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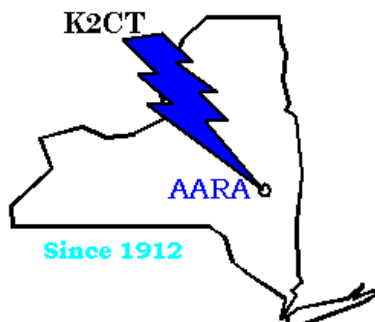
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B-PLUS

MARCH 2018

AARA November Meeting
Friday, Feb16, 2018

Bethlehem Town Hall
445 Delaware Ave.
Delmar, NY 12054

Social Hour 6:50PM

Refreshments
soda, coffee, water, cookies

AARA March Meeting

Mike Shanahan, WO2H
Eastern New York (ENY) Section
Traffic Manager (STM)

AARA Dues

Dues cheerfully accepted,
Dues are \$20.

B-PLUS Newsletter sent via the
K2CT Web page in .pdf format

Please bring payment for the upcoming annual dinner if
you are planning to attend. John, K2QY, sent a previous
email with details.

www.k2ct.org

Checks should be made out to
AARA and sent to:

Saul Abrams, K2XA
307 Maple Rd.
Slingerlands, NY 12159

Bethlehem Town Hall
LAT 42°37'12.8"N
LONG 73°50'25.4"W

Please PAY your Dues.

AARA B-PLUS March 2018

AARA April Dinner

13 April 2018

Salty's Pub

215 Guideboard Rd, Clifton Park, NY 12065

Soup Cup of the day

Garden Salad

Fresh Seasonal Greens, Cherry Tomatoes,
Shredded Carrots and Sliced Cucumbers with Vinaigrette Dressing

COUNTRY ROTISSIERIE CHICKEN \$31.50

Half chicken slow roasted with fresh herbs and natural juices
Served with Garlic Smashed potatoes and Grill Vegetables

BEEF WELLINGTON \$40.75

Classically Prepared Tenderloin of Beef with a
Wild Mushroom duxelle Roasted in Puff Pastry
Served over Lyonnaise potatoes

FILLET OF SALMON & Crab \$41.00

Wood Grilled and served with a Fresh Mango and cilantro salsa.
Served over Black Asian Rice

ROASTED BUTTERNUT & VEGETABLE RAVIOLI \$35.00

Tossed with Roasted Shallots, Snow Peas
Root Vegetables, White Mushrooms, and Grilled Summer Squash

Italian Bread & Creamy butter

Triple Chocolate Cake

Coffee, Tea

Checks or cash to K2QY 401-261-4996 k2qy@arri.org

Checks can be mailed to John Fritze, 4 Normanskill Blvd, Delmar, NY 12054

CUT OFF APRIL 9TH

CASH BAR

Program has been secured and will be announced at the March AARA meeting

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ATVET Albany Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

Exam Date	Day	Doors Open	Exam Time (Doors will Close)
March 10, 2018	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
April 14, 2018	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
May 12, 2018	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
July 11, 2018	Wednesday	6:20 PM	7:00 PM
August 11, 2018	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM



ATVET will again be holding their exam sessions in the C.I.I. Building (Low Center for Industrial Innovations), Room 3045, on the Campus of RPI. Examination room doors will open 40 minutes prior to the exam time, with exams starting at the times indicated above. **NOBODY** will be admitted into the exam room after the starting time. **ATVET** never requires any pre-registration for any of their exams. Starting January 1, the fee charged all applicants at ARRL VEC-coordinated Amateur Radio examination sessions will be \$15.00 either cash, or check (payable to ARRL-VEC). This fee is required from all candidates taking any of the exam elements offered by this team.

If you can **HELP OUT**: call **Gerry, WA2IWW**

Contact **ATVET LIAISON**: **Gerry, WA2IWW** atvet@n2ty.org or 518-482-8700

The March Swapfest, an activity of the **Saratoga Co. ARA**, will take place Saturday, March 10, at the Saratoga County Cooperative Extension building, **50 West High Street**, in Ballston Spa. The doors will open around 8 AM and things will wrap up around 11 AM. The cost of admission is the ever popular **FREE**.

History-Related Events Will Operate from

Rare Grid in Cape Cod National Seashore ARRL website 03/05/2018

It is mere coincidence that the Titanic disaster in 1912 — one of the worst maritime disasters in history — and the birth of Guglielmo Marconi in 1874 — the developer of the wireless gear onboard the ill-fated ship — both occurred in April. Marconi Wireless Company radio operators onboard the Titanic transmitted the distress signal after the gigantic vessel struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic on its maiden voyage. Co-located Amateur Radio special events in April will commemorate both events.

