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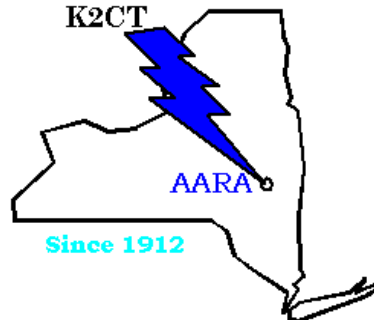
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# B-PLUS

## JUNE 2018

**AARA Meeting**  
**Friday, June 8, 2018**

**Bethlehem Town Hall**  
**445 Delaware Ave.**  
**Delmar, NY 12054**

Social Hour 6:50PM

**Refreshments**  
soda, coffee, water, cookies

### AARA JUNE Meeting

Bethlehem Town Hall  
LAT 42°37'12.8"N  
LONG 73°50'25.4"W

### Field Day June 23-24

Starts with set up at 8:30am  
Contest starts 2PM till  
2PM Sun. when we need help  
with take-down.

At Thacher State Park

**Latitude** 42.64 approx  
**Longitude** -73.99 approx

We are at the Hailes Cave  
Pavillion Same as last year

**Please PAY your Dues.**

### AARA Dues

Dues cheerfully accepted,  
**Dues are \$20.**

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

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**AARA B-PLUS June 2018**

## ATVET Albany Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

Exam Date	Day	Doors Open	Exam Time (Doors will Close)
July 11, 2018	Wednesday	6:20 PM	7:00 PM
August 11, 2018	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM



**ATVET will again be holding their exam sessions in the C.I.I. Building (Low Center for Industrial Innovations), Room 3045, on the Campus of RPI. Examination room doors will open 40 minutes prior to the exam time, with exams starting at the times indicated above. NOBODY will be admitted into the exam room after the starting time. ATVET never requires any pre-registration for any of their exams. Starting**

**January 1, the fee charged all applicants at ARRL VEC-coordinated Amateur Radio examination sessions will be \$15.00 either cash, or check ( payable to [ARRL-VEC](#) ). This fee is required from all candidates taking any of the exam elements offered by this team.**

### **If you can HELP OUT**

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### FCC Denies Petition Aimed at Preventing Interference from Digital Repeaters to Analog Repeaters *[ARRL.org](#) 06/01/2018*

The FCC has turned away a *Petition for Rulemaking* from a Michigan radio amateur that asked the Commission to amend Section 97.205 of the Amateur Service rules to ensure that repeaters using digital communication protocols do not interfere with analog repeaters. Charles P. Adkins, K8CPA, of Lincoln Park, had specifically requested that discrete analog and digital repeaters be separated either by distance or frequency and that digital repeaters be limited to 10 W output, the FCC recounted in its June 1 denial letter, released over the signature of Scot Stone, the deputy chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau's Mobility Division. According to the letter, Adkins had characterized digital repeaters as "a major annoyance" to analog repeater operators.

"In 2008, we rejected a suggestion to amend Section 97.205(b) to designate separate spectrum for digital repeaters in order to segregate digital and analog communications," the FCC said in its letter to Adkins. "We noted that when the Commission has previously addressed the issue of interference between amateur stations engaging in different operating activities, it has declined to revise the rules to limit a frequency segment to one emission type in order to prevent interference to the operating activities of other Amateur Radio Service licensees."

