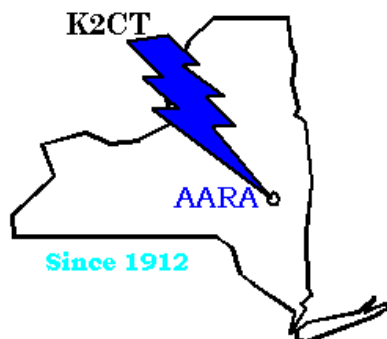


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## AARA

Meets at the  
Colonie Community Center

1653 Central Ave. Colonie

**Friday JUNE 12**

Social Hour 6:55 PM

Meeting begins 7:47 PM

refreshments  
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

## JUNE MEETING

Join us this month as we look forward to a summer season of Hamfests

### Field Day June 27-28, 2009

Set up begins at 8am contest starts at 2pm

Get your parking ticket to get in free..  
contact Ernie, K2EP 477-9581

AARA will be at the Hailes Cave Pavilion at the  
John Boyd Thatcher State Park  
Route 157, Voorheesville, NY

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### K2CT Repeater

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

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

**\*\*\*ATTENTION ALL AARA\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\* MEMBERS \*\*\*\*\***

Have you been getting your e-mail notification when the new issue of B-Plus is posted on the [AARA](#) website? How about the various e-mail notices sent to all club members?

If not, we don't have your current e-mail address. **Please** send me an e-mail (or see me at the June 12 meeting) to let me know your current e-mail address.

Have you requested B-Plus on paper, but are not getting it that way? Are you getting it on paper when you requested it by e-mail? I want to hear from you, too.

I'm in the process of updating the AARA club roster so that every member has access to all the benefits of membership.

*Don't be left out!*

73, Walt, WA1KKM  
AARA Secretary

Listening to Frank Fallen N2FF, ARRL Hudson Division Director at the May Meeting



K2EP, K2BX, K2XF, W2UV, WF2B, WA3AFS, N2LBR

## FIELD DAY 2009

Thatcher Park Hailes Cave area map  
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**WE need coolers half filled with ICE**

**WE need help with set up on Friday after  
2pm and on Saturday starting at 8AM**

**WE need gas containers filled w/gas**

If you can't bring it with you contact

Mike, WD2AJS 489-3110

**WE need operators**

**The contest runs Sat. 2PM to Sun 2PM**

**AARA contest dinner is Sat 5PM**

**WE need help with take down Sun at 1PM**

**WE need operators**

### Amateur Radio and Pecuniary Interests

The ARRL Letter, Vol. 28, No. 21  
May 29, 2009

A topic that keeps popping up, Cross said, is business use of Amateur Radio, specifically transmitting messages on behalf of an employer. "Section 97.113 <[http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/cfr\\_2002/oct\\_qtr/pdf/47cfr97.113.pdf](http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/cfr_2002/oct_qtr/pdf/47cfr97.113.pdf)> answers this question straight on: 'No amateur station shall transmit communications for hire or for material compensation, direct or indirect, paid or promised, except as otherwise provided in these rules.' There are two exceptions. There are exceptions for teachers who are using Amateur Radio as the control operator of a station in an educational institution as part of a classroom thing and control operators of club stations in certain cases. A station is also not allowed to transmit communication in which the station licensee or control operator has a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer. There is an exception to that rule that allows you to transmit communications that are commonly referred to as "swap nets," but eBay seems to have reduced the need for these nets. And you're not allowed to transmit communications on a regular basis which could reasonably be

furnished through other radio services."

Cross said that Section 97.113 is in the rules for two reasons: It meets a statutory requirement and it is there to protect your frequencies from becoming the business radio alternative voice overflow, or "'BRAVO Service.' Because your spectrum is so valuable, if you let users such as businesses, TV stations, the National Weather Service or other users -- be they for-profit or non-profit -- use your frequencies to meet their communications needs, your frequencies will become their frequencies. All it takes is an allocation proceeding with the FCC, and your spectrum is gone. And you will be left whining about it in Internet chat rooms."

Cross pointed out the ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, "had an editorial on this on April 1, 2009 [on the ARRL Web site and in the April 2009 edition of QST] ["It Seems to Us: Keeping the 'Amateur' in Amateur Radio," page 9]. That's probably not the best day to date something, but you should read it. And I have plagiarized from that greatly because it is very elegant and spot on"  
<<http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2009/04/01/10668/>>.

The bottom line, Cross said, is "that when any of us are on the air as amateurs in the ham bands, we are not pursuing financial gain for ourselves or our employers. The 'no pecuniary principle' has been reflected in the FCC regulations since 1928. It distinguishes us from commercial services. In 1993, the Commission, at your request, dropped the 'no business communications' language and simply prohibited communications on behalf of an amateur's employer or in which the amateur has a pecuniary interest. The Commission stated that any amateur-to-amateur communications is permitted unless specifically prohibited or unless transmitted for compensation or done for the pecuniary benefit for the station control operator or his or her employer."

Cross said that it does not matter what type of technology -- be it SSB, digital, slow scan TV or CW -- is used to transmit that communications:

"It boils down to a simple four part test that you, as the control operator of the station, must ask yourself before you cause the station to transmit a message. One, is the communications expressly prohibited in the rules? For instance, is it music, is it obscenity, something like that. Two, is the communications transmitted for compensation? Whether it's paid or compensation in some other way, such as, 'If you get this message to a friend of mine who's on a sailboat in the middle of nowhere, I'll pay your light bill.' Or, 'Get this message to someplace and I'll buy you a new radio.' That's indirect compensation. Three, does the control operator have a pecuniary interest in the communications? That is, could he or she benefit financially? Stock trades on ham radio benefit you financially. And four, does the control operator's employer have an interest in the communications? If the answer to each of these questions is 'no,' then the communications is acceptable with the caveat that it is not on a regular basis, one which could be furnished alternatively through other radio services."