ARRL International Grid Chase 2018 (IGC) enthusiasts take note: The special event operations will take place from FN51, a rare grid square that includes just a slip of land along the Atlantic side of Cape Cod's lower arm; most of FN51 is water. Both events will be held at the Nauset Coast Guard Station in Eastham, Massachusetts.

The Titanic/Marconi Memorial Radio Association of Cape Cod operation will use W1MGY, in recognition of the Titanic's MGY call sign. Operation will begin on Saturday, April 12, at 9 AM ET and continue until April 15 at 1:27 AM ET (0527 UTC) — the time when the Virginian heard Titanic's last radio message 106 years ago. The Titanic disaster claimed some 1,500 lives. The W1MGY operation will be open to the public only on April 14, 10 AM until 3 PM ET. According to W1MGY trustee Barry Hutchinson, KB1TLR, plans call for coverage on all bands, mostly within the General-class subbands, on CW and SSB. Two stations are planned.

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Marconi's wireless station in Wellfleet on Cape Cod played a role in the rescue of 740 survivors from the Titanic. Marconi's wireless operator onboard the rescue ship Carpathia contacted the Titanic that fateful night to inform the wireless operator that the Cape Cod station was transmitting messages to the ill-fated ship. The Titanic's Marconi wireless operator promptly replied, "Come at once. We have struck a berg," initiating the rescue of survivors.

Today, the Wellfleet station site is listed as a National Landmark on the National Register of Historic Places (1975) and is now part of Cape Cod National Seashore.

The Saturday, April 21, International Marconi Day (IMD) operation by the Marconi Cape Cod Radio Club will use the call sign KM1CC, which recognizes the former WCC shore station on Cape Cod. Operation will be on CW, SSB, and digital modes.

KM1CC will be among many stations participating in IMD activities on April 21. The 24-hour event is typically held on the Saturday closest to Marconi's birth date. During IMD, Amateur Radio enthusiasts around the world will attempt to make contact with various historic Marconi sites using communication techniques similar to those that Marconi used. Registered stations must operate from a site with some connection to Marconi.

Stations may register for International Marconi Day 2018 via e-mail. The list of stations already signed up for the 2018 IMD, along with their operating sites, is posted on the Cornish Radio Amateur Club website

CONTESTS

NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Mar 9
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Mar 9
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Mar 9
RSGB Commonwealth Contest	1000Z, Mar 10 to 1000Z, Mar 11
SARL VHF/UHF Analogue Contest	1000Z, Mar 10 to 1000Z, Mar 11
South America 10 Meter Contest	1200Z, Mar 10 to 1200Z, Mar 11
F9AA Cup, SSB	1200Z, Mar 10 to 1200Z, Mar 11
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Mar 10 to 2400Z, Mar 11
AGCW QRP Contest	1400Z-2000Z, Mar 10
Oklahoma QSO Party	1500Z, Mar 10 to 0200Z, Mar 11 and 1400Z-2100Z, Mar 11
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Mar 10 to 1500Z, Mar 11
EA PSK63 Contest	1600Z, Mar 10 to 1600Z, Mar 11
TESLA Memorial HF CW Contest	1800Z, Mar 10 to 0559Z, Mar 11
QCWA QSO Party	1800Z, Mar 10 to 1800Z, Mar 11
Idaho QSO Party	1900Z, Mar 10 to 1900Z, Mar 11
QRP ARCI Spring Thaw SSB Shootout	2200Z-2300Z, Mar 10
North American Sprint, RTTY	0000Z-0400Z, Mar 11
UBA Spring Contest, 2m	0700Z-1100Z, Mar 11
WAB 3.5 MHz Phone	1800Z-2200Z, Mar 11
Wisconsin QSO Party	1800Z, Mar 11 to 0100Z, Mar 12
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Mar 12
CLARA Chatter Party	1700Z, Mar 13 to 1700Z, Mar 14 and 1700Z, Mar 17 to 1700Z, Mar 18
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Mar 14
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Mar 14
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	2000Z-2130Z, Mar 14

