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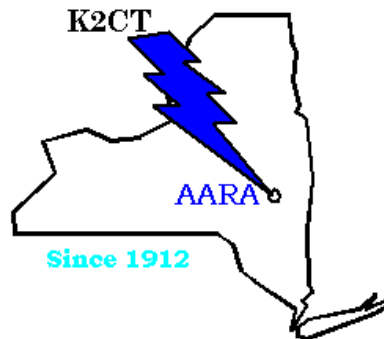
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AARA

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

Friday NOV 14th

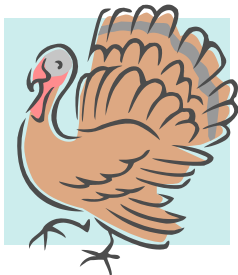
Social Hour 6:55 PM

refreshments
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

NOV MEETING

November will be a SkyWarn refresher

Elections Preview



Discussion on the
changes to the
AARA By-Laws
see page3

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

Checks should be made out to AARA
and sent to:

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SKYWARN is a program of the [United States' National Weather Service](#) (NWS). Its mission is to collect reports of localized [severe weather](#). These reports are used to aid forecasters in issuing and verifying severe weather watches and warnings and to improve the forecasting and warning processes and the tools used to collect meteorological data. It consists of a network of severe [storm spotters](#) that observe weather conditions and make reports of severe weather to their local NWS offices. These spotters are regularly trained by personnel from the local NWS offices. In many areas, classes are conducted each spring in advance of the coming severe weather season. ^[1] "NWS Jackson, MS - SKYWARN: Spotter Information". National Weather Service. 2006-03-03.



Capital Region Amateur Radio Events Calendar.

A collaborative Google Calendar with other Capital Region ham groups to showcase ham radio public service events, meetings, hamfests, VE sessions and things ham radio. Import events directly into your personal calendar. Visit directly at: <http://k2ct.org/events.html>

Jim, N1CC Announces Special Event : November One Christmas Carol for AARA members Kilo Two Christmas Tree

For the 35th year I will be operating the 48 hours of Christmas in a secular manner for "Christmas Carol" My website that has details and will have the live logging is <http://www.jlaporta.com/N1CC/n1cc2014.html> and that link is live now.

Since I am not "directly affiliated" with any clubs (NTCC, SECC, AARA, and QCWA don't count) I can't put a "Special Event" insertion into either CQ or QST. There have been several other folks who have helped out over the years, and I am hoping the K2CT (K2 Christmas Tree) will join me some of the time through K2ONP (K2 Operation North Pole) and other guys n' gals from the AARA that will help fill in the blank spots along the way.

I have asked N6HC (N6 Happy Chanukah) to join me from time to time and there is possibility that he will make a few times available from California.

This year I am expanding to include 17 and 12 Meters in the mix of bands offered.

I hope you will advertise within your contest groups, and if anyone wants to take a slot to be "N1CC" part of the time, they should contact me by email directly see what we can do to put the call on the air.

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|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 75 M | 40 M | 20 M | 17 M | 15 M | 12 M | 10 M |
| 3.805 | 7.243 | 14.262 | 18.162 | 21.362 | 24.962 | 28.462 |

The table above is the 2014 operating band plan, and it is all SSB. CW does not "fit" sending "Number One Christmas Carol"! Operations by someone not at my own station that I sanction will be uploaded to LoTW with the location information for that site by me on my LoTW, however, will not count for me towards the Centennial Challenge. Operation by call sign K2CT, N6HC or others will upload themselves, and just let me know how many contacts they made in the effort.

Of course, publishing the frequency grid and 24/000Z to 252359Z for N1CC through your email and publications would be helpful in creating a "bigger" pileup! Many times the link to NORAD is used by folks, who will also ask for Santa's whereabouts to the glee of children in their ham shack... this can be fun.

Seasons' Greetings for Christmas and Chanukah as appropriate!

73,
Jim, N1CC
Contesting and DX
<http://www.jlaporta.com/N1CC>



CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE ALBANY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION INC.

Preamble

We, the membership do hereby constitute ourselves as the Albany Amateur Radio Association (hitherto known in this document as "AARA") and adopt this constitution as our governing instrument. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members; to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism, and individual operating efficiency; to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio; and provide services to the community when needed.

Article I: Membership

All persons interested in Amateur Radio shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and approval **by one board member and** such terms as provided in the By-Laws attached hereto.

