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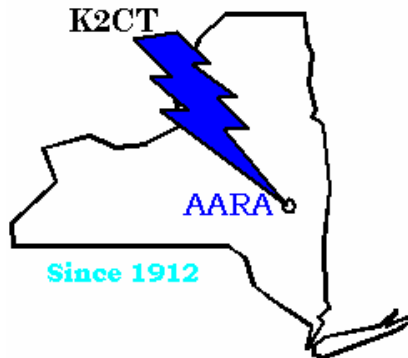
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An ARRL Special Services Club

## AARA

Meets at the  
Colonie Community Center

1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday June 10

Social Hour 6:55 PM  
Meeting 7:45 PM

refreshments  
soda, diet soda, coffee

## JUNE Meeting

AARA June meeting will be about the  
summer events including  
Field Day 2005 at Thatcher Park

FIELD DAY 2005 Hailes Cave Pavilion  
near the pool area

Fri June 24 start to set-up 2PM

Sat June 25 8AM – 2PM

additional set-up

2PM Contest begins **Operators needed**

**4PM UHF Fox Hunt**

SUN June 26 1:30

**TAKE-Down Clean-up Please help out**

### K2CT Repeater

**Talk-in repeater**  
**145.19 (-) MHz**  
**pl tone 100.0hz**

**or**

**444.30 (+) w/pl tone 100.0hz**

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

## **Field Day Saturday June 25th and Sunday June 26**

Don't miss Field Day Saturday June 25th and Sunday June 26

This year we are at the Hailes Cave site in Thacher Park (go in the pool entrance and turn left). Parking is free, we will try to have passes available at the booth or a club member will be there.

Set up and take down help is always appreciated!! The Operating Event actually starts at 1800 UTC, 1400 EDT. Come up for set up anytime after 0800.

Field Day is an annual American Radio Relay League (ARRL) event that allows HAM radio operators to "fine-tune" their emergency communication skills. Generators are used to power the radios and antennas are set up in the field to put together self-sufficient, working stations. HAMS and non-HAMS alike will be allowed to get on the air and contact thousands of other operators throughout the US and the world making this the nation's largest HAM radio "on-air" event. Make plans now to join us for a fun-filled weekend with family and friends. They don't have to be a HAM operator to have a great time! Come out to Thacher Park on Saturday, June 25th or Sunday June 26th and get on the air, eat some great food, or just sit and chat....you don't want to miss this!

More than 2,200 ham radio clubs and 35,000 hams will participate in this one weekend of activities. One other important aspect of Field Day is that hams can operate on modes and bands that they can't normally use. Hams that have HF privileges act as control operators at their stations allowing those without HF privileges to operate on the HF bands. Many new hams have gotten their first taste of HF operating at Field Day.

If you can, come to the AARA meeting Friday June 10th where we will plan our Operating and other activities.

If you have any questions email WK2H at WK2H@arrl.net.

### **Public Service:**

*Volunteer CONTACT John, WE2F at 283-4304*  
**AARA WE Need YOU to Volunteer AARA**

### **UHF Fox Hunt for AARA Field Day 2005**

This year we will have a UHF fox hunt at AARA Field Day. This is a fun event where a UHF transmitter will be hidden somewhere on the grounds of the Hailes Cave picnic site. It will sharpen our radio direction finding skills, and give us a chance to discover more of the park. Anyone can participate, and the only equipment necessary is a UHF handheld with an S-meter that can receive in the range of 433MHz NFM. Bring your GPS receiver too! The event will start Saturday afternoon in the hours before dinner time. More information will be available at the June 2005 AARA meeting.  
73 de Dave KB2HPW

On 146.94 MHz Repeater from  
6:30-8:00 AM Jock, KB2GOM runs a  
2-meter Commuter Net.

