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

**Fri. MAY 12th**

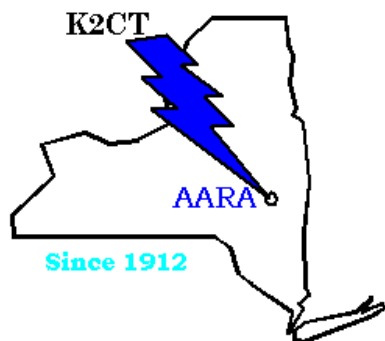
Social Hour 6:55 PM

refreshments  
soda, coffee, cookies etc.

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## MAY MEETING

Please PAY your Dues.

Field Day is June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2017  
Setup Fri June 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sat morning  
and takedown is Sun 2PM

SKYWARN Session  
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Field Day Prep  
What can you do to help out?

145.19 (-) MHz  
pl tone 103.5Hz

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Dues cheerfully accepted,  
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# Contesting

## May 2017

CQ-M International DX Contest	1200Z, May 13 to 1159Z, May 14
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, May 13 to 2359Z, May 14
VOLTA WW RTTY Contest	1200Z, May 13 to 1200Z, May 14
FISTS Spring Unlimited Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, May 13
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW	1200Z, May 20 to 1200Z, May 21
Baltic Contest	2100Z, May 20 to 0200Z, May 21
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, May 22
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, May 24
CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	0000Z, May 27 to 2400Z, May 28

## JUNE 2017

10-10 Int. Open Season PSK Contest	0001Z, Jun 3 to 2359Z, Jun 4
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0600Z-0800Z, Jun 3
SEANET Contest	1200Z, Jun 3 to 1200Z, Jun 4
VK Shires Contest	0600Z, Jun 10 to 0600Z, Jun 11
Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB	1100Z-1300Z, Jun 10
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Jun 10 to 2359Z, Jun 11
Portugal Day Contest	1200Z, Jun 10 to 1159Z, Jun 11
GACW WWSA CW DX Contest	1500Z, Jun 10 to 1500Z, Jun 11
REF DDFM 6m Contest	1600Z, Jun 10 to 1600Z, Jun 11
ARRL June VHF Contest	1800Z, Jun 10 to 0300Z, Jun 12
All Asian DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Jun 17 to 2400Z, Jun 18
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Jun 19

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

### 2017 CQ WPX PHONE CONTEST RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	MULTS	CLAIMED SCORE
WC2L (W2GDJ, op.)	SO (H) A	1452	744	2,402,866
N2SQW	SO (L) A	767	500	1,091,500
KM2O	SO (H) A	477	350	507,500
K2QY	SO (H) A	274	200	162,600
WB2KLD	SO (H) 20M	219	201	112,962
WA3AFS	SO (H) A	113	110	42,680

73,  
Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

## Thacher Park Lifeguard Chair Project.

A group of AARA members, give back to the park every year with a special service project as part of **I Love My Park Day**, May 6th. AARA has used Thacher for well over 30 years to host its annual Field Day exercises, and as a thank you, we donate some of our time back to help them.

This year our project consisted of building a lifeguard chair for nearby Thomson's Lake State Campground. We worked in the maintenance wood shop and got to play with all the power tools! The project was completed from the ground up with help from some drawings and a model. This was not a kit, so we were able to make some design changes as needed. The park staff is extremely thankful for AARA's effort in bringing this project to completion. Thank you to all who helped out and mark your calendar for May 2018 as we look forward to next year's project.

See you all at Field Day June 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 (Haile's Cave), where you can check out the new visitors center and other attractions that have been added to the park. KB2HPX



The Lifeguard Chair  
I Love My Park 2017

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## More Countries Get 60m

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More countries are permitting access to the 60m band. Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba has allocated 5.3515 to 5.3665MHz with secondary status to Full licensees. The band has footnote 5.133B that limits the power in the Caribbean region of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to 25 watts EIRP. Amateurs in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have access to a secondary allocation of 5.3515 to 5.3665MHz with a footnote that says the maximum power permitted is 15W EIRP.

## Historic NSS Call Sign to be Reactivated for First Time in More than 40 Years

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Operators from the US Naval Academy Radio Club (W3ADO) and the Potomac Valley Radio Club (W3GRF) will reactivate the historic NSS call sign on May 13-14 during the **Armed Forces Day Crossband Military/Amateur Radio Communications Test**. Operation from the former NSS Naval Radio Station site on Greenbury Point in Annapolis, Maryland, will get under way at 1300 UTC on **Saturday, May 13**, and continue until 0200 UTC on Sunday, May 14. NSS will transmit on CW and SSB on 4,038.5, 7,533.5, 14,487, 17,545, and 20,994 kHz and listen for callers on announced Amateur Radio frequencies. All contacting NSS will receive a QSL card.

NSS began operation in 1918 as the Annapolis High Power Radio Station using a Federal Telegraph Company 500 kW arc transmitter and four 600-foot towers, operating in the VLF spectrum. NSS HF operation began about 10 years later, although VLF operation continued into the 1990s. The HF mission was transferred in 1976 to NAM in Norfolk, Virginia. While some of the towers were removed, three lighted, self-supporting towers remain, to serve as local landmarks and as navigation aids to boaters on Chesapeake Bay.

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## **ATVET Albany Troy Volunteer Examiner Team**

If you can HELP OUT: call Gerry, WA2IWW

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

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). We are affiliated with the ARRL/VEC, and have been proud to provide testing opportunities since 1984.

<b>Exam Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Doors Open</b>	<b>Exam Time</b> (Doors will Close)
May 13 TH, 2017	Sat.	9:30 AM	10 AM

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