Article II: Officers and Directors

Section 1 - Identification of Officers and Directors

The officers of this Association shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall also serve as Directors. Other Directors will include, if not already Board Members, the Trustee for the AARA Club Call Sign, the editor of the club journal - **B-Plus**, the immediate past President, **the webmaster**, and three elected Directors. All Officers and Directors shall be Members in good standing of the AARA, at least 18 years of age, and licensed Radio Amateurs.

Section 2 - Nominations for Office

Candidates for offices and directorships will be nominated by a three-member Nominating Committee appointed by the President at the October meeting. This Committee will submit one eligible candidate for each office and directorship at the November meeting. In the event the current president is **renominated** to the presidency, the committee shall submit the name of a candidate to serve an interim term of one year should the immediate past president be **reelected**. Nominations from the floor for all offices and directorships will be accepted at both the November and December meetings. The **AARA Club members shall be notified with the** names of all nominees selected by the Committee and those nominated at the November **general meeting via e-mail, posting on the clubs website and/or being** published in the December issue of **B-Plus**.

Section 3 - Election to, and Term of Office

Candidates for officers and directors receiving the most votes of the members present and in good standing at the December meeting shall be declared elected. The December meeting shall be referred to as the **Annual Meeting**. The officers of the Association shall be elected for a term of one year. Each year, one Director shall be elected for a term of three years. If a new president is elected, the immediate past President shall serve as Director **ex-officio** for one year. Terms of office for Officers and elected Directors shall begin and end **after the elections** at the **Annual Meeting**.

Section 4 - Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall succeed for the remainder of the President's term. In the event of a vacancy in any other office, the Board shall appoint someone to fill the unexpired term of the person leaving office with the approval of the membership at the next general meeting.

Section 5 - Removal From Office

The process for removal of Officers or Directors may be initiated by a petition signed by one-fourth of the total membership and submitted to the Board for investigation. Following thorough investigation by the Board, including permitting individual(s) named in this petition to refute any charges or allegations at a closed hearing, the Board shall make recommendations to the membership at the next regular meeting of the AARA, and subsequently **notify the members via e-mail and/or** publish that recommendation **on the web site and** in **B-Plus**. The individual(s) then may be removed from office following an affirmative vote by 75% of the membership in attendance at the meeting following publication.

Article III: Duties of Officers

Section 1 - President

The president shall preside at all meetings of this Association and the Board of Directors, and conduct the same according to the rules adopted. The President's duties are as follows:

- i) Enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws.
- ii) Decide all questions of order.
- iii) Sign official documents that are adopted by the AARA.
- iv) Be responsible to the Board of Directors.
- v) Appoint **Committee** Chairpersons.
- vi) Perform all other customary duties pertaining to the Office of President.

Section 2 - Vice-President

The Vice-President shall be responsible for such matters as may be delegated by the President. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the functions of the President.

Section 3 – Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the AARA and of the Board of Directors, and carry out all correspondence. At the expiration of the term of office, the secretary shall turn over all AARA records in his/her possession to the successor.

Section 4 - Treasurer

The treasurer shall receive and record all monies paid to the AARA and shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended, and keep a roster of members. The treasurer shall pay no bills without proper authorization. The Board will authorize annual fixed operating expenditures. The Treasurer shall submit to the Secretary an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts at the Annual Election Meeting.

A brief treasurer's report shall be submitted at each general meeting. At the expiration of the Treasurer's term, all possessions belonging to the AARA **shall** be turned over to the successor, and an audit shall be performed.

Section 5 - Board of Directors

The affairs of the AARA shall be managed by a Board of Directors duly elected or appointed in accordance with Article II of this Constitution and By-Laws. The Board of Directors shall:

- i) Implement a **structure for governing** AARA operating activities as stipulated under the Constitution and By-Laws.

- ii) Direct the care of funds of the AARA.
- iii) Make appropriations for specific purposes, provided that such appropriations can be covered by funds available in the treasury.
- iv) Act upon all questions of acceptance and expulsion of members.
- v) Direct the business of the AARA, either itself or through its officers and committees.

The Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly to conduct the affairs of the AARA, with the first meeting being called within 60 days of the Board members assuming office. Subsequent meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, or at the request of any three or more members of this Board.

Five of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board.

The actions of the Board of Directors governing policy shall be reported to the Association at its next regular meeting.

Section 6 - Committees

For the purpose of coordinating AARA activities, the Board of Directors may form committees for specific purposes of interest to the organization, composed of members of the organization. The President shall be empowered to appoint a chair of a committee formed by the Board of Directors. The Chair of any committee thus formed would be empowered to appoint committee members to address the specific purpose. These committees would advise the Board of Directors and membership of the committee's activities on a regular basis. Committees formed would have a term ending at the Annual Meeting each year unless specifically extended past that date or terminated earlier by the Board of Directors.

