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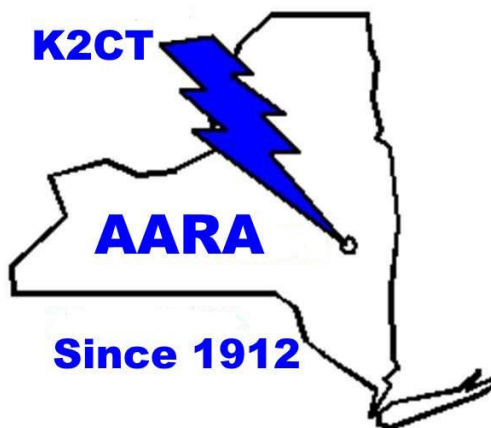
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AARA November Meeting
November 8th, 2023 @ 7:30 PM
Slingerlands Fire Dept.
*(The 2nd Wednesday Due to a Conflict with
a Fire Department Event)*

Topic: SKYWARN Training

PLEASE Pay Your Dues
Dues are \$20
Checks can be sent to:

Saul Abrams, K2XA
307 Maple Rd.
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NWS ALBANY SKYWARN WINTER WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING

Date:

November 8, 2023

Time:

7pm-9pm

Location:

Slingerlands Firehouse
1520 New Scotland Road
Slingerlands, NY 12159

**This training session will help you become
a weather spotter!**

SKYWARN® is a volunteer program with trained weather spotters nationwide. These volunteers help keep their local communities safe by providing timely and accurate reports of significant and impactful weather to the National Weather Service (NWS).



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**No prior knowledge
or experience
needed!
Training is free!**

Learn about:

- Hazardous Winter Weather Events and Climatology
- Weather Spotting Criteria
- Official Winter Weather Outlook
- How to Report Information to the NWS and more!

**Scan the QR Code if you
would like to register!**



Questions? Contact us!
alb.stormreport@noaa.gov



October Meeting

Our presentation was a video “Vintage Radio Group & Shack Tours” by RAT PAC. If you want to see it again, or other amateur radio related presentations: go to ratpac.us or the “RAT PAC Amateur Radio” channel on Youtube.com.



Dave Jennings WJ6W With His Vintage Radio Collection.
Drake Equipment on the Upper Shelf and Collins on the Table Top

WARM Award Revisited

Harry “Bud” Hovey – WF2B

Hello, fellow AARA members and other hams. Have you received the WARM Award or even heard of it? WARM means Worked Albany Radio Members. The details of how to qualify for the award can be found on the K2CT website – once there, click on Awards.

As an AARA member you have to make at least 15 qualifying contacts of which at least 5 must be other AARA members. Your info should be sent to Bud, WF2B at budh.wf2b@gmail.com. Repeater contacts are not eligible. See the following example of what the Award looks like.

W A R M

**WORK ALBANY RADIO MEMBERS
THIS CERTIFIES THAT**

**having complied with the requirements of the
ALBANY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION,
is awarded this certificate of achievement for communication with
or more AARA members and/or other Albanys.**

President
Albany Amateur Radio
Assoc.

NO. _____
Endorsements:

AARA Awards Chairman

Date

1st Annual Great Hudson Valley Fox Hunt

Its official! Our areas first multi-site wide area fox hunt is set for next month during Veteran's Day Weekend Saturday November 11th. Details attached. This is designed to appeal to new comers and advanced people so no one is left out.

What else is needed:

- Hunters - We need people to find the Foxes by car, by foot or both!
- Hiders - We need people to hide and observe the foxes and engage with curious public.
- Foxes - If anyone has a Fox or would like to be a fox (by using your mobile radio) please reach out.

This is a Hudson Valley wide event and is not limited to any one club, but I know OMARC will lead by example. USMA and QSY already excited!!

Non-hams are very welcome and encouraged to take part.

1ST ANNUAL GREATER HUDSON VALLEY FOX HUNT

Mission #1

Find one or more hidden "FOX" transmitters

Mission #2

Have fun and meet new friends!



WHEN?

- Saturday November 11th from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM
- Post event casual meal gathering TBD.



WHERE?

- Taking place at the same time in Poughkeepsie, New Paltz, Rhinebeck and Rosendale areas.
- Beginner gathering locations are listed below. Experienced hunters can start anywhere they wish.

WHAT?