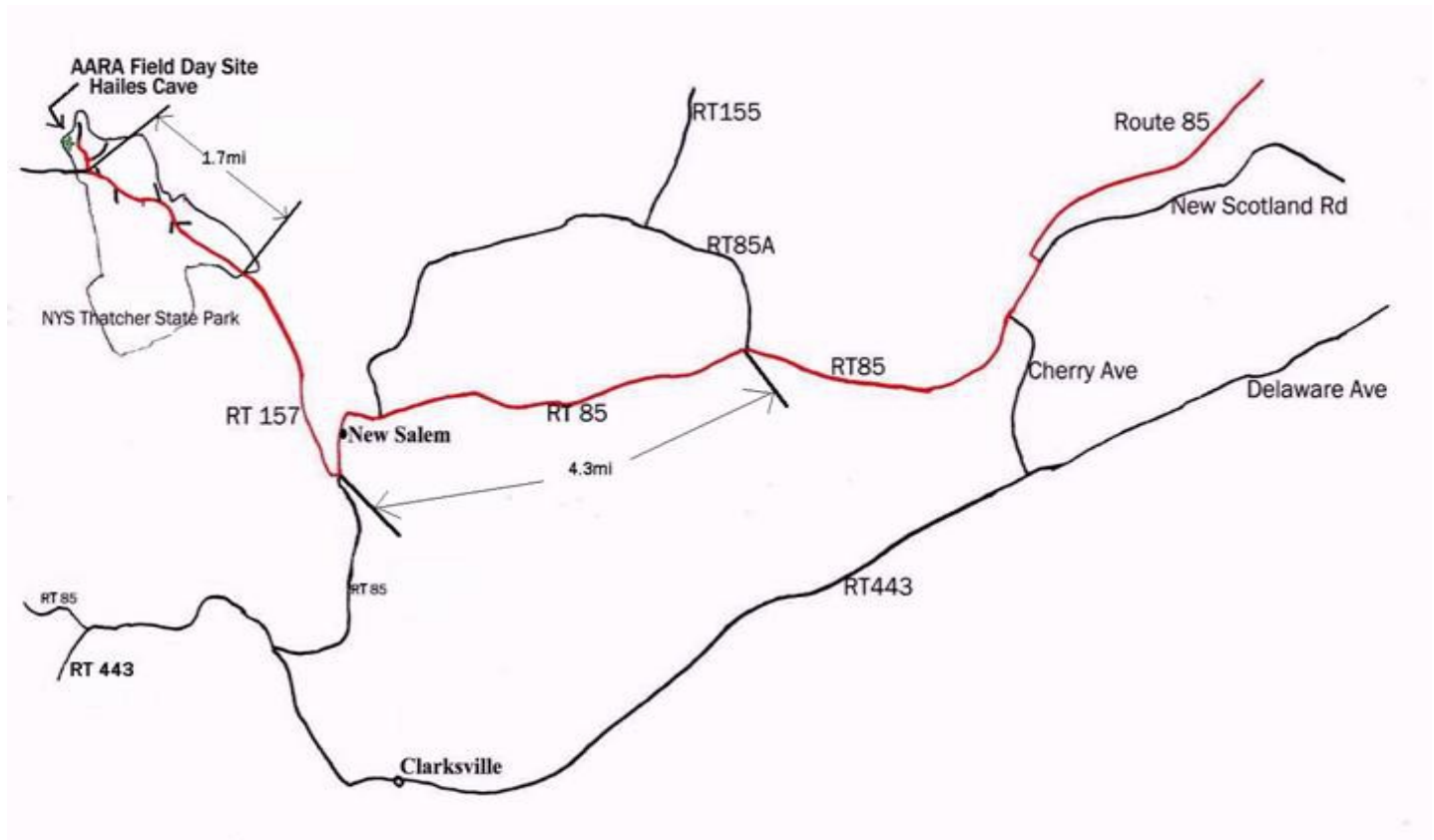
The FCC told Adkins that current Part 97 rules already address the subject of interference between amateur stations, prohibiting, among other things, willful or malicious interference to any radio communication or signal, and spelling out how interference disputes between repeaters should be handled.

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“You have not demonstrated any changed circumstances or other reason that would warrant revisiting this decision,” the FCC concluded. “Consequently, we dismiss your petition.”

The FCC did not assign a rulemaking petition (RM) number to Adkins’ petition nor invite public comments.

## Hailes Cave Pavillion June 23- June 24



### **Politico Article Raises Visibility of Amateur Radio Parity Act Progress, Challenges** ARRL.org 6/01/2018

On May 23, the US House version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that included the language of the [Amateur Radio Parity Act](#) (HR 555) cleared the House. The following day, a fiscal year 2019 Financial Services appropriations bill also containing Parity Act language cleared the Financial Services and General Government subcommittee of the House Committee on Appropriations and now is working its way through the full Appropriations Committee. As a result, the Parity Bill has attracted some attention from outside the Amateur Radio and homeowners association communities.

ARRL Hudson Division Director Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, who chairs the ARRL Board’s Ad Hoc Legislative Advocacy Committee, called attention to a recent *Politico* article that addresses the challenges the bill faces.

On May 25, *Politico* reported, “Lawmakers are making a multi-pronged push to drive the bipartisan Amateur Radio Parity Act through Congress and finally bypass objections from top Senate Commerce [Committee]

Democrat Bill Nelson of Florida, whose allegiance to his state's homeowners' associations drove his panel to yank the bill from consideration last fall. The legislation, H.R. 555, would direct the FCC to let Amateur Radio operators get around private rules, like those imposed by some HOAs, that keep them from putting up radio antennas."

*Politico* cited a spokeswoman for the US House sponsor of the Parity Act, Representative Adam Kinzinger (R-IL), who told the journal that Kinzinger is "hopeful that Senator Nelson will see its value."

