

Published by the **Albany Amateur
Radio Association**
JANUARY 2015

B-Plus

DAVE GALLETLY, KM2O
PRESIDENT
767-9103
km2o@arrl.net

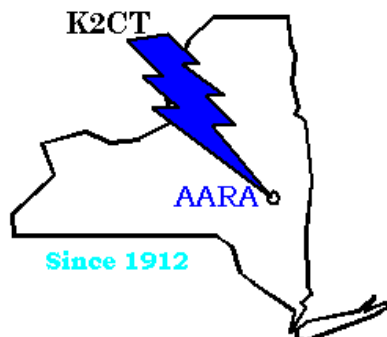
RANDY WOESSNER, KC1NN
VICE-PRESIDENT
374-0597
kc1nn@arrl.net

SAUL ABRAMS, K2XA
TREASURER
439-5700
k2xa@arrl.net

WALT LEGOWSKI, WA1KKM
SECRETARY
456-3637
sue.walt@dososaur.com

BUD HOVEY, WF2B
283-2337
DIRECTOR

JOHN FRITZE, K2QY
PAST PRESIDENT
439-4240
k2qy@arrl.net



SUE ROTHSCHILD, N2LBR
456-3637
DIRECTOR
sue.walt@dososaur.com

MIKE BERGMAN, WD2AJS
489-3110
B-PLUS EDITOR
wd2ajs@nycap.rr.com

GEORGE WILNER, K2ONP
279-4025
TRUSTEE of K2CT
k2onp@arrl.net

www.k2ct.net

Affiliated with the American Radio Relay
League
An ARRL Special Services Club
103rd Year

AARA

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

Friday JAN 9th
Social Hour 6:55 PM

refreshments
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

JAN. MEETING

Weather forecasting

Contesting this winter

Video of DX Expedition

Getting Ready for Public Service

NEW AARA By-Laws
see page 2

K2CT Repeater

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

AARA Dues

Dues cheerfully accepted,
Dues are \$15.

B-PLUS Newsletter sent via the
K2CT Web page in .pdf format
www.k2ct.org

Checks should be made out to AARA
and sent to:

Saul Abrams, K2XA
307 Maple Rd.
Slingerlands, NY 12159

******* AARA CONTESTERS ON THE AIR *******

2014 CQWW DX CONTEST -- CW RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	ZONES	CLAIMED SCORE
N1EU	SO(H)A	3,012	633	176	7,070,660
N2LBR	M/2	2,201	431	131	3,541,724
(+WA1KKM)					
K2ONP	SO(H)A	1,003	330	115	1,286,050
N1CC	SO(L)A	860	367	128	1,182,060
K2XF	SO(H)A	216	141	53	120,280

73, Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE ALBANY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION INC.

Preamble

We, the membership do hereby constitute ourselves as the Albany Amateur Radio Association (hitherto known in this document as "AARA") and adopt this constitution as our governing instrument. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members; to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism, and individual operating efficiency; to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio; and provide services to the community when needed.

Article I: Membership

All persons interested in Amateur Radio shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and approval **by one board member and** such terms as provided in the By-Laws attached hereto.

Article II: Officers and Directors

Section 1 - Identification of Officers and Directors

The officers of this Association shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall also serve as Directors. Other Directors will include, if not already Board Members, the Trustee for the AARA Club Call Sign, the editor of the club journal - **B-Plus**, the immediate past President, **the webmaster**, and three elected Directors. All Officers and Directors shall be Members in good standing of the AARA, at least 18 years of age, and licensed Radio Amateurs.

Section 2 - Nominations for Office

Candidates for offices and directorships will be nominated by a three-member Nominating Committee appointed by the President at the October meeting. This Committee will submit one eligible candidate for each office and directorship at the November meeting. In the event the current president is **renominated** to the presidency, the committee shall submit the name of a candidate to serve an interim term of one year should the immediate past president be **reelected**. Nominations from the floor for all offices and directorships will be accepted at both the November and December meetings. **The AARA Club members**

shall be notified with the names of all nominees selected by the Committee and those nominated at the November general meeting via e-mail, posting on the clubs website and/or being published in the December issue of B-Plus.

