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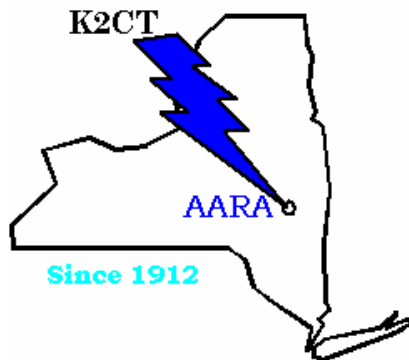
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AARA

Meets at the
Colonie Community Center

1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday March 10

Social Hour 6:55 PM
Selling begins 7:16 PM

refreshments
soda, diet soda, coffee

MARCH Meeting

AARA Dinner is scheduled for
Friday, April 7, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the
Shaker Ridge Country Club,
with Cash bar opening at 6:00PM.

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OUR Speaker: Leonard Signoretti, Jr,
N2LEN, operator of the "N2LEN" repeater
serving the Greene\Columbia counties of
NY. He will speak about running
EchoIRLP, Echolink node. Len was also
the first person to experiment with cross
linking using his repeater system as a
main hub to allow different internet linking
systems to communicate with each other.

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

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 AARA CONTESTERS!

***** HF CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT *****

The 2006 ARRL International DX Contest is coming! The Phone weekend is March 4-5 and CQ WW WPX Contest Phone is the weekend of March 25-27. Get on, have some fun, and send us your scores for publication in B-Plus!

Send us your call, entry category, mode, power level, number of QSOs, number of country multipliers, and claimed score.

Send all of the above (plain text only) to:
sue.walt@verizon.net

See you in the pileups! 73,
Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

******* CONTEST SCORES *******

2005 ARRL 10-METER CONTEST RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	MULTS	CLAIMED SCORE
WE2F	SO(H)MIX	521	116	209,032
W2AU	M/S	412	119	146,013
W2GDJ	SO(H)SSB	250	48	23,450

2006 CQ 160-METER CW CONTEST RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	MULTS	CLAIMED SCORE
W2GDJ	SO(H)	482	89	141,510
K2XA	SO(H)	358	90	112,950
N1EU	M/S	311	83	84,245
NJ1F	M/S	330	56	45,416
K2ONP	SO(H)	190	54	25,812

Please send your ARRL DX scores
(both modes) to us at:
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ARRL FIELD DAY 2006 PACKAGES, RULES NOW AVAILABLE

The 2006 ARRL Field Day package and rules now are available on the ARRL Web site

Operating Events

March 4-5 - CQ WW 160-Meter Contest—SSB
March 11-13 – North America RTTY Sprint
March 18-20 – 10-10 Mobile Contest
March 25-27 - CQ WW WPX Contest—SSB

AARA Annual Dinner

Friday April 7, 2006

AARA Dinner is scheduled for Friday, April 7, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the Shaker Ridge Country Club, with Cash bar opening at 6:00PM.

Our Speaker will be Investigator Julie Murphy, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Counter Terrorism Intelligence Unit, New York State Police, who will make a presentation on "Operation Safeguard & Counter Terrorism Awareness".

Dinner this year will cost \$30.00 per person (inflation finally hit the cost of food).

Choices are:

Prime Rib of Beef
Cranberry Harvest Chicken
or Potato Encrusted Halibut.

Please let Bud Hovey, WF2B know your choice as soon as possible and please pay by check made out to AARA or cash by our March 10 meeting.

Checks can be either given to Bud at the February or March meetings or sent to him by mail:

Harry Hovey,
15 Sylvan Lane,
Troy, NY 12180-8542

You can reach Bud at 283-2337 or
wf2b@verizon.net.