During severe inclement weather,  
June, KB2JTG runs a 2-meter  
Commuter Net from 4:00-6:00 PM

### **SWAP SHOP**

Send items to B-Plus editor, Mike, WD2AJS at **wd2ajs@arrl.net** or call 489-3110

**For Sale:** Yaesu Kilowatt-Perfect with manual \$700.; phone patch \$35; Yaesu FT-101E needs repair \$100; DuMont oscilloscope with separate calibrator \$25; Kenwood 830 TS slight buzz on transmit \$150; contact Lee W2FYA 436-1296

**Want:** I'm looking for a Triband 10 thru 20 m 3 element Yagi like the A3S or equivalent the 40 meter kit would be nice too Call Frank Gagliardi W2FPG 374-9707

## CW vs. TEXT MESSAGING

ARRL Hudson Division May 2005

Those of you who failed to watch the Jay Leno show on Friday, May 13, missed a very funny sequence. He had on two ham CW operators (dressed as old time Morse code telegraph operators, visors, armbands, and suspenders) and two young text messagers (over cell phones and dressed as, well, the "normal" dress of young men today).

Each had to transmit a message to their colleague. Guess who won? If you want to see the sequence, click on [www.KU3O.net](http://www.KU3O.net) and follow the instructions. Lots of fun. (Thanks to Harvey, W2YWC, and IRAC News) Other site with video:

<http://www.tarc.org/index.php?load=leno>

[http://www.kkn.net/~n6tv/Text\\_vs\\_Morse\\_Le\\_no\\_2005\\_05\\_13.wmv](http://www.kkn.net/~n6tv/Text_vs_Morse_Le_no_2005_05_13.wmv)

See detailed story on the ARRL web at:

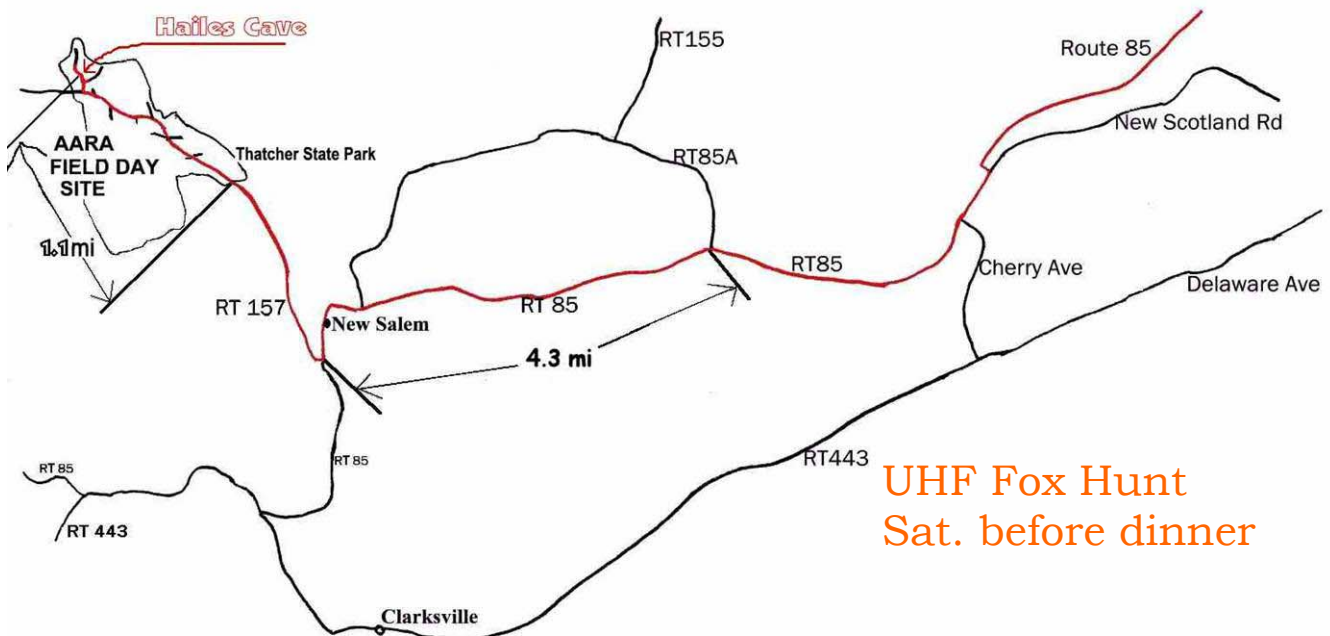
<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2005/05/16/3/?nc=1>

