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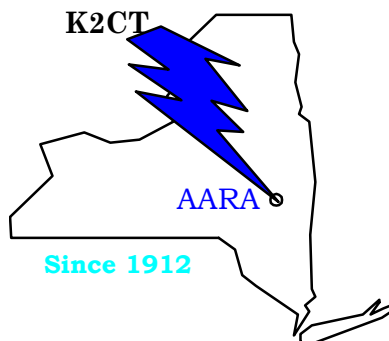
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## AARA

Meets at the  
Colonie Community Center  
1653 Central Ave. Colonie  
Friday March 12

Social Hour 6:55 PM  
Meeting 7:45 PM  
Refreshments  
soda, diet soda, coffee

## MARCH Meeting

Fourteen-year-old Daniel Bradke, W2AU, of  
Niskayuna, NY, Daniel won the first annual  
VP5X Young Ham Team Member  
Daniel's will speak on his DXpedition to VP5  
the Turks and Caicos Islands in the  
Caribbean to contest more on page 3

**K2CT Repeater**  
**Talk-in repeater**  
**145.19 (-) MHz**  
**pl tone 100.0hz**  
**or**  
**444.30 (+) w/pl tone 100.0hz**

**AARA Dinner APRIL 16**  
**see page 3**

**AARA Dues** 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

## **Public Service:**

*Volunteer CONTACT John, WE2F at 283-4304*

**AARA WE Need YOU to Volunteer AARA**

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

## **SWAP SHOP**

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

For Sale: Drake TR-4C Transceiver, Drake TRC VFO, Astron RS-12M Power Supply, D104 Mic, HTX242 2-meter Transceiver, IC2A Portable 2-meter, Kenwood TR130 Transceiver.  
Contact Bob, WA2MCP at 869-8103

### **FOR SALE OR SWAP**

3 – Mil type AT903-G Pyramidal Shape Antennae  
50 Ohm Feed 600 to 1850 MHz

2 – 36 inch Parabolic Dish Antennae

A 6 foot Parabolic Dish, mesh w/8 leaves and mount

Precision high power resistors New

Over 200 carbon comp resistors ¼ to 2 watt New

2 – Cushcraft 11 el yagi for 146 MHz with stacking harness and mast

All sort of type N connectors and adapters

4x8 wooden Comm trailer for EMCOMM, Field Day, Mountain topping

Cleaning out the shack, storage shed and “junk boxes” Come visit-see what you need, even if you do not realize you need it. The coffee pot will be on.

Contact Tom Valosin, WB2KLD 117 Warrior Way Middleburgh 827-4800 till 9PM or 827-4852 (w) 9-4 M-F

### **A note from Leland Califano, W2FYA**

The Hams up here might like to know that Mary Palmer, W5DEW, is in a nursing home in Minn.

She is now listed as Mrs. Doldson in the call book. So you may like to put this in B-Plus since some hams in the area have worked her when she was in Port Arthur, Texas. She also taught code at Fort Arthur College during the war.

**LOOKING FOR:** Does anyone have access to a computer video projector?

PLEASE, Contact Guy, WK2H at 371-3008

**AARA Annual Dinner** April 16, 2004 (Note, it is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)

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**The "@" symbol** The story "NPR Feature Spotlights Addition of @ Symbol to Morse Code" in The ARRL Letter, Vol 23, No 08 (Feb 20, 2004), may have incorrectly implied that ARRL Chief Technology Officer Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, originated the idea of adding the "@" symbol to the Morse code. Rinaldo did conceive of the new character--the letters A and C run together the first added to the code in many, many years--will be "AC" run together (.-.-.) but others had suggested years earlier the need to establish a Morse equivalent for the "@" symbol.

## ATTENTION HF CONTESTERS

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If you were on the air for either mode of the ARRL International DX Contest, we want your score! Please send a plain text copy of your summary sheet to us at: [sue.walt@verizon.net](mailto:sue.walt@verizon.net)

Get your score published in B-Plus! See your call in print! Act now! (Limited time offer, some exclusions apply. See us for details.)

Don't be left out!

73,  
Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR



AARA name tags can be ordered from The Maine Store. Our tag is on file with them. You can check them out at:

<http://www.themainestore.com/>. They also have many other items that may be of interest.

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The competition was sponsored by VP5X (David Kopacz, KY1V)

Congratulations to Daniel Bradke, W2AU, of Niskayuna, NY. Daniel's essay, operating skills and enthusiasm has moved our contest team to select him to be our first annual VP5X Young Ham Team Member.



Daniel is 14 years old and has held an amateur extra class license since he was 11. Daniel is able to send and receive morse code at 30wpm and will be a significant asset to our team for this years upcoming CQWW CW contest.

Daniel is a member of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club, is a member of FISTS and regularly operates during the ARRL Straight Key Night on New Years Eve.

Daniel claims he is a team player, can handle his own in a pile-up and is eager to learn from more experienced operators. Who knows, maybe he can teach us a thing or two.

This will be Daniel's first DXpedition with a Free Trip to VP5 just 575 nautical miles southeast of Miami and 39 miles southeast of the Bahamas lies Providenciales (Provo), the biggest island in the Turks and Caicos



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### AARA Annual Dinner

April 16, 2004

(Note, it is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)

Make your dinner reservations with Bud WF2B by March 16. \$25 per person, check made out to AARA or cash in advance. (See him at the March meeting or call him at 283-2337 and mail check to Bud Hovey, 15 Sylvan Lane, Troy, NY 12180.)

**PLACE:** Shaker Ridge Country Club  
(where we had it last year)

**TIME:** April 16, 2004 – cash bar cocktails and soft drinks at 6:00PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM.

#### **MENU:**

Soup du Jour and Shaker Salad  
Potato (Garlic Smashed)  
Vegetable  
Dessert (German Chocolate Cake)  
(Choice of entree):  
1. Cranberry Harvest Chicken  
(boneless breast of chicken wrapped around cranberry bread stuffing)  
2. Prime Rib of Beef au Jus  
3. Salmon Filet (char grilled and finished with dill buerre blanc)

# ATVET 2004

Albany/Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

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Each candidate should bring:

- Social Security Number (required for FCC CORES/ULS registration)
- A picture ID and non-picture ID
- Original and photocopy of any amateur licenses
- Original and photocopy of any CSCE documents
- Pens and Pencils
- Calculator
- \$12.00 exam fee (cash, check, or money order payable to ARRL/VEC)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Doors Open</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sat.	April 10	9:20AM	CII Building	3045
Wed.	June 30	6:20PM	CII Building	3045
Sat.	October 9	9:20AM	?	?
Sat.	November 13	9:20AM	?	?



some pins that are available at [www.ARRL.org](http://www.ARRL.org)

DX-Cluster can be accessed on web at <telnet://na2na.net>

B-PLUS April deadline is Sat. March 27th

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