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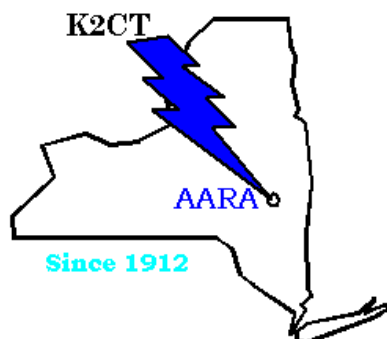
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## AARA

AARA Meets at the  
**Osterhout Community  
Center is off RT 85 at  
7 Old New Salem Rd,  
Voorheesville**

**Friday March 13th**

Social Hour 6:55 PM

refreshments  
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

## MARCH MEETING

**Osterhout Community Center**  
it's off RT 85 at  
**7 Old New Salem Rd,**  
**Voorheesville**

The March meeting will feature a "dress rehearsal" for this year's **Field Day**. Not familiar with the radios and software we use? Stations will be set up in the meeting room in Field Day mode to give you a chance to see some show and tell as well as get a bit of experience with the rigs we will be using this year. Remember we are at the **Osterhout Community Center** this month (yes, the heat is back on).

### K2CT Repeater

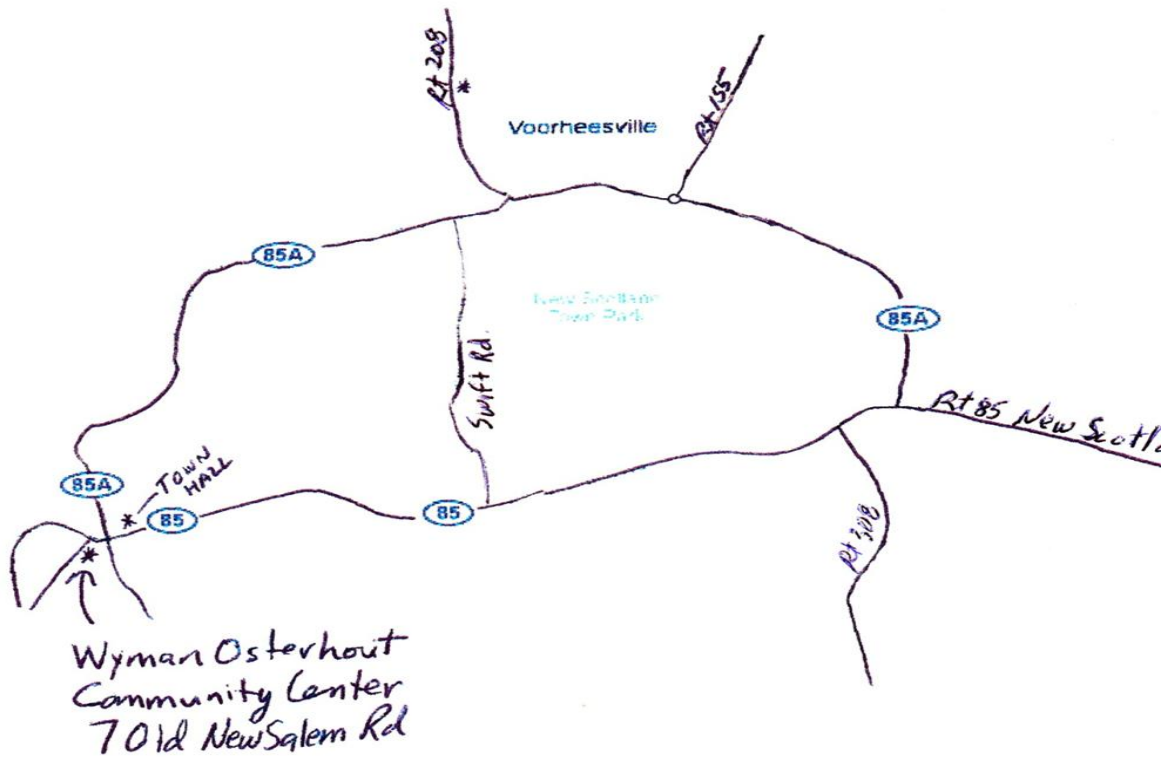
**Talk-in repeater 145.19 (-) MHz  
pl tone 103.5Hz**

### **AARA Dues**

Dues cheerfully accepted,  
Dues are \$15.  
B-PLUS Newsletter sent via the  
K2CT Web page in .pdf format  
[www.k2ct.org](http://www.k2ct.org)

Checks should be made out to AARA  
and sent to:

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



## Upcoming AARA Meetings

**April 10th** - "Telegraphers during the Civil War" with UAlbany Prof. Dave Hochfelder N2HTA (at Bethlehem Town Hall)

**May 8th** - AARA Annual Dinner with Guest Speaker Les Kalmus W2LK "The VK9MT Mellish Reef Expedition" (An adventure story not to be missed)

## ATVET Albany Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

If you can HELP OUT on future dates : call Gerry, WA2IWW

Exam Date	Day	Doors Open	Exam Time (Doors will Close)
April 4th, 2015	Sat.	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
May 9th, 2015	Sat.	9:20 AM	10:00 AM

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

# ARRL Field Day 2015 Field Day Packet Now Online

ARRL 02/10/2015

The complete 2015 [ARRL Field Day](#) packet is now online. There are no rule changes for 2015. Field Day 2015 takes place June 27-28.

