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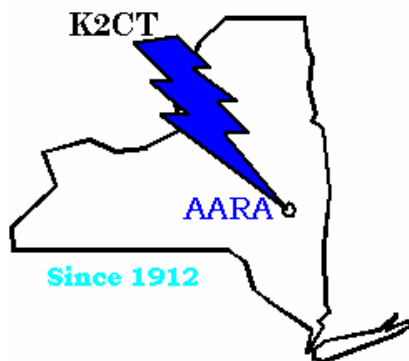
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AARA

Meets at the
Colonie Community Center
1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday OCT. 10

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

refreshments
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

OCT. Meeting

Tony, W2BEJ and Gerry, WA2IWW will speak about the **Emergency Communications Response Vehicle**. ECRV project which began in early 2000 when Ford Motor Company donated 10 Excursion vehicles to the American Red Cross Detroit Chapter.

An ECRV project committee of communications volunteers and paid staff began investigating how a ECRV could fill a long-standing problem of supporting local chapter communications during a disaster. These local chapters traditionally respond with a variety of communications capabilities, from local amateur radio club's equipment and operators to sophisticated communications vehicles supported by Red Cross chapters. In developing

communications equipment for a ECRV, they looked at all modes of terrestrial communications equipment that could support local operations with radio- based systems. **Tony and Gerry** have been trained to operate all-modes of the ECRV



MONTANA HAM ASSISTS IN RESCUE OF FELLOW AMATEUR 600 MILES AWAY

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On Sunday, September 21, Bob Williams, N7ODM, of Bozeman, Montana, was just tuning around on 40 meters, giving his rig a test just before a scheduled QSO with his brother Rich, K7URU, in Spokane, when he heard a faint CW signal around 1 PM (MDT): Glenn Russell Ruby Jr, W7AU, of Corvallis, Oregon had broken his leg and was using a portable radio and Morse code to send out a call for help. Williams said he was able to understand the injured man's code even when his signal became very weak.

"He called me. He must have heard me testing out the radio. When I finished, I signed off with my call, and then I heard, 'N7ODM, this is W7AU/7,' so I answered," Williams told the ARRL. "I told him to go ahead, I had solid copy. He told me that he was a hiker that had fallen and broken his leg. He identified himself as Russ, provided information as to his GPS coordinates, the shelter, food and water on hand, as well as his detailed physical condition. He told me exactly who I needed to contact for assistance."

According to Williams, Ruby had slipped on a wet rock and broken his leg while out hiking in the Buck Creek Pass area of the high Cascades in Western Washington, 600 miles away from Williams. "Russ really had his act together," Williams said. "Before he even called for help, he set up his tent. It was raining when he fell, so he climbed into his tent and got into some warm clothes and had a snack of sunflower seeds and dried apricots. After that, he strung up a wire antenna, fired up his Elecraft K1 and called me." Williams said that Ruby told him he had a "couple of weeks worth of battery power" for the radio.

Ruby asked Williams to notify the Snohomish County Search and Rescue in Washington State. "I didn't have their number, so I called my local 911 dispatcher. All they had was the info for King County in Washington, so I called them and they gave me the number for Snohomish. When I got a hold of Snohomish County Search and Rescue, they asked me to obtain additional info from Russ, such as the color of his tent and if he was in a clear or wooded area, and remain in contact with him as long as possible," Williams said.

"Russ and I were able to maintain contact until about 8 PM on Sunday, during which time I was able to pass additional traffic between Russ and

Search and Rescue, but then his signal got so weak where I couldn't copy it anymore. Before he faded, we had agreed to try and make contact in the morning. I tried, starting around 6:30, but he never heard me. I finally heard him calling me around 9 on 7.051 MHz. We kept in contact until he was evacuated from the site by Search and Rescue at about 10:35 AM," Williams told the ARRL.

On Sunday, rescue crews reached Ruby, who had set up camp on Buck Creek Pass, at about 6000 feet just west of the Chelan County line. He was taken to safety Monday on horseback. Williams said that bad weather Sunday prevented a helicopter rescue: "It was snowing all night; Russ told me that when he woke up Monday morning, his tent was all covered in snow."

