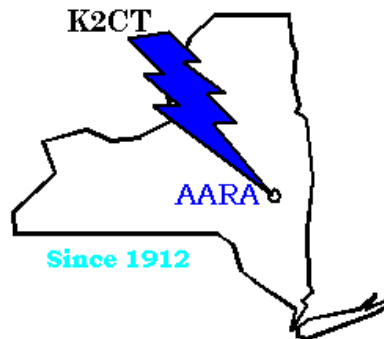


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## AARA

Meets at the  
Colonie Community Center  
1653 Central Ave. Colonie

**Friday March 12**

Social Hour 6:55 PM  
Meeting begins 7:47 PM

refreshments  
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

## MARCH MEETING

### 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

Local Public Service

Operating Events  
Get on the air

ATVET  
Albany/Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

Propagation for 2010

AARA Dinner will be April 9<sup>th</sup>

## 50/50 Raffle at the meeting

\$1.00 for 1 ticket OR 3 tickets for \$2.00

First Drawing 50% of the raffle money

## AARA DINNER

Western Turnpike Golf Course  
2354 Western Avenue  
Guilderland, NY 12084

Price is \$35.00 per person  
Dinner choices are:

Fri, April 9th 2010

- 1) Chicken ScarpielloV Prepared with Tomato Veloute, Red & Green Peppers and Onions
- 2) Stuffed Pork Tenderloin Rolled & Stuffed with Bread & Sausage Stuffing with a light sauce
- 3) Haddock François Egg Battered, Sauteed Haddock in a Sherry Wine Lemon Sauce
- 4) Vegetarian Dish

We are working on a Guest Speaker.

Payment can be sent to Stephen Hans KC2VUE, 38 Parker School Rd, Johnsonville, NY 12094.

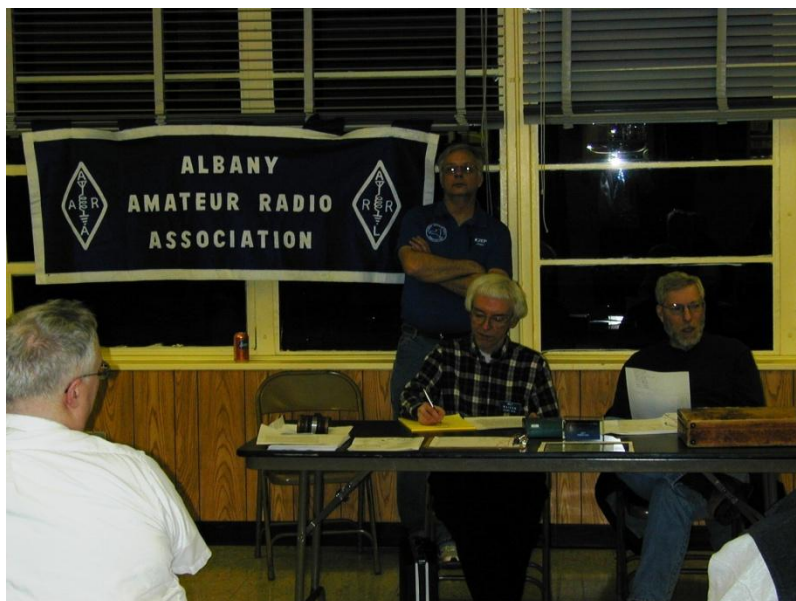
OR see him at the meeting

I will also be sending out a flyer to everyone by the end of February.

### \*\*\* AARA CONTESTERS ON THE AIR \*\*\*

#### 2010 ARRL DX CONTEST -- CW RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	CLAIMED SCORE
N1EU	SO(H)A	2021	421	2,552,523
N2LBR				
(+WA1KKM)	M/2	1966	350	2,064,300
K2ONP	SO(H)A	1587	334	1,590,174
K2EP	SO(H)A	642	273	525,798
W2GDJ	SO(H)A	650	265	516,750
K2XF	SO(H)A	571	244	417,972
W2EG	SO(40M)	1079	91	294,567
N1CC	SO(L)A	386	217	251,286
N1JP	SO(H)A	366	223	244,854
K2BX	SO(H)A	481	167	240,981
K2XA	SO(80M)	957	77	221,067
WF2B	SO(H)A	185	112	62,160
WA3AFS	SO(40M)	75	75	16,875
WC2L	SO(40M)	43	28	3,612



WA2IWW

Pres. K2EP

Treas. K2XA

Secr. WA1KKM

## **2010 CQ 160-METER CONTEST -- CW RESULTS**

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	MULTIPLIERS	CLAIMED SCORE
WA3AFS	SO (H) A	319	93	116,064
K2EP	SO (H)	220	64	41,216

## **2010 CQ WPX CONTEST -- RTTY RESULTS**

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	PREFIXES	CLAIMED SCORE
K2ONP	SO (L) A	497	315	474,705
N1CC	SO (L)	66	52	6,864

Thanks for all the scores!  
73, Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

## **FCC Denies ARRL's Request for Declaratory Ruling**

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In 2005, after the State of Florida adopted statutes aimed at pirate broadcasters and making it a felony to make a radio transmission without Commission authorization or to interfere with a licensed public or commercial radio station, the ARRL -- through General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD -- filed a *Request for Declaratory Ruling* ([Request](#)) with the FCC, seeking a declaratory ruling on portions of that statute. The ARRL argued that the Statute was written so broadly that one could infer that Commission-licensed Amateur Radio stations in Florida would be subject to felony prosecution if their transmissions interfered with broadcast or other radio receivers. In 2006, New Jersey adopted a similar statute and the ARRL's *Request* was modified to include that state. Five years and one day after the original *Request* was filed with the Commission, [the FCC denied the Request](#).