FEB 2006 AARA Club Flea Market



Leonard Signoretti, Jr, N2LEN, has been involved in the radio hobby since September 1976. He has been a ham since January 2000. Len was the first person to introduce the NYC metropolitan area to internet linking. On September 12, 2001, Len installed his own repeater system in NYC. It has been serving the NYC metropolitan area since. Recently relocated to upstate NY, the "N2LEN" repeater now serves Greene\Columbia counties of Northern NY. Transmitting from Greene County NYS on both 146.745 and 449.025. Offering communications throughout the world via internet linking, Len has become world renowned. Running EcholRLP, Echolink node number 6269 and IRLP node number 4207. Len was also the first person to experiment with cross linking using his repeater system as a main hub to allow different internet linking systems to communicate with each other. Len's experiments with internet linking has been documented on many websites for free download. Len was also the very first person to start up weekly internet and RF nets. He selected net control stations from throughout the world. Some acted as net control stations at their computer, simplex link and/or repeater. His nets have been heard throughout the world offering nets with topics that include help forums, tech nets, repeater builder's nets, global "JOTA" nets, Christmas and New Year's holiday nets as well as weekly Swap & Shop Tech net schedules. Through the continuing popularity of internet linking, Len's Yahoo news group "Echolink" (<http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/echolink>) has a membership of over 4000 daily users. Its main goal is to provide a help forum for beginner, intermediate and advanced hams to share common interests regarding the technical aspects of amateur radio, specifically regarding amateur radio and voice over IP.

Len's efforts as a ham and humanitarian have truly paid off. On September 11th 2002, after a 3 week collaboration with a special internet linking team, Len spearheaded the "N2LEN 9/11 Commemorative Net". (<http://www.911net.org>) Using the N2LEN repeater as a central hub for traffic, specially written internet conference server software and utilizing the donated bandwidth from hams throughout the world, the global link for the 9/11 net was formed. Word of Len's efforts made news throughout the world. The ARRL was also informed of Len's special heartwarming net gala. The ARRL president, Jim Haynie, W5JBP, was invited to address this global repeater/computer

link up the evening of 9/11/02.

(<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2002/09/10/1/>) From as early as 6am EST repeaters, simplex links and computer users began connecting to Len's server system. By 5pm there were already over 1,000 stations throughout the world who connected to show support and to commemorate those who lost their lives and those who assisted in the recovery effort of 9/11. The net officially began at 9pm EST. Len began by reciting the words to "America" by Samuel F. Smith. He then addressed the net with some very heart warming words and was then opened up for check in from repeaters, simplex links and computer users from throughout the world. With a total of 4 net control stations, check ins were heard from repeater clubs throughout the world. Many stations representing amateur radio clubs added additional thoughts of commemorations. Len also prepared a prerecorded interview with Charles Hargrove, N2NOV, the district coordinator for NYC ARES. Charlie explained to Lenny how well the NYC amateur radio emergency service helped in the rescue and recovery efforts of 9/11. This was heard throughout the world. This net, which was only scheduled for 90 minutes, lasted well past midnight. A final count listed over 1,000 actual check-ins from throughout the world. Len even supported the most recent Space Shuttle disaster in Texas and linked his repeater and donated internet bandwidth to listen to the W5NAC repeater in Nacogdoches, TX. The recovery efforts were heard here in NYC 24/7 over the local repeater system. The Second Annual "N2LEN" 9/11 Commemorative Net, with over 2000 amateurs checking in either over the air or on a online database via the 9/11 Net website.

(<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/08/13/2/?nc=1#ARRL>) Len's continuing efforts to promote internet linking has also been noted here in the NYC area. He has been asked to give presentations to many different amateur radio clubs in the greater metropolitan Tri-state area. He has recently given a presentation at Ham Radio University in Oyster Bay, LI. His presentation was well received amongst the hams that attended. Len continually demonstrates his technical expertise in the area of internet linking and amateur radio. He was the first to provide this service to NYC and continues to strive to promote new and innovative ideas to bring amateurs together from all over the world. In 2003 Len was awarded the ARRL Technical Achievement Award. The specific achievement Len was recognized for was the unique Echolink repeater/internet linking system he has

implemented, one of the first in the New York City area. That system was used to link repeaters across the world to form a special "9/11 commemorative net" on September 11th, 2002. Over 1000 stations, worldwide, connected to commemorate the victims and heroes of 9/11

including ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP. Continued work bringing Echolink to Amateur Radio made Len the Committee's choice for the Technical Achievement Award.

W2EGB Hamfest

3rd Annual

EAST GREENBUSH ARA

May 13th, 2006 General
gates open at 8AM \$5

Location: Phillips Road
Firehouse, East Greenbush
For More Info: contact
kc2fcp@aol.com or
n2pos@nycap.rr.com

Talk-in: 147.27



Who are these AARA members?

www.k2ct.net

WE are looking for pictures of your Ham Shack

Send pictures to Peter, N2KAD

Please try the new site and let me know what you think. If you have any feedback please let me know.

73, Peter Hines, N2KAD, webmaster
hines@nycap.rr.com with any suggestions.

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Public Service:

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