Section 3 - Election to, and Term of Office

Candidates for officers and directors receiving the most votes of the members present and in good standing at the December meeting shall be declared elected. The December meeting shall be referred to as the Annual Meeting. The officers of the Association shall be elected for a term of one year. Each year, one Director shall be elected for a term of three years. If a new president is elected, the immediate past President shall serve as Director ex-officio for one year. Terms of office for Officers and elected Directors shall begin and end after the elections at the Annual Meeting.

Section 4 - Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall succeed for the remainder of the President's term. In the event of a vacancy in any other office, the Board shall appoint someone to fill the unexpired term of the person leaving office with the approval of the membership at the next general meeting.

Section 5 - Removal From Office

The process for removal of Officers or Directors may be initiated by a petition signed by one-fourth of the total membership and submitted to the Board for investigation. Following thorough investigation by the Board, including permitting individual(s) named in this petition to refute any charges or allegations at a closed hearing, the Board shall make recommendations to the membership at the next regular meeting of the AARA, and subsequently notify the members via e-mail and/or publish that recommendation on the web site and in B-Plus. The individual(s) then may be removed from office following an affirmative vote by 75% of the membership in attendance at the meeting following publication.

Article III: Duties of Officers

Section 1 - President

The president shall preside at all meetings of this Association and the Board of Directors, and conduct the same according to the rules adopted. The President's duties are as follows:

- i) Enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws.
- ii) Decide all questions of order.
- iii) Sign official documents that are adopted by the AARA.
- iv) Be responsible to the Board of Directors.
- v) Appoint Committee Chairpersons.
- vi) Perform all other customary duties pertaining to the Office of President.

Section 2 - Vice-President

The Vice-President shall be responsible for such matters as may be delegated by the President. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the functions of the President.

Section 3 – Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the AARA and of the Board of Directors, and carry out all correspondence. At the expiration of the term of office, the secretary shall turn over all AARA records in his/her possession to the successor.

Section 4 - Treasurer

The treasurer shall receive and record all monies paid to the AARA and shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended, and keep a roster of members. The treasurer shall pay no bills without proper authorization. The Board will authorize annual fixed operating expenditures. The Treasurer

shall submit to the Secretary an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts at the Annual Election Meeting.

A brief treasurer's report shall be submitted at each general meeting. At the expiration of the Treasurer's term, all possessions belonging to the AARA shall be turned over to the successor, and an audit shall be performed.

Section 5 - Board of Directors

The affairs of the AARA shall be managed by a Board of Directors duly elected or appointed in accordance with Article II of this Constitution and By-Laws. The Board of Directors shall:

- i) Implement a **structure for governing** AARA operating activities as stipulated under the Constitution and By-Laws.
- ii) Direct the care of funds of the AARA.
- iii) Make appropriations for specific purposes, provided that such appropriations can be covered by funds available in the treasury.
- iv) Act upon all questions of acceptance and expulsion of members.
- v) Direct the business of the AARA, either itself or through its officers and **committees**.

The Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly to conduct the affairs of the AARA, with the first meeting being called within 60 days of the Board members assuming office. Subsequent meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, or at the request of any three or more members of this Board.

Five of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board.

The actions of the Board of Directors governing policy shall be reported to the Association at its next regular meeting.

Section 6 - Committees

For the purpose of coordinating AARA activities, the Board of Directors may form committees for specific purposes of interest to the organization, composed of members of the organization. The President shall be empowered to appoint a chair of a committee formed by the Board of Directors. The Chair of any committee thus formed would be empowered to appoint committee members to address the specific purpose. These committees would advise the Board of Directors and membership of the committee's activities on a regular basis. Committees formed would have a term ending at the Annual Meeting each year unless specifically extended past that date or terminated earlier by the Board of Directors.

Article IV: Meetings

The By-Laws shall define and provide for regular and special meetings. At all meetings, 75% of the average attendance of the last six general meetings shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article V: Dues

The Board of Directors, in accordance with By-Laws shall fix the amount of dues, to be paid annually in January. Members in arrears more than six months shall be considered not in good standing and not eligible to vote. Members in arrears more than one year will be dropped from the membership roster. Dropped members may be reinstated by reapplying for membership and paying one year's arrears and the current year's dues.