In its *Request*, the ARRL stated that it was "unclear" if the Statute was written "to be as broad in its application as it reads, but it is clear that the Statute would create a third degree felony for the first offense of causing interference to licensed 'public or commercial' radio stations. The Statute is not limited to broadcast stations, though broadcast radio stations appear to be the focus of the protected class under this Statute. Nor is it clear what constitutes 'interference.' What is clear is that no radio transmissions, licensed or not, are permitted if they result in interference to public or commercial radio stations licensed by the Commission. Thus, it would appear that Commission-licensed Amateur Radio stations in Florida are subject to felony prosecution if their transmissions interfere with interference-susceptible broadcast or other radio receivers used in public or commercial radio stations."

Writing on behalf of the FCC, Mobility Division Deputy Chief Scott Stone noted that the Florida legislation has now been in effect for more than five years and the New Jersey legislation has been in effect for more than four years "and [the Commission has] received no reports of any amateur operators being prosecuted or threatened with prosecution under either statute. Given our broad discretion in determining whether to grant a petition for declaratory ruling, we decline to address the *Request*, as it does not currently appear that a declaratory ruling is necessary to 'terminat[e] a controversy or remov[e] uncertainty' with respect to ARRL's concerns." Stone also noted that the ARRL may file a new petition for declaratory ruling in the event of "changed circumstances."

Upon learning that the FCC had denied the *Request*, ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, said he was "disappointed; however, it is significant that the denial is not based on the merits of our argument, but rather on the fact that in the intervening time there have been no reports of the statutes being used against radio amateurs. If either the Florida or the New Jersey statute were to be applied to a licensed amateur, our understanding is that the FCC would entertain a request to intervene, and we would expect them to do so."

## ON AIR Contests

SARL 80m QSO Party	1700Z-2000Z, Apr 2
SP DX Contest	1500Z, Apr 4 to 1500Z, Apr 5
EA RTTY Contest	1600Z, Apr 4 to 1600Z, Apr 5
QCWA Spring QSO Party	1800Z, Apr 4 to 1800Z, Apr 5
144 MHz Spring Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 6
EU Spring Sprint, CW	1600Z-1959Z, Apr 11
Georgia QSO Party	1800Z, Apr 11 to 0359Z, Apr 12 and 1400Z-2359Z, Apr 12
222 MHz Spring Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 14
<b>TARA</b> Skirmish Digital Prefix Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Apr 18
Michigan QSO Party	1600Z, Apr 18 to 0400Z, Apr 19
EU Spring Sprint, SSB	1600Z-1959Z, Apr 18
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Apr 20
432 MHz Spring Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 22
SP DX RTTY Contest	1200Z, Apr 25 to 1200Z, Apr 26
Florida QSO Party	1600Z, Apr 25 to 0159Z, Apr 26 and 1200Z-2159Z, Apr 26
Nebraska QSO Party	1700Z, Apr 25 to 1700Z, Apr 26
10-10 Int. Spring Contest, CW	0001Z, May 2 to 2359Z, May 3
10-10 Int. Spring Contest, Digital	0001Z, May 2 to 2359Z, May 3

The Times and Dates listed below were last updated on 3/1/2010. Please, keep in mind that from time-to-time the schedule gets changed as the season goes on. We recommend that you check back here often to confirm the dates/times you're interested in haven't been changed/canceled.

## ATVET 2010 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

Exam Date	Day	Doors Open	Exam Time (Doors will Close)
March 13, 2010	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
April 24, 2010	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
July 21, 2010	Wednesday	6:20 PM	7:00 PM
October 16, 2010	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
November 13, 2010	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM

ATVET LIAISON: Gerald Murray, WA2IWW [atvet@n2ty.org](mailto:atvet@n2ty.org) or 518-482-8700

# Schenectady Amateur Radio Association

## 80th Anniversary Celebration

The SARA members are inviting all adjacent radio clubs and their members to help us celebrate our **80th anniversary**

Date: 5 April 2010

Time: 7 PM.

Price Chopper Community room

1639 Eastern Parkway

Schenectady NY 12309

<http://events.cbs6albany.com/schenectady-ny/venues/show/651184-price-chopper-community-room>

Our guest speaker will be

**Dave Sumner** K1ZZ from ARRL HQ.

We ask for a ball-park estimate of members that may be attending, so we can order a sufficient quantity of cake.

More info contact Hal Post AK2E, SARA Secretary [ak2e@arrl.net](mailto:ak2e@arrl.net)



Feb 2010 AARA Meeting

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