2ct.net](http://www.k2ct.net)

Peter Hines, N2KAD, webmaster. E-mail [hines@nycap.rr.com](mailto:hines@nycap.rr.com) with any suggestions.



Dec. AARA Holiday Table

## ATVET Albany Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

If you are interested in amateur radio, and would like to take the exam, the Albany/Troy VE Team (ATVET) stands ready to assist. ATVET is a joint effort of the Albany Amateur Radio Association (AARA), and the Troy Amateur Radio Association (TARA).

**If you like to help out next season contact: ATVET LIAISON: Gerald Murray, WA2IWW**  
[atvet@n2ty.org](mailto:atvet@n2ty.org) or 518-482-8700

### Contests

JAN 14 - 15 North American QSO Party, CW: 1800Z,  
16 Run for the Bacon QRP Contest <http://fpqrp.org/>  
21 - 23 ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes  
27 - 29 CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW  
FEB 4 - 5 Vermont QSO Party  
5 North American Sprint, CW  
11 12 CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest  
12 North American Sprint, SSB

## Ham Radio in Hollywood: Amateur Radio a Plot Point in Major Motion Picture

ARRL News 1/03/2012

According to previews, the plot of the movie [Journey 2: The Mysterious Island](#) -- set to be released February 10 -- hinges on Amateur Radio. The movie's hero Sean Anderson (played by Josh Hutcherson) receives a coded distress signal that comes from a mysterious island where no island should exist. Sean decides to follow the signal with the unwilling assistance from his stepfather Hank (played by Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson).

Sean explains to Hank why he wants to hunt down the signal: "A few nights ago, a radio signal got sent out from these coordinates. It could be the mysterious island that Jules Verne wrote about."

Hank replies: "You think you're gonna travel halfway around the world and meet up with some lunatic who's messing around on a ham radio?"

"That's not some lunatic," Sean says. "That's my grandfather."

Other than this mention of "ham radio," it is not yet known how Amateur Radio will be featured in the movie.

Together, Sean and Hank fly out to a tropical island to begin their quest. There, they

meet up with Gabato (a helicopter pilot played by Luis Guzman) and his daughter Kailani (played by Vanessa Hudgens). The group sets out to find the island, where they find the island's lone human inhabitant: Sean's grandfather (played by Michael Caine). For a while, the five enjoy the wonders of the island -- the lost world of Atlantis -- but soon, seismic shockwaves begin destroying this rediscovered world. They must escape before the island is forced under the sea and its treasures are buried forever.

In the summer of 2011, two movies featured Amateur Radio: [Mr Poppers Penguins](#) and [Super 8](#). While it was exciting to see ham radio on the big screen, there were inaccuracies in its portrayal, ranging from incorrect frequencies to the wrong equipment being used. Radio amateurs are holding out high hopes for [Last Man Standing](#), a new situation comedy that currently airs on Tuesday nights on ABC. The ARRL has been working closely with *Last Man Standing* producer John Amodeo, NN6JA, to ensure that Amateur Radio will be portrayed correctly.

## 2011 AARA 10-METER SPRINT RESULTS

CALL	QSOs	SCORE
K2XA	90	99
W2GDJ	62	71
N1EU	58	67
KM2O	58	67
K2CT (WA1KKM, op.)	59	59
WA3AFS	45	54
WF2B	39	48
K2QY	37	46
K2EP	26	35
KC2ZDC	25	34
WD2AJS	23	32
KC2VUE	23	32
K2XF	19	28
WA2KXY	14	23

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

Also, if you think you may qualify for the  
WARM Award, see Bud, WF2B.

73, Sue, N2LBR

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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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## 2011 CQWW DX CONTEST -- CW RESULTS

STATION SCORE	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	ZONES	CLAIMED
N1EU	SO (H) A	2185	596	161	4,783,483
NX2X	SO (H)	2118		566	3,423,224
K2ONP	SO (H) A	1860	459	134	3,198,049
N2LBR					
(+WA1KKM)	M/2	1693	436	126	2,715,584
K2EP	SO (H) A	817		521	1,209,762
N1JP	SO (H) A	642	444	117	1,001,946
N1CC	SO (L) A	635	313	123	756,024
WK2H	SO (H) A	533	265	75	528,360
K2XF	SO (H) A	447	215	68	365,070
W2EG	SO40 (L)	710	-	134	276,308
K2BX	SO (H) A	185	-	152	81,776
WA3AFS	SO (H) A	24	-	40	2,760

## 2011 ARRL NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES -- PHONE RESULTS

STATION	PREC	QSOs	SECTIONS	CLAIMED SCORE
KM2O	B	851	80	136,160
W2GDJ	U (H)	635	80	101,600
N1EU	U (H)	189	80	30,240
WA3AFS	M (H)	113	80	18,080
W2XM	A	91	41	7,462
WB2KLD	A	33	22	1,452

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