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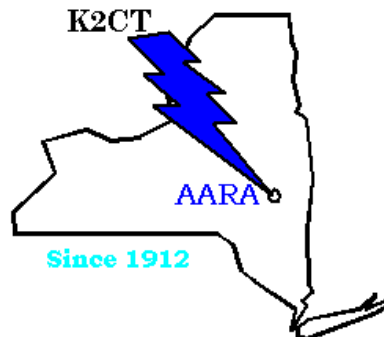
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AARA

AARA Meets at the
Bethlehem Town Hall
445 Delaware Ave
Delmar, NY 12054

Friday MAY 10th
Social Hour 6:55 PM

refreshments
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

May MEETING

The National Weather Service
will be presenting
Level 1 SkyWarn Training.

NWS Certifications are only good for 2 years, so if
it has been a while or you have interest in
helping at the Sky Warn station on Fuller Road
here is your chance!

register for the Bethlehem Class at:
<http://cstar.cestm.albany.edu:7775/skywarn/Talks.htm>

K2CT Repeater

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

AARA Dues

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the K2CT Web page in .pdf format

www.k2ct.net

OR

\$20 for mailing of the newsletter
Checks should be made out to AARA
and sent to:

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IT WAS CAUSED BY THE WELL PUMP The ARRL Letter 4/24/2013

The FCC has issued a [Citation and Order](#) to Ruben D. Lopez Jr of Pomona Park, Florida. The *Citation*, issued April 23, is in response to several complaints about a well pump at Lopez's residence that was acting as an incidental radiator and causing harmful interference to local radio amateurs.

In July 2010 and February 2011, the FCC received complaints from radio amateurs regarding interference on the MF and HF Amateur Radio bands. Upon investigation, the FCC found that a well pump at Lopez's residence was causing the interference, and advised Lopez of the complaints and of the rules regarding interference to licensed radio services. The FCC instructed Lopez to resolve any interference.

According to the *Citation*, in October 2012 -- in response to another interference complaint -- FCC agents "used direction finding equipment to identify Mr Lopez's well pump as the source of transmissions on the frequency 1800 kHz. The agents... confirmed that Mr Lopez's well pump was the source of the interference by conducting on/off tests -- the interference ceased when the well pump was turned off. The agents informed Mr Lopez that he must cease operating his well pump until the interference could be resolved. After the October 23, 2012

inspection, the [FCC's] Tampa Office received information that Mr Lopez tried to eliminate the interference by replacing the A/C line filter for the well pump, but the new filter did not resolve the interference."

Lopez was found by the FCC to be in violation [Section 15.5\(b\) and \(c\)](#) of the FCC's rules by operating an incidental radiator and causing harmful interference. He was instructed by the FCC to "take immediate steps to ensure that he does not continue to cause harmful interference, including repairing or replacing his well pump and associated control circuitry." The FCC advised Lopez that if he continues to violate the Communications Act or the FCC's rules, it "may impose monetary forfeitures of up to \$16,000 for each such violation, or in the case of a continuing violation, up to a maximum forfeiture of \$112,500 for any single act or failure to act. In addition, violation of the Communications Act or the [FCC's] rules also can result in seizure of the equipment through *in rem* forfeiture actions, as well as criminal sanctions, including imprisonment."

If he desires, Lopez has until May 23 to respond to the *Citation*, either through an in-person meeting with the FCC office in Tampa, or via a written statement that should detail any actions Lopez has taken "to ensure that he does not violate the Communications Act or the [FCC's] rules governing the operation of incidental radiators in the future."

Send your contest scores to:

sue.walt@verizon.net

Thanks,

Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR



Around the table
AARA 2013 Dinner

***** CONTESTS ON THE AIR *****

May 2013

CQ-M International DX Contest	1200Z, May 11 to 1159Z, May 12
VOLTA WW RTTY Contest	1200Z, May 11 to 1200Z, May 12
FISTS Spring Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, May 11
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW	1200Z, May 18 to 1200Z, May 19
Baltic Contest	2100Z, May 18 to 0200Z, May 19
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, May 20
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, May 22
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z, May 22 to 0400Z, May 23
CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	0000Z, May 25 to 2400Z, May 26
MI QRP Memorial Day CW Sprint	2300Z, May 26 to 0300Z, May 27

June 2013

10-10 Int. Open Season PSK Contest	0001Z, Jun 1 to 2359Z, Jun 2
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0600Z-0800Z, Jun 1
SEANET Contest	1200Z, Jun 1 to 1200Z, Jun 2
Maritimes QSO Party	1200Z, Jun 1 to 0300Z, Jun 2
VK Shires Contest	0600Z, Jun 8 to 0600Z, Jun 9
Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB	1100Z-1300Z, Jun 8
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Jun 8 to 2359Z, Jun 9
Portugal Day Contest	1200Z, Jun 8 to 1159Z, Jun 9
GACW WWSA CW DX Contest	1500Z, Jun 8 to 1500Z, Jun 9
REF DDFM 6m Contest	1600Z, Jun 8 to 1600Z, Jun 9
ARRL June VHF Contest	1800Z, Jun 8 to 0300Z, Jun 10
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z, Jun 12 to 0400Z, Jun 13
All Asian DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Jun 15 to 2400Z, Jun 16
SARL Youth Day Sprint	0700Z-1100Z, Jun 16
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Jun 17



President John, K2QY awards Sue, N2LBR the AARA Service Award at the AARA April Dinner 2013



At the AARA Dinner 2013

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If you are interested in amateur radio, and would like to take the exam, the Albany/Troy VE Team (ATVET) stands ready to assist. ATVET is a joint effort of the Albany Amateur Radio Association (AARA), and the Troy Amateur Radio Association (TARA).

May 11, 2013

Saturday

9:20 AM

10:00 AM

If you like to help out next season contact: **ATVET LIAISON: Gerald Murray, WA2IWW**
atvet@n2ty.org or 518-482-8700



Our Speaker at the AARA April Dinner **Richard Guthrie**, a veteran birder

