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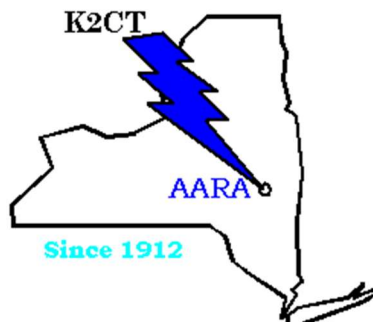
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# B-PLUS MARCH 2020

### AARA Meeting

Friday, MAR 6, 2020

**Bethlehem Town Hall**  
**445 Delaware Ave.**  
**Delmar, NY 12054**

Social Hour 6:30PM

Program 7:27PM

**Refreshments**

soda, coffee, water, cookies

## AARA MARCH MEETING

Please **PAY** your Dues.

### **AARA Dues**

Dues cheerfully accepted,

**Dues are \$20.**

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

Checks should be made out to  
**AARA** and sent to:

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

John Fritze, K2QY, SECTION  
MANAGER will tell us what's  
going on in the division and  
more.

Field Day 2020

June 27-28<sup>th</sup> 2020

**WE NEED a**

**Field Day**

**CHAIRMAN**

**Please Volunteer WE NEED you  
NOW**

Contact Ernie, K2EP

**www.k2ct.org**

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

## International Space Station Resupply Mission to Carry New ARISS Ham Radio Gear

ARRL.org 02/28/2020

The scheduled March 7 SpaceX CRS-20 mission to the International Space Station (ISS) will include the initial Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) Interoperable Radio System (IORS) flight unit. The IORS is the foundation of the ARISS next-generation amateur radio system on the space station. The ARISS hardware team built four flight units, and the first will be installed in the ISS *Columbus* module.

A second flight unit expected to be launched on a later 2020 cargo flight will be installed in the Russian Service Module. NASA contracts with SpaceX to handle ISS resupply missions.

The IORS represents the first major upgrade of on-station ARISS equipment. The package will include a higher-power radio, an enhanced voice repeater, and updated digital packet radio (APRS) and slow-scan television (SSTV) capabilities for both the US and Russian space station segments.

The IORS consists of a custom-modified JVC Kenwood TM-D710GA transceiver, an AMSAT-developed multi-voltage power supply, and interconnecting cables. Once at the space station, the IORS will be stowed for later installation.



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I Love My Park Day  
MAY 2, 2020

Thacher State Park  
Save the date to help out

April 10<sup>th</sup> is an AARA meeting  
AARA Dinner is April 17<sup>th</sup>

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But we need a new chairman call Ernie, K2EP



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

## 2020 ARRL DX CONTEST -- CW RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	CLAIMED SCORE
N2LBR	M/2	1598	335	1,605,990
(+WA1KKM)				
W2GDJ	SO (H) A	1236	347	1,286,676
N2SQW	SO (L) A	938	300	844,200
NX2X	SO (H)	613	271	498,369
N1JP	SO (H) A	550	222	365,634
K2BX	SO (H) A	377	205	231,855
WC2L	SO (H) A	340	193	196,890
K2EP	SO (H) A	342	184	188,784
W2EG	SO (H) 40M	410	79	97,170
WK2H	SO (L) A	260	108	84,240
WF2B	SO (H) A	80	47	11,280
WA3AFS	SO (H) 160M	51	51	7,803

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Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

## Special Events:

### 03/14/2020 | The American Legion's 101st Birthday Celebration

**Mar 14, 1700Z-2300Z, K9TAL**, Indianapolis, IN. The American Legion Amateur Radio Club. 14.275 7.225; \*CrossRds\* EchoLink Conference IRLP Reflector 9735. Certificate & QSL. The American Legion Amateur Radio Club, 700 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN 46204. The year 2020 marks the beginning of The American Legion's 2nd century of service to our Nation and our veterans. Any ham radio operator who contacts the station is eligible to receive a QSL card and a commemorative certificate to document their participation. To receive a QSL card and certificate after working K9TAL, send your name, address, call sign, and a 9x12-inch self-addressed stamped envelope to The American Legion Amateur Radio Club, 700 N. Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204. [k9tal@legion.org](mailto:k9tal@legion.org) or [legion.org/hamradio](http://legion.org/hamradio)

### 03/14/2020 | USS Midway Museum Ship Special Event; Launching of USS Midway

**Mar 14, 1700Z-2359Z, N16IW**, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV-41) Museum Ship. 14.320 7.250 PSK31 14.070 DSTAR REF001C. QSL. USS Midway Museum Ship COMEDTRA, 910 N Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101.

