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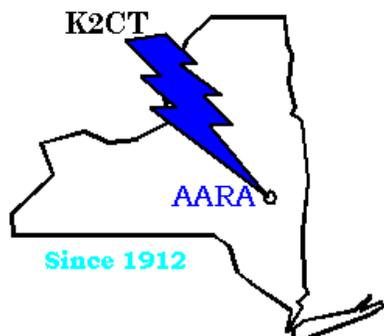
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## AARA

AARA Meets at the  
**Bethlehem Town Hall**  
**445 Delaware Ave**  
**Delmar, NY 12054**

**Friday JUNE 12th**  
Social Hour 6:55 PM

refreshments  
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

## JUNE MEETING

More on Field Day 2015

AARA preparing for  
Field Day 2015 at  
Hailes Cave Pavilion in  
John Boyd Thacher State Park  
Route 157 Voorheesville, NY  
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Friday setup starts at 10AM  
Sat. setup starts at 8:30AM  
Operate 2PM – 2PM  
SUNDAY take down starts at 1PM  
and we need your help

### K2CT Repeater

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

### **AARA Dues**

Dues cheerfully accepted,  
Dues are \$15.  
B-PLUS Newsletter sent via the  
K2CT Web page in .pdf format  
[www.k2ct.org](http://www.k2ct.org)

Checks should be made out to AARA  
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[Albany Amateur Radio Association](#) will take part in the national Amateur Radio Field Day exercise, **June 27 – 28, 2015** at the Hailes Cave Pavilion in Thatcher Park , Route 157 Voorheesville, NY .

Since 1933, ham radio operators across North America have established temporary ham radio stations in public locations during Field Day to showcase the science and skill of Amateur Radio. This event is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend, especially between 2-8 p.m. on June 27 when activities will be set up especially for the public. The event is family-friendly and will feature a Get-On-The-Air (GOTA) station with a Ham Coach who will help you make your own radio contacts! Please do not bring pets (except for registered service animals).



For over 100 years, Amateur Radio — sometimes called ham radio — has allowed people from all walks of life to experiment with electronics and communications techniques, as well as provide a free public service to their communities during a disaster, all without needing a cell phone or the Internet. Field Day demonstrates ham radio’s ability to work reliably under any conditions from almost any location and create an independent communications network. Over 45,000 people from thousands of locations participated in Field Day in 2014.

“It’s easy for anyone to pick up a computer or smartphone, connect to the Internet and communicate, with no knowledge of how the devices function or connect to each other,” said Sean Kutzko of the American Radio Relay League, the national association for Amateur Radio. “But if there’s an interruption of service or you’re out of range of a cell tower, you have no way to communicate. Ham radio functions completely independent of the Internet or cell phone infrastructure, can interface with tablets or smartphones, and can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. That’s the beauty of Amateur Radio during a communications outage.”

