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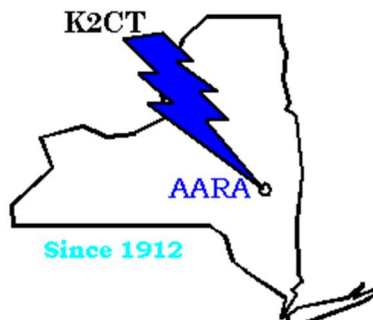
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# B-PLUS JAN 2022

AARA Meeting

Friday, JAN. 14, 2022

Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89230146704?pwd=ZlQvSDRDNVV5a05qQS9yNkhyTjltZz09>

## AARA JANUARY MEETING

Please PAY your Dues.

**AARA Dues**

Dues cheerfully accepted,

**Dues are \$20.**

Title: AARA January 2022

Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

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on:

Meeting ID: 892 3014 6704

Passcode: 450148

When: Friday, January 14, 2022  
7:15 PM – 10:15 PM

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

Checks should be made out to  
**AARA** and sent to:

**Saul Abrams, K2XA**

**307 Maple Rd.**

**Slingerlands, NY 12159**

## Contest and Events

### February QSO Events

Vermont QSO Party	0000Z, Feb 5 to 2400Z, Feb 6, 2022
Minnesota QSO Party	1400Z-2400Z, Feb 5, 2022
South Carolina QSO Party	1500Z, Feb 26 to 0159Z, Feb 27, 2022
North Carolina QSO Party	1500Z, Feb 27 to 0100Z, Feb 28, 2022

### January

K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Jan 17
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Jan 18
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2000Z, Jan 19
NAQCC CW Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Jan 20
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jan 21
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 21
K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Jan 21
Marconi Club ARI Loano QSO Party Day	0700Z-1800Z, Jan 22
BARTG RTTY Sprint	1200Z, Jan 22 to 1200Z, Jan 23
RSGB AFS Contest, SSB	1300Z-1700Z, Jan 22
North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Jan 22 to 0559Z, Jan 23
K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Jan 24
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Jan 25
NAQCC CW Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Jan 27
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jan 28
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 28
CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW	2200Z, Jan 28 to 2200Z, Jan 30
K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Jan 28
<b>Winter Field Day</b>	<b>1900Z, Jan 29 to 1900Z, Jan 30</b>
K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Jan 31
QCX Challenge	1300Z-1400Z, Jan 31
QCX Challenge	1900Z-2000Z, Jan 31

## **New Technician Question Pool Released, Effective July 1, 2022.**

ARRL.ORG 01/05/2022

The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators ([NCVEC](#)) Question Pool Committee ([QPC](#)) has released the [2022 – 2026 Technician Class FCC Element 2 NCVEC Question Pool Syllabus & Question Pool](#) into the public domain. It's available as a *Word* document or PDF. The three graphics required for the new Technician question pool are available within the documents, or separately as PDF or JPG files.

The new pool incorporates some significant changes compared to the 2018 – 2022 pool. Its 257 questions were modified slightly to improve wording or to replace distractors; 51 new questions were generated, and 62 questions were eliminated. This resulted in a reduction of 11 questions, bringing the total number of questions in the pool from 423 to 412. The difficulty level of the questions is now more balanced, and the techniques and practices addressed have been updated.

The new 2022 – 2026 question pool is effective July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2026, and *must* be used for Technician-class license exams administered on or after July 1, 2022. — *Thanks to NCVEC Question Pool Committee*

## ARRL Surveying Field Day Participants

01/06/2022

The ARRL Programs and Services Committee is seeking input from stations and groups that participated in **ARRL Field Day** 2020 and 2021 and has posted a survey. The committee said the survey results may help shape the development of Field Day rules for 2022 and beyond. The survey has already been sent via email to some 13,000 Field Day participants, more than 2,400 Affiliated Clubs, and to the CQ-Contest and VHF-Contesting Reflectors. "Specifically, as we look toward 2022 Field Day, health and social-distancing concerns may continue in June 2022 during the ongoing world pandemic," said ARRL Radiosport Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ. "For 2023 and beyond, the assumption is made that the pandemic will be over, and COVID-related restrictions will be relaxed."