Article IV: Meetings

The By-Laws shall define and provide for regular and special meetings. At all meetings, 75% of the average attendance of the last six general meetings shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article V: Dues

The Board of Directors, in accordance with By-Laws shall fix the amount of dues, to be paid annually in January. Members in arrears more than six months shall be considered not in good standing and not eligible to vote. Members in arrears more than one year will be dropped from the membership roster. Dropped members may be reinstated by reapplying for membership and paying one year's arrears and the current year's dues.

Article VI: Amendments

This Constitution, and these By-Laws, may be amended by a three-fourths majority vote of the membership present. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in written format stating both the part to be changed and the new provision proposed. Such proposals are to be put forth at a regular meeting of the AARA and may not be voted on until the following regular or special meeting. Advance written notification of the proposed change, by publication in B-plus, shall be made to the membership prior to the meeting of consideration and vote.

Article VII: Rules

When there is a question of procedure, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern.

Article VIII: Continuity

All rules, regulations and policies which were established prior to the adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws, if not in conflict with them, are still in effect.

BY-LAWS

MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall be held on the second Friday of each month at **or about 7:30 PM at the call to order by the president** from September through June. The meeting date may be changed due to a conflict of the normal meeting date with holidays or due to emergencies. Effort will be made by the Officers to contact all members and notify them of meeting date changes by the most expeditious method.

Special meetings of the AARA may be called by the Board of Directors, by the President, or upon request of 25 members sent by written notice to the Secretary. All members must be notified, at least one week before the date of the special meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Types of Membership

The types of membership shall be: (1) Honorary Life Membership, requiring no dues; (2) Full Membership, Junior Membership and family Membership requiring dues. **The initial dues structure and any changes in dues for each of the three dues-paying membership classes shall be recommended by the Board and approved by a majority vote of the membership present at the Annual Meeting. Dues for the junior and family membership classes are to be less than dues for the full membership class and may be zero.** Honorary Life Members shall be designated by the Board of Directors; no more than one per year may be awarded. Full Membership is accorded individuals over 18 years of age. Junior Membership is accorded those members under 18 years of age who are not included in a Family Membership.

Section 2 - Dues

The membership year extends from January 1 to December 31. One year's dues must accompany all applications for membership. New members joining September or later shall have their dues payments apply to the coming year. If the Board of Directors rejects an application for membership, dues accompanying such application shall be promptly refunded.

The treasurer shall notify delinquent members when they are between three to six months in arrears. This notification may be made **via e-mail**, in writing, by telephone, or by personal contact.

Section 3 - Expulsion of Members

Upon written request of ten or more members, that, for cause therein stated, a member of the AARA should be considered for expulsion, the Board of Directors shall advise in writing the accused of the specific charges. The accused shall have the right to appear before a special hearing convened by the Board of Directors. The accused shall be notified in writing at least fifteen days in advance of the convening of such a hearing. The case against the accused must be considered and a decision rendered no later than the next regular meeting of the Board. The decision for expulsion shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors.

OFFICIAL JOURNAL

The **B-Plus on line** shall be the official publication of the AARA.

ARRL Introduces Kindle Edition of Ham Radio License Manual

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The ARRL has introduced a digital edition of *The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual* (3rd edition), its most popular introduction to Amateur Radio. The e-book includes everything a newcomer needs in order to prepare for the Amateur Radio license exam. The *digital edition* is available in the Kindle format from Amazon, which has long identified the print edition as a best seller.

"As the leading publisher of Amateur Radio licensing and training materials, ARRL is expanding beyond traditionally printed books to meet the increasing demand from readers who prefer digital publications and online content," ARRL Marketing Manager Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, said. "Finding the next generation of radio amateurs requires meeting prospective hams where they are reading and consuming content."

ARRL offers Kindle editions of its question-and-answer study guides, [ARRL's Tech Q&A](#), [ARRL's General Q&A](#), and [ARRL's Extra Q&A](#). ARRL license manuals are also available directly from [ARRL](#) and many other [ARRL publication dealers](#).

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ATVET Albany Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

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). ATVET will again be holding their exam sessions in the C.I.I. Building (Low Center for Industrial Innovations), Room 3045, on the Campus of RPI, Troy, NY

| Exam Date | Day | Doors Open | Exam Time |
|--------------------|------|------------|-----------|
| November 22nd 2014 | Sat. | | |
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If you can HELP OUT on future dates Please Contact:

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