"When disaster strikes and the power goes out, like when Hurricane Irma hit Senator Nelson's home state of Florida back in September, Amateur Radio operators become critical to emergency response efforts," Kinzinger's spokeswoman said.

At this point, it's unclear how the Parity Act language or legislation will fare in the US Senate. The measure's Senate sponsor, Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS), told *Politico* that it would suit him to see the Senate follow the lead of the House in the matter. "I think we've done enough that Senator Nelson's concerns should have been answered," Wicker was quoted as saying.

Wicker and Nelson are both senior members of the Armed Services Committee, which will oversee the NDAA. ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, stressed earlier this month that the Parity Act "does entitle each and every Amateur Radio operator living in a deed restricted community to erect an effective outdoor antenna. Full stop. That is the principal benefit of this legislation." Imlay pointed out that tens of thousands of ham radio licensees at present cannot erect any outdoor antenna at all. "This [bill] enables them in the same way PRB-1 has enabled hams to address unreasonably restrictive zoning ordinances during the past 33 years," Imlay said.

## CONTESTS

### JUNE 2018

NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jun 1
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 1
HA3NS Sprint Memorial Contest	1900Z-1929Z, Jun 1 (40m) and
1930Z-1959Z, Jun 1 (80m)	
10-10 Int. Open Season PSK Contest	0000Z, Jun 2 to 2400Z, Jun 3
PVRC Reunion	0000Z-0159Z, Jun 2 and
2000Z-2200Z, Jun 2 and	1200Z-1359Z, Jun 3
DigiFest	0400Z-1200Z, Jun 2 and
2000Z, Jun 2 to 0400Z, Jun 3 and	1200Z-2000Z, Jun 3
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0600Z-0629Z, Jun 2 and
0630Z-0659Z, Jun 2 and	0700Z-0729Z, Jun 2 and 0730Z-0800Z, Jun 2
SEANET Contest	1200Z, Jun 2 to 1200Z, Jun 3
UKSMG Summer Contest	1300Z, Jun 2 to 1300Z, Jun 3
Kentucky QSO Party	1400Z, June 2 to 0200Z, Jun 3
RSGB National Field Day	1500Z, Jun 2 to 1500Z, Jun 3
IARU Region 1 Field Day, CW	1500Z, Jun 2 to 1459Z, Jun 3
Dutch Kingdom Contest	1500Z, Jun 2 to 1500Z, Jun 3
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 4
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Jun 5
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 6

CWops Mini-CWT Test  
     1900Z-2000Z, Jun 6 and 0300Z-0400Z, Jun 7  
 NRAU 10m Activity Contest  
     1800Z-1900Z, Jun 7 (SSB) and  
     1900Z-2000Z, Jun 7 (FM) and  
     2000Z-2100Z, Jun 7 (Dig)  
 SKCC Sprint Europe  
 NCCC RTTY Sprint  
 NCCC Sprint  
 DRCG WW RTTY Contest  
     1600Z-2359Z, Jun 9 and 0800Z-1559Z, Jun 10  
 VK Shires Contest  
 Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB  
 SKCC Weekend Sprintathon  
 Portugal Day Contest  
 GACW WWSA CW DX Contest  
 REF DDFM 6m Contest  
 ARRL June VHF Contest  
 Cookie Crumble QRP Contest  
 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint  
 NAQCC CW Sprint  
 Phone Fray  
 CWops Mini-CWT Test  
     1900Z-2000Z, Jun 13 and 0300Z-0400Z, Jun 14  
 RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW  
 NCCC RTTY Sprint  
 NCCC Sprint  
 All Asian DX Contest, CW  
 SMIRK Contest  
 ARR BPSK63 Contest  
 Ukrainian DX Classic RTTY Contest  
 IARU Region 1 50 MHz Contest  
 AGCW VHF/UHF Contest  
     1700Z-1800Z, Jun 16 (432)  
 Stew Perry Topband Challenge  
 West Virginia QSO Party  
 Feld Hell Sprint  
 ARRL Kids Day  
 WAB 50 MHz Phone  
 Run for the Bacon QRP Contest  
 Phone Fray  
 CWops Mini-CWT Test  
     1900Z-2000Z, Jun 20 and 0300Z-0400Z, Jun 21  
 NAQCC CW Sprint  
 NCCC RTTY Sprint  
 NCCC Sprint  
 Battle of Carabobo International Contest  
 UFT QRP Contest  
     1400Z-1700Z, Jun 23  
 His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB  
 Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest

1300Z-1400Z, Jun 6 and  
 1700Z-1800Z, Jun 7 (CW) and  
  
 1900Z-2100Z, Jun 7  
 0145Z-0215Z, Jun 8  
 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 8  
 0000Z-0759Z, Jun 9 and  
  
 0600Z, Jun 9 to 0600Z, Jun 10  
 1100Z-1300Z, Jun 9  
 1200Z, Jun 9 to 2400Z, Jun 10  
 1200Z, Jun 9 to 1200Z, Jun 10  
 1500Z, Jun 9 to 1500Z, Jun 10  
 1600Z, Jun 9 to 1600Z, Jun 10  
 1800Z, Jun 9 to 0259Z, Jun 11  
 1700Z-2200Z, Jun 10  
 0000Z-0200Z, Jun 11  
 0030Z-0230Z, Jun 13  
 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 13  
 1300Z-1400Z, Jun 13 and  
  
 1900Z-2030Z, Jun 13  
 0145Z-0215Z, Jun 15  
 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 15  
 0000Z, Jun 16 to 2400Z, Jun 17  
 0000Z, Jun 16 to 2400Z, Jun 17  
 1200Z, Jun 16 to 1200Z, Jun 17  
 1200Z, Jun 16 to 1159Z, Jun 17  
 1400Z, Jun 16 to 1400Z, Jun 17  
 1400Z-1700Z, Jun 16 (144) and  
  
 1500Z, Jun 16 to 1500Z, Jun 17  
 1600Z, Jun 16 to 0200Z, Jun 17  
 1800Z-1959Z, Jun 16  
 1800Z-2359Z, Jun 16  
 0900Z-1500Z, Jun 17  
 0100Z-0300Z, Jun 18  
 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 20  
 1300Z-1400Z, Jun 20 and  
  
 0030Z-0230Z, Jun 21  
 0145Z-0215Z, Jun 22  
 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 22  
 0000Z, Jun 23 to 2400Z, Jun 24  
 0600Z-0900Z, Jun 23 and  
  
 1200Z, Jun 23 to 1200Z, Jun 24  
 1200Z, Jun 23 to 1200Z, Jun 24

ARRL Field Day  
 SKCC Sprint  
 Phone Fray  
 CWops Mini-CWT Test  
     1900Z-2000Z, Jun 27 and  
     0300Z-0400Z, Jun 28  
 RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB  
 NCCC RTTY Sprint  
 NCCC Sprint  
 Feld Hell Sprint

## **JULY 2018**

RAC Canada Day Contest  
 10-10 Int. Spirit of 76 QSO Party  
 IQRP Quarterly Marathon  
 RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW  
 ARS Spartan Sprint  
 Phone Fray  
 CWops Mini-CWT Test

    1900Z-2000Z, Jul 4 and   0300Z-0400Z, Jul 5

NRAU 10m Activity Contest

    1800Z-1900Z, Jul 5 (SSB) and   1900Z-2000Z, Jul 5 (FM) and   2000Z-2100Z, Jul 5 (Dig)

SKCC Sprint Europe

NCCC RTTY Sprint

NCCC Sprint

FISTS Summer Slow Speed Sprint

Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest

DL-DX RTTY Contest

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon

Marconi Memorial HF Contest

Original QRP Contest

PODXS 070 Club 40m Firecracker Sprint

4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint

Phone Fray

1800Z, Jun 23 to 2100Z, Jun 24  
 0000Z-0200Z, Jun 27  
 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 27  
 1300Z-1400Z, Jun 27 and

1900Z-2030Z, Jun 28  
 0145Z-0215Z, Jun 29  
 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 29  
 0000Z-2359Z, Jun 30

0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1  
 0001Z, Jul 2 to 2400Z, Jul 8  
 0800Z, Jul 2 to 2000Z, Jul 8  
 1900Z-2030Z, Jul 2  
 0100Z-0300Z, Jul 3  
 0230Z-0300Z, Jul 4  
 1300Z-1400Z, Jul 4 and

1700Z-1800Z, Jul 5 (CW) and

1900Z-2100Z, Jul 5

0145Z-0215Z, Jul 6

0230Z-0300Z, Jul 6

0000Z-0400Z, Jul 7

0000Z-2359Z, Jul 7

1100Z, Jul 7 to 1059Z, Jul 8

1200Z, Jul 7 to 2400Z, Jul 8

1400Z, Jul 7 to 1400Z, Jul 8

1500Z, Jul 7 to 1500Z, Jul 8

2000Z, Jul 7 to 2000Z, Jul 8

0000Z-0200Z, Jul 9

0230Z-0300Z, Jul 11



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