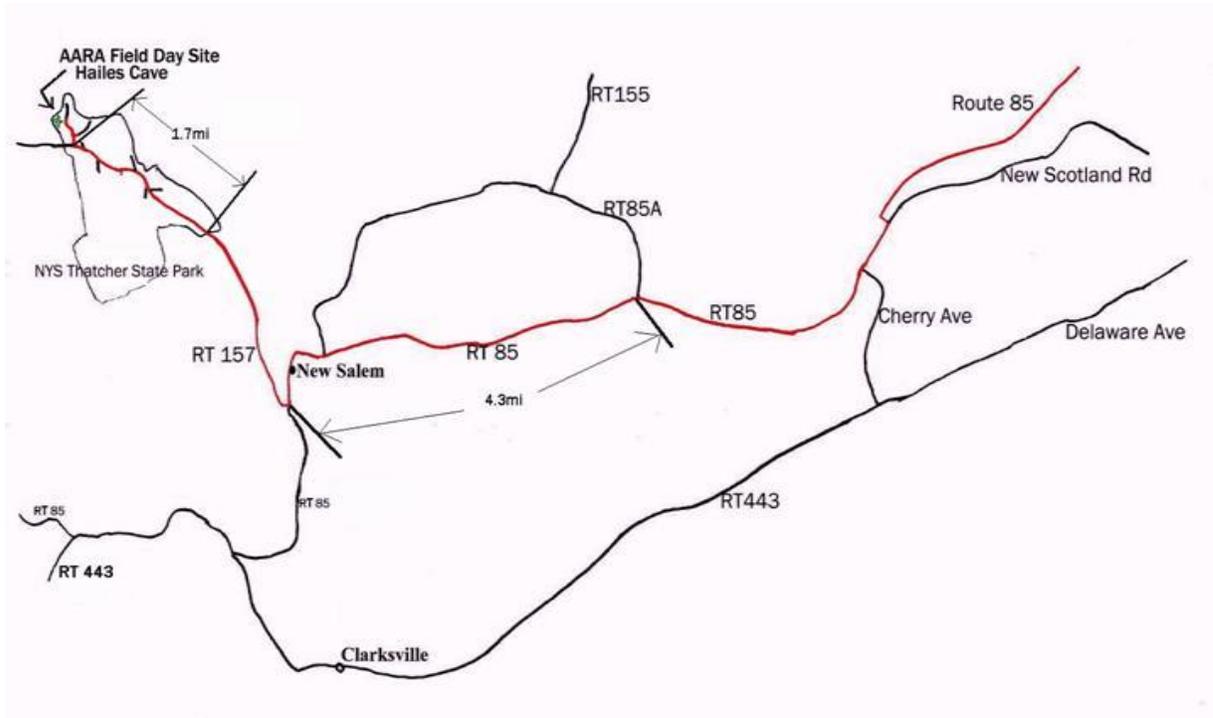
Ham Radio can be a huge asset to any community during disasters if the standard communication infrastructure goes down. Amateur Radio is STEM in action!

Anyone may become a licensed Amateur Radio operator. There are over 725,000 licensed hams in the United States, as young as 5 and as old as 100. And with ATVETS exams it’s easy for anybody to get involved.

article adapted from Southern Maryland News net



FieldDay 2014 photos by Dave KC2RPU



## ATVET Albany Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

If you can HELP OUT on future dates : call Gerry, WA2IWW

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### Letters to Members of Congress Offer Biggest Boost to Amateur Radio Parity Act

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ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, has told Section Managers that while promotion and positive publicity about the Amateur Radio Parity Act ([HR 1301](#)) are always helpful, the most useful action radio amateurs can take is to contact their members of Congress, urging them to sign on as a bill cosponsor. As of June 9, **66 members** of the US House in both parties were listed as cosponsors to the proposed legislation, which would direct the FCC to extend its rules relating to reasonable accommodation of Amateur Service communications to private land-use restrictions. Craigie told the SMs that the grassroots campaign supporting HR 1301 needs more letters.

“We have been told quite bluntly by some Congressional offices that they want letters from constituents — that they will be interested in what the ARRL has to say only if they know that voters care about this issue,” Craigie said in urging Section Managers to rally the troops. “Why should the Congressman care, they ask, if the voters don’t? There are tens of thousands of ARRL members who have not written yet.” You can do a lot to persuade them to write, because they know you.”

Members are encouraged to contact their member of Congress by writing personalized, signed letters on paper, based on the sample letter, available on the [ARRL HR 1301](#) web page. Letters should go to ARRL Headquarters for hand delivery to the appropriate House members. Send letters to ARRL, ATTN HR 1301 Grassroots Campaign, 225 Main St, Newington CT 06111.

Sending these letters via ARRL allows Headquarters staff to keep track of how many communications are going to which Congressional districts. But more important, Craigie pointed out, when letters are delivered to the Hill in person, there's an opportunity to speak with Congressional staffers. "The stack of letters is proof that voters care about the bill," she said. "We have to convince the staff people, so they'll advise the Representative to co-sponsor. That's how it works on Capitol Hill."

Craigie further urged Section Managers to mention the bill when they speak at conventions and club meetings. Craigie urged members whose US House member already has signed on to HR 1301 as a cosponsor to call, write, or e-mail a message of appreciation. "Good manners, good strategy," she said.

The League is working on having a US Senate version of HR 1301 introduced.



## Amateur Radio Field Day exercise, **June 27 – 28, 2015**

Give us a hand; operate and we'll feed you  
We can use your help for take down  
Sun 28<sup>th</sup> starts at 1pm



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