"I just happened to be at the same frequency," Williams said. "It's just a stroke of luck that turned out great. It was quite an experience. I'm just glad that he was a ham radio operator and that I was able to talk to him. It made the difference for him. What I did was not anything special. I'd like to think that any ham in Montana would've done the same thing."

Contests

October 11-12

10-10 Sprint (October 10th, of course)
YLRL Anniversary Party--Phone (Oct 10-12)
Oceania DX CW Contest--CW
Worked All Britain HF Contest--Phone
EU Autumn Sprint--CW
Pennsylvania QSO Party
FISTS Fall Sprint--CW
North American RTTY Sprint
SKCC Weekend Sprint--CW
Classic Exchange—CW

October 18-19

ARRL EME Contest
JARTS WW RTTY Contest
Stew Perry Topband Challenge
50 MHz Fall Sprint

October 20-24

ARRL School Club Roundup

October 25-26

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB

ATVET The Albany/Troy VE Team

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. ATVET offers new license exams and upgrade exams for all license classes. The fee for 2008 is still \$14.00.

Exam Date	Day	Doors Open	Exam Time (Doors will Close)
October 11, 2008	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
November 8, 2008	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM

ATVET LIAISON: Gerald Murray, atvet@n2ty.org or 518-482-8700

>>> 2008 CQ WW DX CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT <<<

The Fall 2008 contest season has begun! So once again, it's time to send us your scores. Get ready for the CQ WW phone weekend on October 25-26 and the CW weekend on November 29-30.

All scores received will be published in B-Plus. Send your information (plain text) to us by e-mail at: 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

Get your score published in B-Plus! See your call in print! *Don't be left out!*

73, Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

AARA Dues

Dues are \$15 with B-PLUS available at the K2CT Web page in .pdf format 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

TWIAR NOW ON TWITTER

This Week in Amateur Radio is now on Twitter, the web site dedicated to quick and fast messages for mobile users or those wanting to keep up with friends and family with short updates.

Using the new Twitter feed, TWIAR will send links to news as well as updates to the web site (file uploads, downtime, new features, etc.).

Users can set up their PDAs or cell phones to receive these updates as they are posted, or use the RSS feed to send updated to their RSS readers.

Please visit our Twitter feed at <http://www.twitter.com/twiar>.

K2CT Repeater

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

or

444.30 (+) w/pl tone 100.0Hz

Would you like to learn how to solder?

How about would you like to build a kit radio or a kit transmitter?

What about an APRS identifier kit?

We are trying to put a session together Leave Nathaniel a message and he'll try and put the session (at a meeting) together.

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Third Annual ARRL On-Line Auction Set for October ARRL

The Third Annual [ARRL On-Line Auction](#) kicks off October 23, running until October 31 on the ARRL Web site. 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 16. Last year, the Auction attracted more than 3000 registered bidders from more than 40 countries. While the majority of buyers were from the USA, Canada and the UK, there were buyers from Australia, Malaysia, Grenada, Vietnam and Tanzania.

According to ARRL Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B, "Last year's on-line auction -- our second -- proved to be a successful and enjoyable event for both hams and ARRL staff members alike. When the bidding ended, we realized that we had sold 162 items and raised just over \$50,000." 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.

ARRL Business Services Manager Deb Jahnke, K1DAJ, encouraged everyone to come and peruse the wide variety of offerings: "Browse through the Web site frequently, as items will be added on a daily basis. We also encourage you to look through the 'Help' and 'About Us' sections. You'll find useful information about bidding, FAQs and a host of other facts. To ensure an enjoyable experience, please be sure to read all policies in the 'About Us' section."

This year's auction will again include many transceivers and other items that have appeared in the QST Product Review column and have thus been thoroughly tested by the ARRL Lab. There will be many vintage items offered, as well. Also, returning by popular demand will be four ARRL Lab unique "junque" boxes. These boxes have a starting bid of \$50 and have almost anything you could ever possibly imagine in them. No one -- except the ARRL Lab staff -- knows what exactly is inside each box, but each is guaranteed to be full of things that the Lab

staff consider valuable (but keep in mind that they collect just about anything).

Jahnke said that due to many requests last year, "all product review items in the On-Line Auction include a link to a PDF file of the actual Product Review, as well as a reference to the QST issue that the review appeared in."

All 2008 Field Day logs have been posted online.
<http://www.arrl.org/?artid=8461>

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