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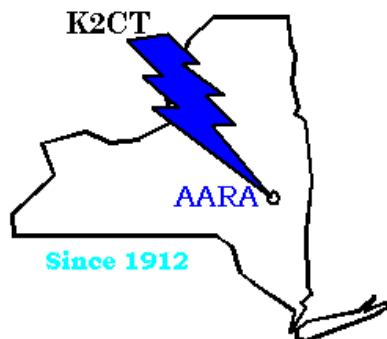
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AARA

This Month AARA
Meets at the
Voorheesville Public Library
51 School Rd.
Voorheesville, NY 12186

Friday MARCH 11

Social Hour 6:55 PM
Meeting begins 7:47 PM
refreshments
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

MARCH MEETING

Contesting and Propagation

More on Ham Radio Jeopardy

ATVET 2011 Exams
Next One: March 12
Can you Help. Call Jerry, WA2IWW
482-8700

AARA Dinner
Friday April 8th see page 2

Plan on joining us at the
Voorheesville Public Library
51 School Rd., Voorheesville, NY 12186

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 mailing of the newsletter Checks
should be made out to AARA and sent to: Saul
Abrams, K2XA,
307 Maple Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159

50/50 Raffle at the meeting

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

AARA Dinner - Friday April 8th

at the Western Turnpike Golf Course. 2354 Western Ave, Guilderland

Appetizer:

Penne Pasta w/ Tomato Sauce

Cash Bar

Entree Choices:

Stuffed Filet of Sole

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Sliced Sirloin of Beef

Dessert:

Italian Pastry Platter

The Cost of the meal is \$35.00 per person.

You can make a payment and choice either in Person at the February Meeting or mail it to me, my address is 25 Delamater Way, Troy, NY 12180. RSVP by March 25, 2011.

As a reminder the February meeting is at Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

73, Stephen Hans, KC2VUE , 25 Delamater Way, Troy, NY 12180

***** AARA CONTESTERS ON THE AIR *****

2011 ARRL DX CONTEST -- CW RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	CLAIMED SCORE
N1EU	SO (H) A	2078	471	2,936,214
K2ONP	SO (H) A	1477	392	1,736,952
N2LBR				
(+WA1KKM)	M/2	1482	363	1,613,898
K2EP	SO (H) A	817	328	803,928
N1CC	SO (L) A	410	259	318,570
K2XF	SO (H) A	388	253	294,492
W2EG	SO (H) 40M	939	95	267,615
K2XA	SO (H) 80M	957	91	261,261
W2GDJ	SO (H)	404	140	169,680
N1JP	SO (H) A	252	164	123,984
WA3AFS	SO (L) A	192	192	110,592
WF2B	SO (H) A	142	87	37,062

2011 CQ 160-METER CONTEST -- CW RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	MULTIPLIERS	CLAIMED SCORE
K2ONP	SO (H) A	483	91	143,507
WA3AFS	SO (H) A	228	78	63,414
K2EP	SO (H) A	205	58	30,740
N1CC	SO (L)	222	57	30,324

Thanks for all the scores!

73, Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

AARA Meetings

In March we are back at the **Voorheesville Library**, then the April Dinner. May we should be in our new permanent location at the Bethlehem town hall.

.The ARRL Letter for February 24, 2011

Legislative News: ARRL Asks Members to Write in Opposition to HR 607

The ARRL is asking its members to contact their US representatives in opposition to the sections of [HR 607](#) that could affect the Amateur Radio Service allocation at 420-440 MHz. HR 607 -- *The Broadband for First Responders Act of 2011* -- would address certain spectrum management issues, including the creation and maintenance of a nationwide Public Safety broadband network. It was [introduced](#) into the US House of Representatives February 10.

H.R. 607 lists, among the bands to be reallocated for commercial auction within ten years of the passage of the Bill, the paired bands 420-440 MHz and 450-470 MHz. The inclusion of most of the Amateur 70-cm spectrum as one of the replacement bands is a major problem. The 420-440 MHz band is not Public Safety spectrum and should not be included in any spectrum swap of Public Safety allocations.

While the ARRL and all Amateurs support the work of Public Safety and recognize their need for dedicated spectrum which would promote interoperability, the ARRL vigorously opposes HR 607 in its present form. HR 607 is a direct threat to our limited spectrum and the ARRL encourages all amateurs to appropriately voice their opposition to this bill.

ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, clarified that the League opposes HR 607 *in its present form*. "We do not oppose the concept of dedicated spectrum for the development of a Public Safety infrastructure and wireless network. We object to the bill because of the inclusion of 420-440 MHz as part of the spectrum to be swapped and auctioned to commercial users." You can find a sample letter, "How to Find your Representative" and the contact information for ARRL's legislative consultant, Chwat & Co, [here](#).

