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An ARRL Special Services Club

### **AARA**

Meets at the Colonie Community Center

1653 Central Ave. Colonie

#### Friday May 13

Social Hour 6:55 PM Meeting 7:45 PM

refreshments soda, diet soda, coffee

# MAY Weeting

AARA May meeting will feature Kit Building and Homebrewing for the Radio Amateur

Dan Whelan - N2UD with over 40 years of experience in ham radio and electronics projects will explore the world of Equipment Homebrewing and Kit Building cont page 4

#### **K2CT** Repeater

Talk-in repeater 145.19 (-) MHz pl tone 100.0hz

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 <a href="www.k2ct.net">www.k2ct.net</a>

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

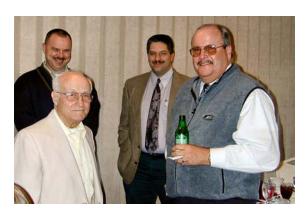




## AARA Dimmer April 8, 2005











#### DXERS Visit NJDXA Web Site

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There is a wealth of information on the NJDXA site if your are interested in DX. See <a href="http://usats.com/ce-dx.html">http://usats.com/ce-dx.html</a> for NA2M's DX tips. Interesting stuff if you are chasing DX. For a picture of NA2M see <a href="http://www.njdxa.org/whats-new.php">http://www.njdxa.org/whats-new.php</a>

Want to get your DX cards, see <a href="http://www.njdxa.org/buro/paypal.php">http://www.njdxa.org/buro/paypal.php</a> You have to join to get the cards sent to you. The bottom line is that <a href="http://www.njdxa.org/">http://www.njdxa.org/</a> is an interest site. It's also a great club to join if your are interested in DX and QSLing.



21 May 2005

### EAST GREENBUSH AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

East Greenbush Firehouse Dept. #3 Phillips Road

Talk-In: 146.520

Contact:

Thomas Scorsone, KC2FCP 1310 10th Avenue Watervliet, NY 12189

Phone: 518-272-1494 Email: kc2fcp@aol.com





On 146.94 MHz Repeater from 6:30-8:00 AM Jock, KB2GOM runs a 2-meter Commuter Net.

During severe inclement weather, June, KB2JTG runs a 2-meter Commuter Net from 4:00-6:00 PM

#### SWAP SHOP

Send items to B-Plus editor, Mike, WD2AJS at **wd2ajs@arrl.net** or call 489-3110 **For Sale**: Yaesu Kilowatt-Perfect with manual \$700.; phone patch \$35;Yaesu FT-101E needs repair \$100; DuMont oscilloscope with separate calibrator \$25; Kenwood 830 TS slight buzz on transmit \$150; contact Lee

**Want:** I'm looking for a Triband 10 thru 20 m 3 element Yagi like the A3S or equivalent the 40 meter kit would be nice too but for now I'd settle for an antenna in good shape I could put up. Also need a rotor of the same size to turn the array. Thanks C U soon Frank Gagliardi W2FPG 374-9707

**For Sale**: TenTec Omni D with factory mode to model B and factory mode to include 30 meters and 12 meters. Ten Tec Auxiliary VFO, and TenTec Power supply. Microphone and other extras. Last chance at \$350.00 before I advertise it on TenTec reflector. Bud Hovey, 283-2337 or wf2b@verizon.net.

### 2005 CQ WPX CONTEST PHONE RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	PREFIXES		
		QSOs CLAIMEDSCORE		
WA1KKM	SO(H)	613	366	613 <b>,</b> 782
KM20	SO(L)	347	248	209,808
N2USM	SO(H)	209	160	81,920
WF2B	SO(H)	31	29	1,972

73, Walt, WAlKKM and Sue, N2LBR

#### **Public Service:**

W2FYA 436-1296

Volunteer CONTACT John, WE2F at 283-4304

AARA WE Need YOU to Volunteer AARA

#### WWW.K2CT.NET

**WE** are looking for pictures of your Ham Shack

Send pictures to Peter, N2KAD

**Please** try the new site and let me know what you think. If you have any feedback please let me know.

73, Peter Hines, N2KAD, webmaster <a href="hines@nycap.rr.com">hines@nycap.rr.com</a> with any suggestions.

#### The 146.865 repeater

The 146.865 repeater is back on the air after an absence of about 5 years. A new antenna has been purchased and installed. The repeater itself has also been refurbished. It plays very well in the tricities area and even beyond. It currently has an output of approximately 80 watts. Please give it a try and give us your report on it....good or bad.

E-mail replies may be sent to Dennis Kagel at:

KADELL@mybluelight.com
Or MaryAnn Kramer at:
Travelnow@capital.net

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## "Kit Building and Homebrewing for the Radio Amateur"

Dan Whelan - N2UD

We will survey what is involved to start making some of your own equipment from kits or from scratch as well as the tools and other resources you will need......It really is fairly easy to get started.

If you already have some ham gear you have built and would like to show off, please bring it along to the meeting to show to others.

Those who are just getting started in ham radio equipment building would love to know what real projects for the ham bands look like and what is possible. So bring along your favorite ham gear project to show and tell about.

#### **ATVET DATES**

#### Albany Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

Exam Date	Day	Doors Open	Exam Time
		z oors open	(Doors will Close)
June 29, 2005	Wednesday	6:20 PM	7:00 PM
October 8, 2005	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
November 12, 2005	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM

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

Thank You!

Gerald Murray, WA2IWW Telephone:518-482-8700 e-mail: <a href="mailto:atvet@n2ty.org">atvet@n2ty.org</a>

#### FCC ADOPTS DRM

The ARRL Letter Vol. 24, No. 17 April 29, 2005
FCC adopts digital broadcasting standard:
The FCC has adopted the Digital Radio
Mondiale (DRM) standard for US HF
Broadcasting Service (HFBC) digital
transmission. DRM is capable of providing
near-FM quality sound within current AM
emission bandwidths.

Adoption of the DRM standard was among several actions the FCC took in a wide-ranging Report and Order (R&O) in response to World Radiocommunication Conference 2003 (WRC-03)--ET Docket 04-139. The FCC authorized both digital audio broadcasting and datacasting. It said channels using digitally modulated emissions may share the same spectrum or be interleaved with analog emissions in the same HFBC band, provided the protection afforded to the analog

emissions is at least as great as that currently in place for analog-to-analog protection. The Commission authorized double-sideband (DSB), single-sideband (SSB), and digital transmissions in HF bands between 5900 and 26,100 kHz, and it set minimum HFBC power levels of 50 kW PEP for SSB.

In the same proceeding the FCC also reallocated the 7100-7200 kHz band to the Amateur Service on a co-primary basis and reallocated the 7350-7400 kHz band to the HFBC Service on a co-primary basis with the fixed service until March 29, 2009, after which it will be allocated exclusively for broadcasting.

B-PLUS April deadline is May 28th.

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