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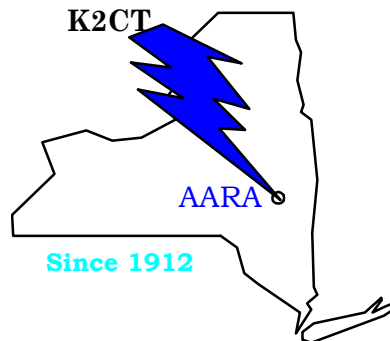
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AARA

Meets at the
Colonie Community Center
1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday May 9

Social Hour 6:55 PM
Meeting 7:45 PM
Refreshments
soda, diet soda, coffee

MAY Meeting

Tony Pazzola, W2BEJ will speak about communications at ground zero. Setup, implementation, and help provided by Amateur Radio operators.

K2CT Repeater
Talk-in repeater
145.19 (-) MHz
pl tone 100.0hz
or
444.30 (+) w/pl tone 100.0hz

AARA Dues

B-plus is Electronic

Dues are \$15 with B-PLUS available at the K2CT Web page in .pdf format www.qsl.net/k2ct
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

CONGRATULATIONS W2XM

Bob Raffaele was awarded the AARA club service award at this year's annual dinner. He was elected by passed winners for his ongoing work to promote amateur radio. Bob has brought many new people into the hobby and is a true example of the term ELMER. We are proud to have him as a member of AARA.

Ernie, K2EP

To: AARA members

From: Bob Raffaele, W2XM

Re: 2003 Club Service Award



Had I been asked to give an acceptance speech for this award at the dinner, I would have been at a loss for words. As I write this, almost three weeks later, I find myself at a loss for words. About twenty-five years ago, I simultaneously touched ground and the 2300-volt B+ supply for WQBK's RF driver; this award shocked me more.

Scuttlebutt has it that I was chosen to be this year's recipient because of my work in amateur-radio education. I feel guilty accepting an award for something which I find so thoroughly rewarding and enjoyable. Some of us earn operating awards; some get elected to club offices; some of us are admired for successful work on technical projects. I suppose that each of us does whatever he finds fulfilling.

Being involved with education is, for me, its own reward. I'll just accept my award as humbly as possible. I must thank all of those who've helped me by teaching a class or two, and I thank the award committee. I'll get back to my present project: a technician-class licensing course, coming this year to a school near you (probably Niskayuna in the fall). We've been very successful in the past. Would any of you care to join this winning team? How about referring potential students to this opportunity?

AARA, we've been a team for 34 years; thank you. Let's continue

Bob, W2XM



Special Thanks

Thank you John Naberezny and Dave Jones for the special privilege of allowing me to share my jokes with the attendees at the April 11 AARA Dinner. We all had a lot of fun and laughter.

June Kinnerson, KB2JTG



Public Service:

- 1) WalkAmerica 2003. Date is Sunday, April 27

The new route is over the Hudson Riverway and into the Corning Preserve.

Until we find a new Public Service Chairperson, if you have questions or concerns, the club president is John Naberezny, WE2F, available at we2f@arrl.net. Phone 283-4304

AARA WE Need YOU to Volunteer AARA

At the Rochester, NY Hamfest May31-Jun 1 - Saturday 1:30-3:30 there will be a talk about a super-sized SW broadcast installation (HCJB, Ecuador) by Richard Place, WB2JLR, formerly of Delmar! (I remember him as an fellow active member of AARA, a student at Bethlehem Central, an engineer at WQBK, and, most importantly, a friend.)

ATVET 2003

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May 10, 2003 (Sat.) 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (doors open 9:20 AM)

July 23, 2003 (Wed.) 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM (doors open 6:20 PM)

October 11, 2003 (Sat.) 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (doors open 9:20 AM)

November 8, 2003 (Sat.) 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (doors open 9:20 AM)

Each candidate should bring:

- a. Social Security Number (required for CORES registration, ULS registration, and FCC Form 605 (application))
- b. A picture ID and non-picture ID
- c. Original and photocopy of any amateur licenses
- d. Original and photocopy of any CSCE documents
- e. Pens and Pencils
- f. Calculator
- g. \$12.00 exam fee (cash, check, or money order payable to ARRL/VEC)

Amateurs Invited to Participate in 2003

Armed Forces Day On-Air Event

NEWINGTON, CT, Apr 28, 2003--The US Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard will cosponsor the annual military/Amateur Radio crossband communications tests the weekend of May 10-11. The event will mark the 53rd celebration of Armed Forces Day. Although Armed Forces Day actually is Saturday, May 17, the Armed Forces Day Amateur Radio event is held a week earlier to avoid conflicting with Hamvention. The event features a military-to-amateur crossband communications SSB voice test and the Secretary of Defense message receiving test.

"These tests give Amateur Radio operators and shortwave listeners an opportunity to demonstrate their individual technical skills and receive recognition from the Secretary of Defense and/or the appropriate military radio station for their proven expertise," the chiefs of the Army, Air Force and Navy-Marine Corps Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) said in announcing the event.

During the crossband test, 14 military stations in the continental US, Germany and Hawaii will listen on amateur frequencies in the 80, 40, 20, 15, 12 and 10-meter bands and transmit on selected MARS frequencies--a mode of operation similar to the split operation used by many DXers.

Participating military stations will announce their listening frequencies. Not all stations will be active on all amateur bands or at all times, depending on propagation and staffing. Most military stations will commence operation at 1200 UTC on May 10. Amateurs are asked to limit the duration of contacts to two minutes or less.

QSL cards will be provided to those making contact with the military stations. Special commemorative certificates will be awarded to anyone who receives and copies the digital Armed Forces Day message from the Secretary of Defense.

Eight military stations will transmit the Secretary of Defense's Armed Forces Day message at stated intervals via digital modes,

including RTTY, PACTOR, AMTOR, CLOVER and MT63. Amateurs submitting "as received" hard-copy evidence of successful reception will be awarded commemorative certificates.

A listing of stations, frequencies, anticipated hours of operation and operating instructions is available on the ARRL Web site.

The 2003 ARRL National Convention...Texas Style FUN!

Ready to round-up the gang and ride on out to the biggest and best ham radio event of the summer? Then don't wait a minute longer to make your plans to be in Arlington, Texas, June 20-22, 2003. HAM-COM® is celebrating 25 years and it's a party ARRL would never miss!

June's a wonderful time to have eyeball QSOs with friends you've met on-the-air. And it's easy to make sure you're part of the fun. Full details about HAM-COM® tickets, accommodations, ARRL Forums, activities, and exhibits can be found at:

<http://www.hamcom.org/>



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Upcoming Events

Nevada QSO Party 0000Z,	May 10 - 0600Z, May 11
Dayton Hamfest	May 16-18
CQ WW WPX Contest, CW 0000Z,	May 24 - 2400Z, May 25
Six Club WW Contest 2300Z,	May 30 - 0200Z, Jun 2
Rochester, NY Hamfest	May 31-Jun1
ANARTS WW RTTY Contest 0000Z,	Jun 14 - 2400Z, Jun 15
ARRL June VHF QSO Party 1800Z,	Jun 14 - 0300Z, Jun 16
Kid's Day Contest 1800Z - 2400Z,	Jun 21
All Asian DX Contest, CW 0000Z,	Jun 21 - 2400Z, Jun 22
Marconi Memorial HF Contest 1400Z,	Jun 28 - 1400Z, Jun 29

ARRL Field Day 1800Z, Jun 28 - 2100Z, Jun 29