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QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Mar 16
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Mar 16
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Mar 16
BARTG HF RTTY Contest	0200Z, Mar 17 to 0200Z, Mar 19
Russian DX Contest	1200Z, Mar 17 to 1200Z, Mar 18
Virginia QSO Party	1400Z, Mar 17 to 0400Z, Mar 18 and 1200Z-2400Z, Mar 18
Louisiana QSO Party	1400Z, Mar 17 to 0200Z, Mar 18
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	1400Z-1700Z, Mar 17 (144) and 1700Z-1800Z, Mar 17 (432)
Feld Hell Sprint	2000Z-2159Z, Mar 17
UBA Spring Contest, SSB	0700Z-1100Z, Mar 18
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Mar 19
Bucharest Contest	1800Z-2059Z, Mar 19
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Mar 21 and 1900Z-2000Z, Mar 21 and 0300Z-0400Z, Mar 22
NAQCC CW Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Mar 22
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	2000Z-2130Z, Mar 22
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Mar 23
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Mar 23
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Mar 23
CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Mar 24 to 2359Z, Mar 25
FOC QSO Party	0000Z-2359Z, Mar 24
UBA Spring Contest, 6m	0600Z-1000Z, Mar 25
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Mar 28
UKEICC 80m Contest	1900Z-2000Z, Mar 28
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Mar 30
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Mar 30
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Mar 30
Feld Hell Sprint	0000Z-2359Z, Mar 31
UK/EI DX Contest, CW	1200Z, Mar 31 to 1200Z, Apr 1
Russian WW MultiMode Contest	1200Z, Mar 31 to 1159Z, Apr 1
<u>April 2018</u>	
RSGB RoLo SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Apr 1
IQRP Quarterly Marathon	0800Z, Apr 2 to 2000Z, Apr 8
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	1900Z-2030Z, Apr 2
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Apr 3
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Apr 4
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Apr 4 and 1900Z-2000Z, Apr 4
UKEICC 80m Contest	1900Z-2000Z, Apr 4
NRAU 10m Activity Contest	1700Z-1800Z, Apr 5 (CW) and 1800Z-1900Z, Apr 5 (SSB) and 1900Z-2000Z, Apr 5 (FM) and 2000Z-2100Z, Apr 5 (Dig)
SARL 80m QSO Party	1700Z-2000Z, Apr 5
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Apr 6
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Apr 6
LZ Open 40m Sprint Contest	0400Z-0800Z, Apr 7
PODXS 070 Club PSK 31 Flavors Contest	1000Z, Apr 7 to 0400Z, Apr 8
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Apr 7 to 2400Z, Apr 8
Florida State Parks on the Air	1400Z-2200Z, Apr 7 and 1400Z-2200Z, Apr 8
Texas State Parks on the Air	1400Z, Apr 7 to 0200Z, Apr 8 and 1400Z-2000Z, Apr 8
Missouri QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 7 to 0400Z, Apr 8 and 1400Z-2000Z, Apr 8
Mississippi QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 7 to 0200Z, Apr 8

SP DX Contest	1500Z, Apr 7 to 1500Z, Apr 8
EA RTTY Contest	1600Z, Apr 7 to 1600Z, Apr 8
North American SSB Sprint Contest	0000Z-0400Z, Apr 8
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Apr 9
144 MHz Spring Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 9
NAQCC CW Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Apr 11
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Apr 11
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Apr 11 and 1900Z-2000Z, Apr 11 and
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Apr 11
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Apr 13
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Apr 13
QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party	0000Z-2359Z, Apr 14
JIDX CW Contest	0700Z, Apr 14 to 1300Z, Apr 15
OK/OM DX Contest, SSB	1200Z, Apr 14 to 1200Z, Apr 15
New Mexico QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 14 to 0200Z, Apr 15
North Dakota QSO Party	1800Z, Apr 15 to 1800Z, Apr 16
Georgia QSO Party	1800Z, Apr 14 to 0359Z, Apr 15 and 1400Z-2359Z, Apr 15
Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest	2100Z, Apr 14 to 2100Z, Apr 15
WAB 3.5/7/14 MHz Data Modes	1200Z-1400Z, Apr 15 (RTTY) and 1400Z-1600Z, Apr 15 (PSK) and 1800Z-2000Z, Apr 15 (RTTY) and 2000Z-2200Z, Apr 15 (PSK)
International Vintage Contest HF	1200Z-1800Z, Apr 15
Hungarian Straight Key Contest	1500Z-1700Z, Apr 15
ARRL Rookie Roundup, SSB	1800Z-2359Z, Apr 15
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Apr 16



The Feb. program

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