Article VI: Amendments

This Constitution, and these By-Laws, may be amended by a three-fourths majority vote of the membership present. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in written format stating both the part to be changed and the new provision proposed. Such proposals are to be put forth at a regular meeting of the AARA and may not be voted on until the following regular or special meeting. Advance written notification of the proposed change, by publication in B-plus, shall be made to the membership prior to the meeting of consideration and vote.

Article VII: Rules

When there is a question of procedure, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern.

Article VIII: Continuity

All rules, regulations and policies which were established prior to the adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws, if not in conflict with them, are still in effect.

BY-LAWS

MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall be held on the second Friday of each month at **or about 7:30 PM at the call to order by the president** from September through June. The meeting date may be changed due to a conflict of the normal meeting date with holidays or due to emergencies. Effort will be made by the Officers to contact all members and notify them of meeting date changes by the most expeditious method.

Special meetings of the AARA may be called by the Board of Directors, by the President, or upon request of 25 members sent by written notice to the Secretary. All members must be notified, at least one week before the date of the special meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Types of Membership

The types of membership shall be: (1) Honorary Life Membership, requiring no dues; (2) Full Membership, Junior Membership and family Membership requiring dues. **The initial dues structure and any changes in dues for each of the three dues-paying membership classes shall be recommended by the Board and approved by a majority vote of the membership present at the Annual Meeting. Dues for the junior and family membership classes are to be less than dues for the full membership class and may be zero.** Honorary Life Members shall be designated by the Board of Directors; no more than one per year may be awarded. Full Membership is accorded individuals over 18 years of age. Junior Membership is accorded those members under 18 years of age who are not included in a Family Membership.

Section 2 - Dues

The membership year extends from January 1 to December 31. One year's dues must accompany all applications for membership. New members joining September or later shall have their dues payments apply to the coming year. If the Board of Directors rejects an application for membership, dues accompanying such application shall be promptly refunded.

The treasurer shall notify delinquent members when they are between three to six months in arrears. This notification may be made **via e-mail**, in writing, by telephone, or by personal contact.

Section 3 - Expulsion of Members

Upon written request of ten or more members, that, for cause therein stated, a member of the AARA should be considered for expulsion, the Board of Directors shall advise in writing the accused of the specific charges. The accused shall have the right to appear before a special hearing convened by the Board of Directors. The accused shall be notified in writing at least fifteen days in advance of the convening of such a hearing. The case against the accused must be considered and a decision rendered no later than the next

regular meeting of the Board. The decision for expulsion shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors.

OFFICIAL JOURNAL

The B-Plus on line shall be the official publication of the AARA.



Photo by Walt, KA1KKM

George, K2ONP receives AARA Honorary Lifetime Membership



Photo by Mike, WD2AJS

Contest Calendar

January 2015

BARTG RTTY Sprint	1200Z, Jan 24 to 1200Z, Jan 25
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jan 28
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z, Jan 28 to 0400Z, Jan 29
UBA DX Contest, SSB	1300Z, Jan 31 to 1300Z, Feb 1

February 2015

Vermont QSO Party	0000Z, Feb 7 to 2400Z, Feb 8
10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB	0001Z, Feb 7 to 2359Z, Feb 8
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Feb 7 to 2359Z, Feb 8
Black Sea Cup International	1200Z, Feb 7 to 1159Z, Feb 8
Minnesota QSO Party	1400Z-2400Z, Feb 7
British Columbia QSO Party	1600Z, Feb 7 to 0400Z, Feb 8
AGCW Straight Key Party	1600Z-1900Z, Feb 7
Delaware QSO Party	1700Z, Feb 7 to 0100Z, Feb 9
Mexico RTTY International Contest	1800Z, Feb 7 to 1759Z, Feb 8
North American Sprint, CW	0000Z-0400Z, Feb 8
School Club Roundup	Feb 9-13
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z, Feb 11 to 0400Z, Feb 12
CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	0000Z, Feb 14 to 2400Z, Feb 15
International DX – CW	Feb 21-22
Field Day 2015	June 27-28

***** 2014 AARA 10-METER SPRINT RESULTS *****

CALL	QSOS	SCORE
KM2O	45	54
WA1KKM	39	48*
WA3AFS	39	48*
K2CT (W1WV, op.)	40	40
WD2AJS	24	33
AC2OX	23	32
K2XF	11	11

* Tied for second place

Dave, KM2O, is declared this year's winner and will receive the trophy. Congratulations Dave!