There are limits to what an amateur can do on behalf of his or her employer, Cross said, as well as limits to the extent that Amateur Radio can be used for the purpose for which other radio services were created. "No communications on behalf of an employer' means just that," he said. "There's no exception for the 15 minutes you're on break. There's no exception for 'Gee, it's the weekend,' or there's no exception because you want to do it. If it's your employer, you cannot transmit communications on their behalf. That is a commercial communications."

### **CAN YOU HELP**

I have a patient that I am taking care of is looking for a small part to repair a radio --RCA CA 4007 integrated circuit--any chance you know where he could find this part to buy (just 1, not 100)

Reply to mbsan63@hotmail.com (Michelle)

Thanks, Frank N4ZHG

# ATVET 2009 EXAM SCHEDULE

## ATVET Albany Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

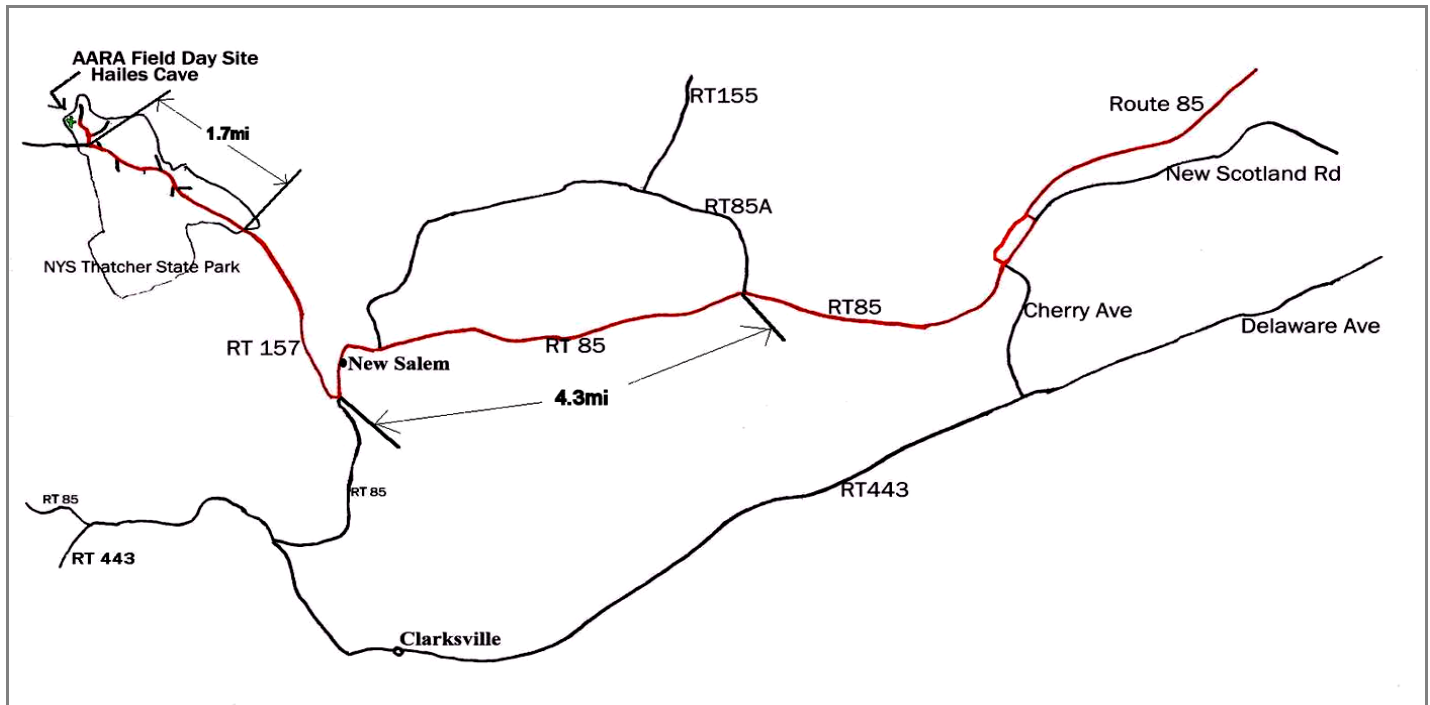
If you are interested in amateur radio, and would like to take the exam, the Albany/Troy VE Team (ATVET) stands ready to assist. ATVET is a joint effort of the Albany Amateur Radio Association (AARA), and the Troy Amateur Radio Association (TARA).

CII Building - Room **3045**, RPI Campus, Troy, NY

Day	Date	Doors Open	Exam Start
Wednesday	July 22	6:20 PM	7:00 PM
Saturday	October 17	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
Saturday	November 14	9:20 AM	10:00 AM

The 2009 Exam Fee will be \$15.00 (payable to ARRL-VEC)

ATVET is affiliated with the ARRL/VEC, and have been proud to provide testing opportunities since 1984. If you have any questions, please feel free to phone Gerald Murray, WA2IWW, (evenings and weekends) at 518-482-8700, or e-mail me at [atvet@n2ty.org](mailto:atvet@n2ty.org).



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