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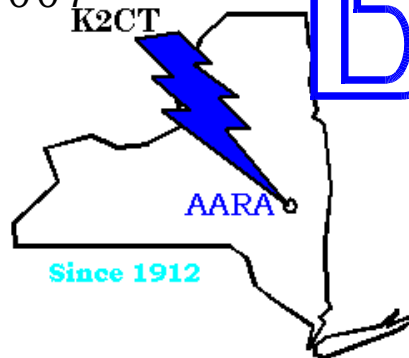
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## AARA

Meets at the  
Colonie Community Center  
[1653 Central Ave. Colonie](http://1653 Central Ave. Colonie)

### Friday Oct. 12

Social Hour 6:55 PM  
Meeting begins 7:47 PM

refreshments  
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

## Oct. Meeting

### **K2CT Repeater**

**Talk-in repeater**

**145.19 (-) MHz**

**pl tone 103.5Hz**

**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 [www.k2ct.net](http://www.k2ct.net)  
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

Dr. Richard Thompson, the Dean of  
Math & Science at the College of Saint  
Rose will speak.

His talk will deal with the subject of his  
recent book – the building and  
supporting of a mass production  
industry for quartz oscillators during  
World War II.

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S PLANS FOR FALL 2007

Did that get your attention? And, by the way, what education committee? There are no plans yet, but "we" are considering classes or tutoring sessions for both the Tech and General exams. Prospective students should contact Bob, **W2XM** by telephone before 9:30pm (459-8435) or e-mail (W2XM@ARRL.NET); telephone is preferred.

Whether or not there are planned learning sessions, you may buy study materials for yourself through Bob. Place a pre-paid order with W2XM at or before September's meeting (Bob will NOT be at the September meeting); books will be available at the October meeting. Your price, including all taxes and shipping charges, will be as indicated.

The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual (to prepare for Tech exam) \$24  
ARRL's Tech Q & A \$15  
The ARRL General Class License Manual.. \$24  
ARRL's General Q & A \$17

Contingent on there being enough students (which the instruction team will learn by the first meeting, October 18), there will be a course leading to the entry-level (Technician-class) amateur radio license. (Honestly, I expect plenty of interest.) The course will be held on successive Thursday nights at the Village of Colonie Family Recreation Center, except Thanksgiving. There will be a team of instructors who will be covering the information in the chapters from the *Ham Radio License Manual*, published by ARRL. These books are available from ARRL and from Bob Raffaele (459-8435).

Most of the teachers will be members of the Albany Amateur Radio Association.

The course will conclude with the licensing exam.

Space is limited. Youngster from the Village of Colonie and their parents will be admitted first. Contact Bob Raffaele at 459-8435 for further information

**Hudson Valley Community College** as part of its **Center for Creative Retirement** is running a two-hour introductory course on Ham Radio on October 18 Ham Radio - A hobby for all ages and skill levels.

Ham radio is about 100 years old, but has evolved with modern technology. It provides an opportunity to communicate with fellow hams all over the world, including such rare places like Mongolia or Malyj Vysotkij Island, or such common places as England or France. You can provide public service during emergencies or just "rag-chew" with your new found friends in many countries. This course will introduce you to the thrills and adventures of Ham Radio and introduce you to the requirements you need to obtain your Ham Radio license. You do not have to be technically oriented nor do you have to learn Morse Code (which was one time a requirement to obtain a license) if you decide to study for and take a test for a license in the future.

The Instructor will be Harry (Bud) Hovey, WF2B. Bud has been licensed since 1964 and holds the highest class Ham License "Extra Class".

Course #50095 \$5  
1 Session, Room: Williams 113  
Thurs., 10/18, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
Harry (Bud) Hovey, Instructor

Registration by Phone (Payment by by MasterCard or Visa) Call: (518) 629 7339

sections on the [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) website that fully address

### **FOR SALE:** Cushcraft Antenna

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Contact Seymour, K2XF at 286-1328

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**ARRL HUDSON DIVISION 2007 AWARDS  
DINNER**

November 10, 2007

6:30 through 10:30 PM

I am in the process of placing a joint Program ad on behalf of AARA and HVCDX

I am also going to be making reservations. There is a club table category that requires 8 people to be at a table.

If you are planning to attend, please contact me no later than this coming Sunday, October 7th and I will reserve a club table. The cost to attend is \$48.00 each. I will issue a club check to cover your dinner reservation and you can reimburse me.

I can be reached as follows:

Wa2mmx@nycap.rr.com

518-784-3861 Home

518-857-0701 Cell

Information regarding the awards dinner can be viewed on the Hudson Division Web Page:

<http://www.hudson.arrl.org/pages/awardsdinner2007.htm#DinnerMenu>

**REMEMBER!** Our own Walt Legowski will be receiving the Technical Achievement Award! Let's support Walt.

If you have additional ideas for a meeting program let Vice President Fred, WA2MMX know.