The turnout for this year's Sprint was light, and the number of submitted logs was even less. Where was everyone?

73, Sue, N2LBR

Set up to Donate to ARRL

Amazon.com has a program named Smile that donates 0.5% of your purchase price to the registered charity of your choice. There is no cost to you. The ARRL is now registered as a charitable organization for the program.

To participate, go to <http://smile.amazon.com>. If you don't already have an Amazon account, you'll need to set one up. You'll be asked to sign up for the Smile program which is only a couple of clicks to select a registered organization. Simply select "AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE INC"

Once you've signed up, please do your Amazon shopping by going to <http://smile.amazon.com>, and 0.5% of your purchases will be donated to the ARRL. Signing up is a one time process.

This is a simple and painless way to contribute to the League. For a FAQ about the program, visit <http://smile.amazon.com/about>.

73 de Mike N2YBB

ARRL Hudson Division
Director: Mike Lisenco, N2YBB
n2ybb@arrl.org

ATVET

If you can HELP OUT on future dates :

Contact ATVET LIAISON: *Gerald Murray*, WA2IWW atvet@n2ty.org or 518-482-8700

Is ham radio for you?

Adam Dounane- KD2ERU

Ham radio is a kind of radio communication. By studying about basic electrical theory and FCC amateur radio protocol, one can be a licensed ham radio operator, like me.

Why become a ham radio operator? There are many things that come with a license, there are contests, nets, and more.

Ham radio contests are when many operators try to see how many other operators they can contact in a certain time period. But contests aren't easy, one would have to find the operator, wait, and overall; be patient. Through contests I have talked to people from Texas to Turkey.

Nets are groups of operators that are meant to work in emergency conditions. They pass radio traffic and help when all other communications are down. "When all else fails, there's ham radio". These nets work with local police, fire, NOAA, and other local services. I have worked with a local net to provide communication for the Delmar Duathlon. When a runner fell, operators were able to alert medical personnel, one of them, being a ham.

There are also clubs, a ham radio club is a group of hams that coordinate larger ham radio events, like field day. Field day is an emergency preparation where many clubs set up in the open to operate and hold a contest. Our local club, the Albany Amateur Radio Association also uses this as an opportunity for a group picnic.


Ham radio has many aspects to it. I enjoy doing it, and so will you.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact me or visit-

WWW.ARRL.ORG

WWW.K2CT.ORG



Jack, KC2ZDC and Adam,
KD2ERU at Skywarn
Recognition Day Dec. 6, 2014

90th anniversary and 85th anniversary Celebrated

1/6/15 ARRL.org

To celebrate the 90th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union (**IARU**) and the 85th anniversary of the Polski (**PZK**), Poland's IARU member-operators will be using 12 special January 1 and April 30, 2015. There signs — 3Z90IARU, HF90IARU, SP90IARU, and SQ90IARU — and six 3Z85PZK, HF85PZK, SN85PZK, SO85PZK, SP85PZK, and SQ85PZK).



Związek Krótkofalowców society, Polish Amateur Radio event call signs between will be six IARU-suffix call SN90IARU, SO90IARU, PZK-suffix call signs —

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

edited by Mike Bergman, WD2AJS, 45 Swartson Ct., Albany, NY 12209 489-3110. **Articles** and B-PLUS **Swap Shop items** accepted and solicited via mail, phone, or e-mail to wd2ajs@nycap.rr.com

Permission to reprint is granted if credit is given for article source as "Albany Amateur Radio Assoc. B-Plus"; and credit for specific bylines to the author when so identified. The contents of this publication are copyrighted in all www.k2ct.org