Jahnke said the Programs and Services Committee invites participants' insights, in advance of its January meeting, regarding what they consider appropriate for operating ARRL Field Day 2022 during the ongoing pandemic. The committee hopes to learn if participants prefer to continue Field Day under the pandemic accommodations afforded in 2020 and 2021, which included limiting home stations to the Low Power multiplier (150 W PEP), and whether stations in some classes or all other classes should be limited to 150 W PEP as well. Field Day stations operating at high power became the topic of some discussion in the wake of Field Day 2021, when some stations were reported to be running the legal limit on FT8 on crowded bands.

The committee is also interested in views on the 150 W versus 100 W change in the Field Day Low Power category definition, which is being implemented across all contest platforms.

During 2020 and 2021, ARRL permitted a couple of basic accommodations in the Field Day rules during the COVID outbreak.

Participants who could not or did not want to be in a group were allowed to operate from their home stations and contribute their individual scores to their club's Field Day aggregate score. Members' scores were combined to achieve an overall final club score, which then appeared in the ARRL Field Day results summary in QST and on the ARRL website. In addition, Class D (Home, commercial power) stations were allowed to contact other Class D stations for point credit.

In 2021, Class D and Class E (Home, emergency power) stations were limited to a maximum transmitter output power of 150 W PEP (Low Power). The idea here was to minimize the advantage of well-established home stations with superior antenna systems and running up to the legal 1,500 W PEP limit, so they would not overpower Class A, B, C, or F stations on crowded bands.

Field Day participants may use this [survey link](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022-ARRL-FIELD-DAY-SURVEY) or copy this URL into a web browser: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022-ARRL-FIELD-DAY-SURVEY>.

The survey will close on January 17, 2022. [Direct](#) any questions to the ARRL Contest Department.

## SK

Gil N2PKB, passed away this morning 1/4/22

Seymour Miller, K2XF 95 of East Greenbush, died at the Albany Medical Center on Saturday, December 11, 2021. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on February 23, 1926, Seymour was the son of the late Nax and Ira Zuraven Miller. Mr. Miller was a longtime member of Congregation Berith Sholom in Troy. He had been employed for 42 years in state service retiring in 1988. Seymour was a graduate of Columbia High School and grew up in Nassau, N.Y. He had been a Troy resident most of his life and moved to North Greenbush in 1973. He had been a resident of Eastwyck in North Greenbush from 2016 to 2018, and had currently been a resident of Eddy Hampton Ridge in East Greenbush. Mr. Miller had been very active in amateur radio. His call sign was N12AIF later becoming K2XF. He was also a long-time member of the ARRL of the Hudson Valley. He was currently the oldest member of the Troy Pistol League. Seymour served in the Army during World War II. At the time of his passing, he was also a member of the Rensselaer Elks. Seymour was married to his wife, Shirley Miller, until her passing in 1999. He is survived by a daughter, Judith Miller Uram and her husband James L. Uram of North Greenbush; and a son, Jeffrey B. Miller of Hendersonville, N.C. Grandfather of Lisa Ann Uram Fairchild and her husband Kevin, Leanna Maxine Miller, Benjamin Hampton Miller and Jacob Scott

Miller; great-grandfather of Sara and Savanna Fairchild. Services at the Hebrew Farmers Cemetery, Western Avenue Guilderland, on Wednesday, December 15, at 3 p.m. Those wishing to remember Seymour in a special way may make a memorial contribution to Congregation Berith Sholom, 167 Third Street, Troy, NY 12180. For directions or to leave a condolence message for the family, please visit [levinememorialchapel.com](http://levinememorialchapel.com)



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