**GET READY FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL ARRL  
ON-LINE AUCTION!**

From: The ARRL Letter

Vol. 26, No. 38 September 21, 2007

The Second Annual ARRL On-Line Auction kicks off October 24, running until November 2 on the ARRL Web site

<<http://www.arrl.org/auction>>. This is your chance to pick up one-of-a-kind Amateur Radio items. To see what the Auction will offer this year, be sure to check out the Auction preview that begins October 17. Last year, the Auction attracted more than 4300 bidders from 36 countries. While the majority of buyers were from the USA, Canada and the UK, there were buyers from Australia, Malaysia, Grenada and Tanzania.

According to ARRL Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B, "Last year's on-line auction was our first and it was a great success. When the bidding ended, we realized that we had sold 104 items and we had raised just over \$37,000." Proceeds from the auction benefit ARRL education programs including activities to license new hams, strengthen Amateur Radio's emergency service training, offer continuing technical and operating education, as well as creating instructional materials.

This year's auction will include many products tested by the ARRL Lab for QST Product Review. These items include an ICOM IC-7800, a Ten-Tec Omni VII, a Palstar Auto Antenna Tuner, an MJF 974H Balanced Antenna Tuner and a Heil Traveler Headset. There will be many vintage items offered, including the antique transmitter featured in John Dilks' "Old Radio" column in the November 2007 issue of QST. Also, returning by popular demand will be five ARRL Lab unique "junque" boxes.

From: The ARRL Letter

Vol. 26, No. 398 September 28, 2007

Florida Hams Help Nab Burglary Suspects: Some hams in Florida got an earful when they heard what turned out to be teenagers planning various robberies over the Jupiter Farms 444.400 MHz CERT repeater. On September 8, Al Moreschi, AG4BV, of Jupiter, and John Levey, KI4HTL, a retired police officer, of Palm Beach Gardens, overheard, according to Moreschi, "what sounded like men talking about committing a burglary and we were monitoring them on one of the local ham repeaters." Moreschi said he and his fellow hams notified local law enforcement agencies of the break-in, but the alleged thieves "didn't describe the house well enough to get the exact address." The amateurs kept listening for the vandals to show up again on the repeater. On September 21, they were in luck. This time the hams were ready and had set up recording devices to capture the break-in as it transpired. Moreschi said he and his fellow hams recognized the voices and started recording; they also called the police. The last transmission heard over the air by the suspects was, "Code Red, Code Red, Code Red. There are cops everywhere, dude!" Three suspects were captured and arrested: one at the scene, one who was walking down a nearby road and one at a local grocery store. An official with the local sheriff's office said that the suspects were charged with burglary for the two break-ins;

the three are suspects in other local robberies, as well. The tapes made by the hams are in the custody of the sheriff. Moreschi said that the suspects might also be facing charges from the Federal Communications Commission for operating without an amateur license. "We don't know how these kids got hold of the ham radios. Their transmissions came right over the CERT repeater, and that has a special tone and you have to have a special tone to key it up," Moreschi said.

## [www.k2ct.net](http://www.k2ct.net)

**WE** are looking for pictures of your Ham Shack Send pictures to Peter, N2KAD

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

73, Peter Hines, N2KAD, webmaster  
[hines@nycap.rr.com](mailto:hines@nycap.rr.com) with any suggestions.

**Public Service:**  
**Volunteer CONTACT**  
**Frank, N4ZHG 473-9256**

### >>> **2007 CQ WW DX CONTEST** **ANNOUNCEMENT** <<<

The 2007 CQ World Wide DX Contest is coming, so once again, it's time to send us your scores!

Get ready for the phone weekend on October 27-28 and the CW weekend on November 24-25.

All scores received will be published in B-Plus. Send your information (plain text) to us by e-mail at: [sue.walt@verizon.net](mailto:sue.walt@verizon.net)

Please include the following information when reporting your score to us:

Call used in the contest  
Mode (CW or Phone)  
Entry Category  
Power Level  
Claimed Score  
Number of (non-dupe) QSOs  
Number of Country Multipliers  
Number of Zone Multipliers

See you in the pile-ups!

73, Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

## **A.T.V.E.T.**

### Albany Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

**ATVET will again be holding their exam sessions in the C.I.I. Building (Low Center for Industrial Innovations), Room 3051, on the Campus of R.P.I..** Examination room doors will open 40 minutes prior to the exam time, with exams starting at the times indicated above. **NOBODY** will be admitted into the exam room after the starting time. ATVET never requires any pre-registration for any of their exams.

The fee charged all applicants at ARRL VEC-coordinated Amateur Radio examination sessions will be \$14.00 either cash, or check (payable to [ARRL-VEC](#)). This fee is required from all candidates taking any of the exam elements offered by this team.

Make sure you bring two proofs of identification, with one being a picture ID. Also bring all of your original documentation (current license, CSEs...etc.), along with photocopies, calculators, pens and pencils to the exam session. Candidates should bring their Social Security numbers to place on the application form (FCC Form 605).

The Social Security Number is required to register in ULS and CORES.

Anyone needing special handicap arrangements is asked to call in advance. The CII Building is handicapped accessible.

Exam Date	Day	Doors Open	Exam Time (Doors will Close)
Oct. 13, 2007	Sat.	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
Nov. 10, 2007	Sat.	9:20 AM	10:00 AM

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