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Peter Hines, N2KAD, webmaster. E-mail hines@nycap.rr.com with any suggestions.

SWAP SHOP Send items to B-Plus editor, Mike, WD2AJS at wd2ajs@nycap.rr.com or call 489-3110

Wanting to put together a nice vintage AM station, so looking for SP-600, 75A-4, etc along with Johnson Ranger or similar.

Please email barry.n1eu@gmail.com

Leland J. Califano, W2FYA, 91, SK Past away Sunday, February 20, 2011 at St. Peter's Hospital. Born in Albany, he was the son of the late Antonio J. and Josephine Sparano Califano. Leland graduated from MT. Pleasant High School and attended Port Arthur College, Port Arthur, Texas. He received his degree in Radio and Telegraph Communications. He went on to serve in the Merchant Marines during WWII as the ship's radio operator (Sparks). He retired in 1983 from the New York State Office of General Services where he was an Assistant Electrical Building Engineer. For over 70 years Leland was a HAM Radio Operator (W2FYA). He was a member of the Albany Amateur Radio Club, and enjoyed swimming and spending time at his camp at Sacandaga Lake.

ARRL Field Day: 2011 Field Day Packets Available

It's that time of year again -- time to start gearing up for ARRL Field Day, June 25-26, 2011! ARRL's flagship operating event -- always held the fourth full weekend in June -- brings together new and experienced hams for 24 hours of operating fun. Field Day packets are now [available for download](#) and include the complete rules (including a change for 2011), as well as other reference items such as forms, ARRL Section abbreviation list, entry submission instructions, a Frequently Asked Questions section, guidelines for getting bonus points, instructions for GOTA stations and a kit to publicize your event with the local press. Read more [here](#).



ATVET 2011 EXAM SCHEDULE

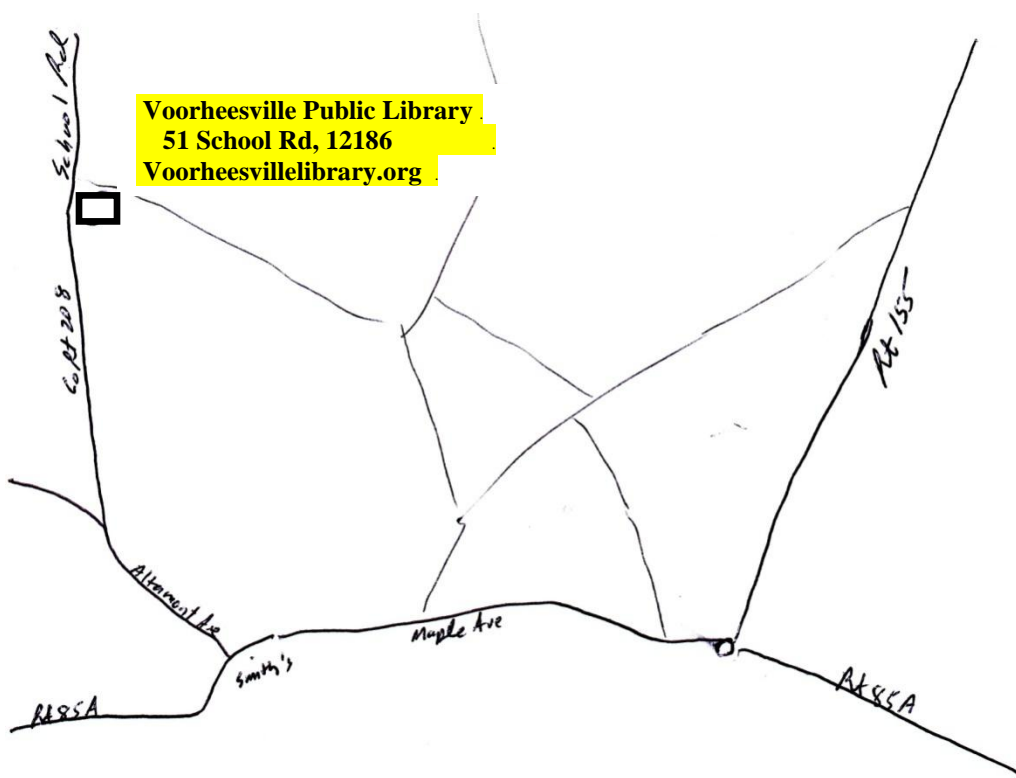
ATVET Albany Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

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 <http://www.n2ty.org/arvet.htm>

Exam Date	Day	Doors Open	Exam Time (Doors will Close)
March 12, 2011	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
April 23, 2011	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
May 7, 2011	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM

ATVET LIAISON: Gerald Murray, WA2IWW atvet@n2ty.org or 518-482-8700



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