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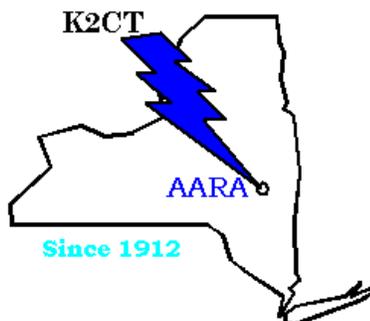
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AARA Meeting
Friday, June 8, 2018

Bethlehem Town Hall
445 Delaware Ave.
Delmar, NY 12054

Social Hour 6:50PM

Refreshments
soda, coffee, water, cookies

AARA JUNE Meeting

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

www.k2ct.org

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

Please PAY your Dues.

AARA Dues

Dues cheerfully accepted,
Dues are \$20.

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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.**

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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.

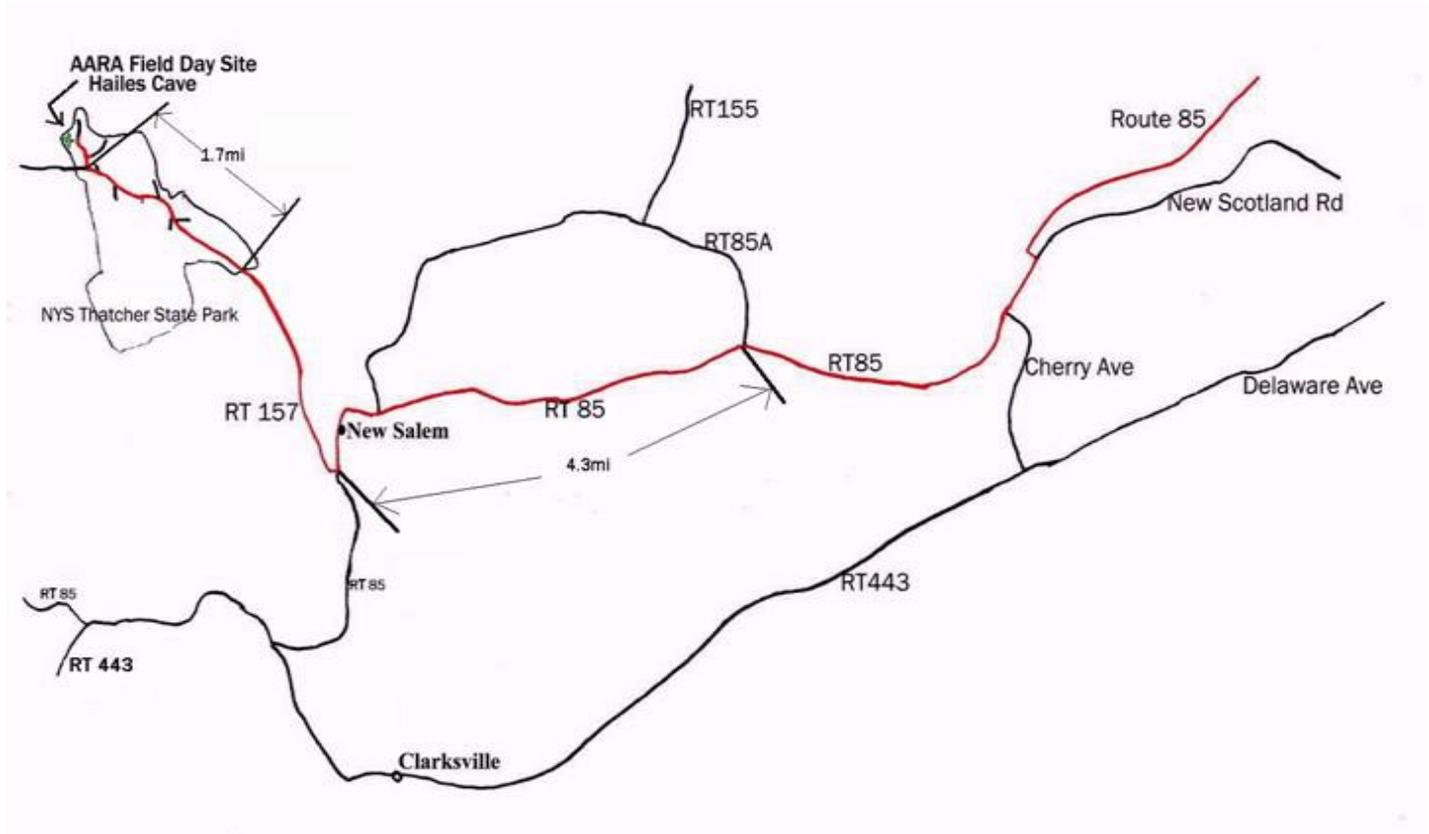
"In 2008, we rejected a suggestion to amend Section 97.205(b) to designate separate spectrum for digital repeaters in order to segregate digital and analog communications," the FCC said in its letter to Adkins. "We noted that when the Commission has previously addressed the issue of interference between 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.