“Following a successful Centennial QSO Party with on-the-air activity at an all-time high, we are very excited for this year’s event and hope that individuals and clubs will carry their enthusiasm over to Field Day,” said ARRL Contest Branch Manager Matt Wilhelm, W1MSW.

ARRL Field Day is the most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June, more than 35,000 radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations.

If you have questions about Field Day, [e-mail](#), or call 860-594-0232.

## TONY'S WORLD FAMOUS 2015 HAMFEST LIST

Tony, W2BEJ

go to: <http://www.qsl.net/n2sqo/hamfests.htm>

AARA [Annual Dinner](#) is May 8<sup>th</sup> 2015

AARA Field Day at Thatcher Park

Field Day JUNE 26<sup>th</sup> setup will start Fri at 8:30-9:15 AM Meet for Breakfast

Then around 9:30 AM Arrive at Field Day site and start the antenna set-ups

JUNE 27<sup>th</sup> Sat. by 9 AM. Arrive at Field Day site and finish set-up. The Event starts at 2PM

Sunday: Please help with take down starts around Noon

***Are You Changing Your Address:*** Please contact Walt, WA1KKM 456-3637 or via e-mail [sue.walt@dososaur.com](mailto:sue.walt@dososaur.com) with your address corrections

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## 2015 ARRL DX CONTEST -- CW RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	CLAIMED SCORE
W2XL (+K2ONP+ops)	M/S	?	?	~3,000,000
N2LBR (+WA1KKM)	M/2	2038	401	2,451,714
N1CC	SO (L)	767	280	644,280
WC2L	SO (H) A	162	93	45,198

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Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

### Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 Introduced in Congress

March 5, 2015 ARRL Letter

Editor: [Rick Lindquist, WW1ME](#)

"The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015" -- H.R.1301 -- has been introduced in the US House of Representatives. The measure would direct the FCC to extend its rules relating to reasonable accommodation of Amateur Service communications to private land use restrictions. US Rep [Adam Kinzinger](#) (R-IL) introduced the bill on March 4 with 12 original co-sponsors from both sides of the aisle -- seven Republicans and five Democrats. Kinzinger also sponsored "The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014, which died at the end of the 113th Congress. H.R. 1301 is an essentially identical piece of legislation.

"The introduction of H.R. 1301 with so many original co-sponsors, so early in this session of Congress, is very encouraging," said ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN. "Several additional members of Congress already have agreed to be co-sponsors. This bill has momentum, but introduction is only the first step. Many of the next steps will be taken as ARRL members contact their US Representatives urging co-sponsorship and thanking them as they sign on to the bill."

If Congress approves the legislation, and it is signed by the president, H.R. 1301 would require the FCC to amend its Part 97 Amateur Service rules to apply the three-part test of the [PRB-1](#) federal pre-emption policy to include homeowners' association regulations and deed

restrictions, often referred to as "covenants, conditions, and restrictions" (CC&Rs). At present, PRB-1 only applies to state and

local zoning laws and ordinances. The FCC has been reluctant to extend the same legal protections to include such private land-use agreements without direction from Congress.

H.R. 1301 has been referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Rep Greg Walden, W7EQI (R-OR), chairs that panel's Communications and Technology Subcommittee, which will consider the measure. The League had worked with Walden on the 2014 bill during the 113th Congress.

Among H.R. 1301 initial co-sponsors is Rep [Joe Courtney](#) (D-CT), who attended the ARRL National Centennial Convention last summer to speak with League officials and those attending the event about the earlier bill.

Craigie encouraged ARRL members to urge their US House members to sign on to the bill as a co-sponsor. If the House member is already a co-sponsor, call the member's local office or send an e-mail via the member's official website to express their thanks. She called on League members to encourage other hams to do the same, and to be sure to refer to the bill by its number, H.R. 1301. The ARRL has an [H.R. 1301 resources](#) page on its website

"Remember what those pile-ups on the W1AW portable stations sounded like last year?" Craigie said. "Let's be that avid in calling for even greater support in Congress for this essential legislation."

**May 8th -**  
**AARA Annual**  
**Dinner with Guest**  
**Speaker Les**  
**Kalmus W2LK**  
**"The VK9MT**  
**Mellish Reef**  
**Expedition" (An**  
**adventure story**  
**not to be missed)**