- **03/29/2020 | Vietnam War Veterans Day**

**Mar 29, 1630Z-2130Z, W5KID**, Baton Rouge, LA. Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club. 14.250 14.035 7.225 7.035. QSL. USS KIDD Amateur Radio Club, 305 S. River Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Operation aboard the USS KIDD, DD-661, WW II Fletcher class destroyer. [qrz.com/db/w5kid](http://qrz.com/db/w5kid)

- **03/31/2020 | Sun-N-Fun International Fly-in and Conference**

**Mar 31-Apr 5, 1400Z-2100Z, W4S**, Lakeland, FL. Sun-n-Fun and Tom Ruhlmann (W9IPR). 14.250. QSL. Tom Ruhlmann, W9IPR, 465 Beechwood Drive, Cedarburg, WI 53012. W4S has been our call sign for the past several years. We typically have 12 or more operators and from several states. Walk up operators are welcome as schedules allow. We will be running about 500 watts to a beam.. Event description available at [www.sun-n-fun.org](http://www.sun-n-fun.org) [www.sun-n-fun.org](http://www.sun-n-fun.org)

- **04/08/2020 | Remembering the Lincoln Assassination - 155th year**

**Apr 8-Apr 15, 0000Z-0000Z, K9L**, Springfield, IL. Sangamon Valley Radio Club. All modes, all bands. 14.250 14.070 7.270 3.860. QSL. K9L c/o Mitch Hopper, 536 E. Mill St., Rochester, IL 62563. [www.svrc.org/k9l](http://www.svrc.org/k9l)

## MARCH 2020

YB DX RTTY Contest  
 RSGB Commonwealth Contest  
 AGCW QRP Contest  
 Stew Perry Topband Challenge  
 Oklahoma QSO Party  
 EA PSK63 Contest  
 QCWA QSO Party  
 Idaho QSO Party  
 QRP ARCI Spring Thaw SSB Shootout  
 North American Sprint, RTTY  
 Wisconsin QSO Party

0000Z-2359Z, Mar 14  
 1000Z, Mar 14 to 1000Z, Mar 15  
 1400Z-2000Z, Mar 14  
 1500Z, Mar 14 to 1500Z, Mar 15  
 1500Z, Mar 14 to 2100Z, Mar 15  
 1600Z, Mar 14 to 1600Z, Mar 15  
 1800Z, Mar 14 to 1800Z, Mar 15  
 1900Z, Mar 14 to 1900Z, Mar 15  
 2200Z-2300Z, Mar 14  
 0000Z-0400Z, Mar 15  
 1800Z, Mar 15 to 0100Z, Mar 16

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest  
BARTG HF RTTY Contest  
Russian DX Contest  
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest  
SKCC Sprint  
CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB  
FOC QSO Party

0100Z-0300Z, Mar 16  
0200Z, Mar 21 to 0200Z, Mar 23  
1200Z, Mar 21 to 1200Z, Mar 22  
1400Z-1800Z, Mar 21  
0000Z-0200Z, Mar 25  
0000Z, Mar 28 to 2400Z, Mar 29  
0000Z-2359Z, Mar 28

## APRIL 2020

SARL 80m QSO Party  
LZ Open 40m Sprint Contest  
PODXS 070 Club PSK 31 Flavors Contest  
Louisiana QSO Party  
SP DX Contest  
ARS Spartan Sprint  
QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party  
JIDX CW Contest  
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon  
Georgia QSO Party  
Hungarian Straight Key Contest

1700Z-2000Z, Apr 2  
0400Z-0800Z, Apr 4  
1000Z, Apr 4 to 0400Z, Apr 5  
1400Z, Apr 4 to 0200Z, Apr 5  
1500Z, Apr 4 to 1500Z, Apr 5  
0100Z-0300Z, Apr 7  
0000Z-2359Z, Apr 11  
0700Z, Apr 11 to 1300Z, Apr 12  
1200Z, Apr 11 to 2359Z, Apr 12  
1800Z, Apr 11 to 2359Z, Apr 12  
1500Z-1700Z, Apr 12

## WE NEED a Field Day CHAIRMAN

Its not hard, just some logistics Please Volunteer WE NEED you NOW

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