“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	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 6 and
NRAU 10m Activity Contest 1800Z-1900Z, Jun 7 (SSB) and 1900Z-2000Z, Jun 7 (FM) and 2000Z-2100Z, Jun 7 (Dig)	1700Z-1800Z, Jun 7 (CW) and
SKCC Sprint Europe	1900Z-2100Z, Jun 7
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jun 8
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 8
DRCG WW RTTY Contest 1600Z-2359Z, Jun 9 and 0800Z-1559Z, Jun 10	0000Z-0759Z, Jun 9 and
VK Shires Contest	0600Z, Jun 9 to 0600Z, Jun 10
Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB	1100Z-1300Z, Jun 9
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Jun 9 to 2400Z, Jun 10
Portugal Day Contest	1200Z, Jun 9 to 1200Z, Jun 10
GACW WWSA CW DX Contest	1500Z, Jun 9 to 1500Z, Jun 10
REF DDFM 6m Contest	1600Z, Jun 9 to 1600Z, Jun 10
ARRL June VHF Contest	1800Z, Jun 9 to 0259Z, Jun 11
Cookie Crumble QRP Contest	1700Z-2200Z, Jun 10
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jun 11
NAQCC CW Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Jun 13
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 13
CWops Mini-CWT Test 1900Z-2000Z, Jun 13 and 0300Z-0400Z, Jun 14	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 13 and
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 13
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jun 15
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 15
All Asian DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Jun 16 to 2400Z, Jun 17
SMIRK Contest	0000Z, Jun 16 to 2400Z, Jun 17
ARR BPSK63 Contest	1200Z, Jun 16 to 1200Z, Jun 17
Ukrainian DX Classic RTTY Contest	1200Z, Jun 16 to 1159Z, Jun 17
IARU Region 1 50 MHz Contest	1400Z, Jun 16 to 1400Z, Jun 17
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 1700Z-1800Z, Jun 16 (432)	1400Z-1700Z, Jun 16 (144) and
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Jun 16 to 1500Z, Jun 17
West Virginia QSO Party	1600Z, Jun 16 to 0200Z, Jun 17
Feld Hell Sprint	1800Z-1959Z, Jun 16
ARRL Kids Day	1800Z-2359Z, Jun 16
WAB 50 MHz Phone	0900Z-1500Z, Jun 17
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Jun 18
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 20
CWops Mini-CWT Test 1900Z-2000Z, Jun 20 and 0300Z-0400Z, Jun 21	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 20 and
NAQCC CW Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Jun 21
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jun 22
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 22
Battle of Carabobo International Contest	0000Z, Jun 23 to 2400Z, Jun 24
UFT QRP Contest 1400Z-1700Z, Jun 23	0600Z-0900Z, Jun 23 and
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB	1200Z, Jun 23 to 1200Z, Jun 24
Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest	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



The views



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Field Day 2018
Sat June 23 – Sun June 24