## **FIELD DAY at Hailes Cave Thatcher Park**

Set up Sat June starts at 8AM

CONTEST 2PM – 2PM Sun

Please help with clean-up Sun at 1PM



**Are You Changing Your Address:** Please contact Bill, K2BX with your address corrections: Bill Nettleton, K2BX 7 Frederick Pl., Troy, NY 12180 or e-mail at [k2bx@arrl.net](mailto:k2bx@arrl.net)

## HAMSAT IS NOW VO-52

The ARRL Letter Vol. 24, No. 19 May 13, 2005

The latest Amateur Radio satellite now has an OSCAR designation. Acting at the request of AMSAT-India's Nagesh Upadhayaya, VU2NUD, AMSAT-NA's Bill Tynan, W3XO, has announced that HAMSAT (or VUosat) is VUosat-52 or VO-52 for short.

VO-52 is India's first Amateur Radio satellite. Its transponders were turned on shortly after its May 5 launch, and AMSAT-India Secretary "Pop" Kumar, VU2POP, has invited the global amateur community to use the satellite and e-mail any comments <reports@amsat.in>. Ground controllers have activated one of the two linear transponders aboard VO-52, which operates in Mode U/V, with passband center frequencies of 435.25 MHz for the uplink and 145.90 MHz for the downlink. Passbands are 50 kHz wide. For SSB, uplink in LSB and downlink in USB.

AMSAT-India says VO-52 has been monitored by radio amateurs around the world, and it has already received a few reports from users and listeners  
<<http://www.amsat.in/hamsatreports.htm>>.

There's more information on HAMSAT VO-52 on the AMSAT-India Web site  
<<http://www.amsat.in/>>.

# ATVET DATES

Albany Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

Exam Date	Day	Doors Open	Exam Time (Doors will Close)
June 29, 2005	Wednesday	6:20 PM	7:00 PM
October 8, 2005	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
November 12, 2005	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM

ATVET LIAISON: Gerald Murray, [atvet@n2ty.org](mailto:atvet@n2ty.org) or 518-482-8700

Thank You!

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## ARRL TO SPONSOR AFFINITY CREDIT CARD

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The League will unveil its new ARRL Visa Card--an affinity credit card with U.S. Bank--this week at Dayton Hamvention, which is playing host to the ARRL 2005 National Convention. U.S. Bank personnel will be on hand for the launch, Friday, May 20, at the ARRL EXPO 2005 exhibit area with applications for radio amateurs attending the convention who want to be among the first to apply. The no-annual-fee card is available to ARRL members and nonmembers.

"With every card issued and every purchase made, ARRL Visa card holders support ARRL programs and services at no additional cost to them," says ARRL Marketing Manager Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R. "This is a great way for members to show off their support for ARRL and for Amateur Radio."

The card carries an attractive design with the ARRL logo. The words "Amateur Radio

Operator" appear prominently on the face of the card.

Basic information about the ARRL Visa card is available on the ARRL Web site [www.arrl.org/visa](http://www.arrl.org/visa). This page includes a link <http://www.usbank.com/affinitycreditcards/?loc=9507> to U.S. Bank's Web site to learn more and to apply.

ARRL membership does not confer automatic eligibility to obtain a card. While there's no annual fee, the ARRL Visa card carries a credit limit of up to \$15,000 and 0 percent APR interest for the first six months. Certain terms and conditions do apply. U.S. Bank is the creditor, issuer and service provider.

At least initially, call signs cannot be embossed onto the card, Inderbitzen says. "We're working with U.S. Bank to find a suitable solution, but that will most likely be further down the line," he explained. B-PLUS Sept 05 deadline is Aug 27<sup>th</sup>.

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