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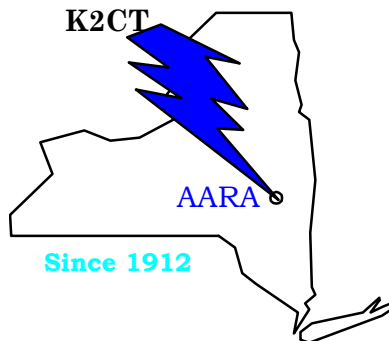
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## AARA

Meets at the  
Colonie Community Center

1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday March 14

Social Hour 6:55 PM

Meeting 7:45 PM

Refreshments

soda, diet soda, coffee

## March Meeting

Bill Patmos W2DHT will present a program on mobile communications. With spring fast approaching this program should prove timely for those interested in getting that new rig in their vehicle.

Bill will have a Powerpoint presentation showing the various aspects and considerations of the installation.

**AARA DINNER APRIL 11, 2003**

**Sell Raffle Tickets**

**K2CT repeater**  
**Talk-in repeater 145.19 (-) MHz**  
**pl tone 100.0hz**

**YOUR AARA Dues are DUE**

B-plus is Electronic

Dues are \$15 with  
B-PLUS available at the K2CT Web  
page in .pdf format [www.qsl.net/k2ct](http://www.qsl.net/k2ct)

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

Dinner Tickets may be  
purchased from **Bill, K2BX** at the  
meeting or call him at 283-6167

## 2002 CQWW DX CONTEST -- UPDATED CW RESULTS

| STATION                | CATEGORY | QSOs | COUNTRIES | ZONES | CLAIMED SCORE |
|------------------------|----------|------|-----------|-------|---------------|
| WE2F<br>(+W2GDJ)       | M/S      | 1989 | -         | -     | 3,596,706     |
| K2ONP                  | SO (H) A | 1465 | 502       | 141   | 2,671,022     |
| N1EU                   | SO (H) A | 1259 | 536       | 138   | 2,397,418     |
| K2EP                   | SO (H) A | 756  | 416       | 113   | 1,126,241     |
| N2LBR<br>(+WA1KKM)     | M/S      | 861  | 360       | 96    | 1,110,360     |
| NA2NA<br>(+W2AU, W2GB) | M/S      | 782  | 409       | 111   | 1,100,320     |
| N1JP                   | SO (H) A | 666  | -         | -     | 846,596       |
| K2XF                   | SO (H) A | 470  | 320       | 91    | 528,546       |
| WK2H                   | SO (H) A | -    | -         | -     | 201,868       |

Total points for 2002 CQWW SSB and CW: 30,978,656  
73,

Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR sue.walt@verizon.net. See you in the pileups!

### **Morse-code test**

There will be a Morse-code test offered by the SARA VE team on Thursday, April 10 at 7 pm in Room A-215 of Niskayuna High School, 1626 Balltown Road, Niskayuna, NY 12309.

**To register** [pre-registration is required], contact Bill Mischler, KG2AC, at 370-1350. With questions, call Bob Raffaele, W2XM, at 459-8435 (before 9:30. please).

### **NEW YORK ARRL MEMBERS**

We have just learned that our antenna bill - A 63 - is in on the agenda of the Senate Local Government Committee meeting for Wednesday, March 5th. It is important that we let members of that committee know how important that bill is to Amateur Radio in New York. See <http://www.hudson.arrl.org> for more information and a copy of the bill.

Please spread the word on local repeaters and get others to contact their New York State senators quickly.

Please contact the senators listed below via e-mail or telephone before the Wednesday meeting asking them to

support the bill A 63  
report it out of committee

See the sample e-mail at the end of this bulletin for key points you will want to make in a telephone message.

Please e-mail or telephone the Senate committee members listed below:

Elizabeth O'C. Little, 45th, R-I-C Senatorial District  
Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Warren, Washington Counties: 21 Bay Street , Glens Falls, NY 12801  
District: 518-743-0968  
903 Legislative Office Building Albany: 518-455-2811 little@senate.state.ny.us

Mary Lou Rath, 61st, R-C-I Senatorial District  
Genesee and part of Erie Counties:  
5500 Main Street, Suite 260 , Williamsville, NY 14221-6737 District: 716-633-0331  
707 Legislative Office Building Albany: 518-455-3161 rath@senate.state.ny.us

Martin Connor, 25th, D-L-W Senatorial District

Parts of Kings and New York Counties:

250 Broadway, Suite 2011 , New York, NY 10007-2356 District: 212-298-5565

408 Legislative Office Building Albany: 518-455-2625 connor@senate.state.ny.us

Caesar Trunzo, 03rd, R-C-I Senatorial District

Part of Suffolk Counties:

NYS Office Building Veterans' Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788 District: 631-360-3236

711 Legislative Office Building Albany: 518-455-2111 trunzo@senate.state.ny.us

William T. Stachowski, 58th, D-C-I-W Senatorial District

Part of Erie Counties:

2030 Clinton Street , Buffalo, NY 14206 District: 716-826-3344

604 Legislative Office Building Albany: 518-455-2426 stachows@senate.state.ny.us

John A. DeFrancisco, 50th, R-C-I Senatorial District

Part of Onondaga Counties:

804 State Office Bldg. 333 East Washington Street, Syracuse, NY 13202 District: 315-428-7632

307 Legislative Office Building Albany: 518-455-3511 jdefranc@senate.state.ny.us

Ruth Hassell-Thompson, 36th, D Senatorial District

Parts of Bronx, Westchester Counties:

767 East Gunhill Road , Bronx, NY 10467 District: 718-547-8854

613 Legislative Office Building Albany: 518-455-2061 hassellt@senate.state.ny.us

John J. Bonacic, 42nd, R-C Senatorial District

Delaware, Sullivan, parts of Orange, Ulster Counties:

279 Main Street, Suite 202 , New Paltz, NY 12561 District: 845-255-9656

815 Legislative Office Building Albany: 518-455-3181 bonacic@senate.state.ny.us

Nancy Larraine Hoffmann, 49th, R Senatorial District

Madison and parts of Cayuga, Oneida, Onondaga Counties:

801 State Office Building 333 East Washington Street, Syracuse, NY 13202 District: 315-478-0072

811 Legislative Office Building Albany: 518-455-2665 hoffmann@senate.state.ny.us

(Send mail to DISTRICT)

Here is a sample e-mail letter.

Dear Senator ...,

Please support S 63 the "'Jimmy' the Newsagent' Hannell Amateur Radio Antenna Bill" and report it out of the Local Government Committee. We have named the bill after Jimmy Hannell, W2JHO, who passed away suddenly in January of 2003 and who worked very hard to get the bill passed by the Senate last year. The bill is important to Amateur Radio operators across New York State.

The bill is a restatement of federal provision for Amateur antennas

The bill sets a self limiting state-wide standard

The bill will enable hams to have effective antennas with which to perform valuable FREE public service communications in times of need and or as part of Homeland Defense

Amateur Radio has a long proud history of public service to the state and the nation

Amateur radio is always there "When all else fails"

The Senate passed the bill last year

Your name and address

Thanks for your support in this important effort. It is important that these senators here from us before the Wednesday meeting.

73, Bernie Fuller, N3ENF, Atlantic Division Director

Frank Fallon, N2FF, Hudson Division Director

## "Leap into Amateur Radio"

The AARA has requested the new "Leap into Amateur Radio" brochures from ARRL headquarters. The new brochure is targeted at the elementary school audience. They will be made available at public service events and Field Day. The new brochure may be viewed in PDF format at:

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/materials/Leap-into-AR.pdf>

AARA Homepage  
[www.qsl.net/k2ct](http://www.qsl.net/k2ct)

## Upcoming Events

March 8-9 North American RTTY Sprint  
15-17 Russian DX Contest  
29-30 CQ WW SSB WPX Contest  
Tony's Hamfest list available at the meeting

## SWAP SHOP

Send items to B-Plus editor, Mike, WD2AJS at [wd2ajs@arrl.net](mailto:wd2ajs@arrl.net) or call 489-3110

**Wanted:** Vibroplex bugs contact Lee, W2FYA 436-1296



**FOR SALE:** ALPHA 76A HF LINEAR AMPLIFIER 160 METERS THROUGH 10 METERS WORKS GREAT \$800.00

Contact Bill, K2BX @ 283.6167 after 5PM

**FOR SALE:** Kenwood TS-440S HF Transceiver



includes: Internal AT-440 Automatic Antenna Tuner: 80-10meters, 2.1KHz International Radio SSB filter, MFJ Deluxe Versa Tuner II model # MFJ-948: 160-10meters, Hand mike, Power cord, & Instruction manual with schematics  
All works well: **Asking \$400**  
Contact Scott, N2MQQ 518-725-9123  
[x0960636@capital.net](mailto:x0960636@capital.net)



meeting Feb 2003

# Menu for AARA Dinner

When: April 11  
Where: Shaker Ridge Country Club

Cost: \$25:00 per person

Appetizer: **Tossed Garden Salad**

Entrée choice of:

## Cranberry Harvest Chicken

Boneless breast of chicken wrapped around cranberry bread stuffing and served with cranberry veloute.

## Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus

## Potato Crusted Halibut

Halibut filet crusted with potato flakes, sautéed in olive oil and finished with garlic dill butter.

Dessert: **Apple Crisp Ala Mode**

Tickets may be purchased  
from **Bill, K2BX at the meeting or  
call him at 283-6167**



Bill, K2BX

# DXCC

I'm looking for DXCC statistics from AARA club members. Here's what I have so far.

|       | Current | Total | Countries needed   |
|-------|---------|-------|--|
| K2XF  | 335     | 343   |  |
| K2XA  | 334     | 346   | BS7  |
| K2EP  | 331     | 336   | BS7, FR/J, VU4, VU7  |
| K2ONP | 327     | 332   | FR/G, FR/J, FT/X, VK9X, YV0, ZL8, ZS8  |
| W2GDJ | 313     |       | 3C0, 7O,BS7, FR/G, FR/J, FT5W, FT5X, FT5Z, KH7, KP1, KP5,ST,T5, VU4, VU7, YV0, ZS8 |
| K2BX  | 275     | 279   |  |
| N1JP  | 183     | 183   |  |

I will update the list every few months. If you need ten or less countries, include a list of them. If you have any other DX awards (dxcc, 5bdxcc, waz, challenge), send me a list and will publish them in B+. [K2EP@arrl.net](mailto:K2EP@arrl.net)  
73, Ernie K2EP

## Public Service:

1) WalkAmerica 2003. Date is Sunday, April 27

The new route is over the Hudson Riverway and into the Corning Preserve.

Until we find a new Public Service Chairperson, if you have questions or concerns, the club president is John Naberezny, WE2F, available at [we2f@arrl.net](mailto:we2f@arrl.net). Phone 283-4304

**AARA WE Need YOU to Volunteer AARA**

B-PLUS April deadline is Sat. March 29th

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

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