- Amateur radio "hidden transmitters" will be placed in clearly defined 3-mile by 4-mile boundary areas in the above listed areas. These will align to Maidenhead Locator System Grid 6 format. (Example: FN31bw)
- All transmitters will be high visibility and easily found on foot after travelling by car to the general vicinity.
- Each transmitter will be broadcasting a unique message to allow it to be found using radio direction finding (RDF) capabilities. All transmitters at all locations will be using the same frequency at the same time.
- Announcements, coordination and assistance will be conducted on the WB2ERS repeater located on Illinois Mtn using a frequency of 444.700 MHz with a positive 5 MHz shift and 110.9 Hz access tone.
- 2m fox frequency you will be hunting to be shared the morning of the event so everyone has a fair chance.

WHO?

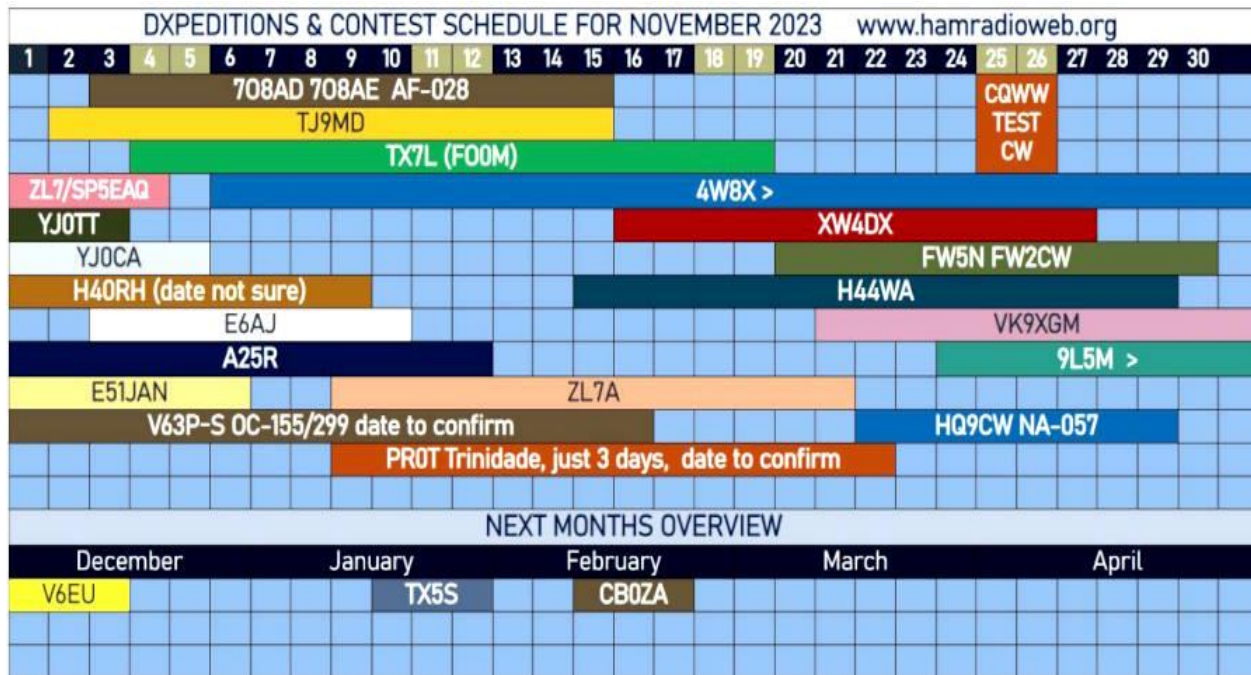
- Beginner "Fox Hunters" – Pre-Event: Suggested to attend basic RDF presentation scheduled for October 27th at 7:00 PM via Zoom. RSVP via contact@undr-group.com or UNDR Group Facebook Page.
- Advanced "Fox Hunters" – You can just operate solo or volunteer to help others. Please coordinate with event leader Steve K2GOG at +1-914-573-1799 at least one day prior to the event if you want to help others.
- All beginner fox hunters are recommended to meet at the below Dunkin Donut's locations to team up with others prior to the event which starts promptly at 12:30 PM.
 - 3853 Main St, Stone Ridge, NY 12484 (Rally Point A)
 - 2580 South Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (Rally Point B)
 - 3979 Albany Post Rd, Hyde Park, NY 12538 (Rally Point C)
 - 250 Main St, New Paltz, NY 12561 (Rally Point D)



HOW? Please research via internet or ask local amateur radio people how to find an RDF Fox and what is needed.

Interested in attending or asking questions? Please contact Steve Bossert | K2GOG@undr-group.com | +1-914-573-1799

OMARC = Overlook Mountain Amateur Radio Club
www.omarcclub.org



Important Links:

Find a license class in your area: www.arrl.org/class

Find a license exam in your area: www.arrl.org/exam

The Eastern Iowa DX Bulletin:

<http://www.eidxa.org/EIDXBulletin.html>