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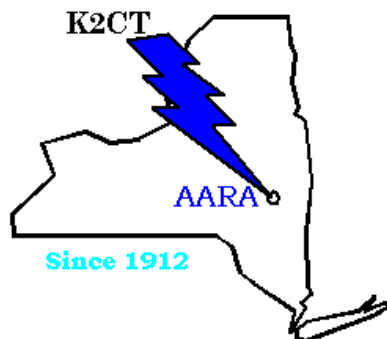
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## AARA

Meets at the  
Colonie Community Center  
1653 Central Ave. Colonie  
**Friday OCT. 8**

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

refreshments  
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

## OCT MEETING

Master of Ceremonies, Bob W2XM will present October's program. It will be a quiz game to highlight the fun our hobby brings, (electronics, history, antennas, DX, trivia...), including buzzers and lights. Prizes will be given out.

Contest season is here  
"Are you ready"?

### 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 mailing of the newsletter Checks should be made out to AARA and sent to: Saul Abrams, K2XA,  
307 Maple Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159

## 50/50 Raffle at the meeting

\$1.00 for 1 ticket  
OR 3 tickets for \$2.00

### 2010 Hudson Division Award Recipients Selected

Hudson Division Beacon Sept.2010

The 2010 Hudson Division Awards Committee consisting of the following Assistant Directors: Roberta Keis, N2RBU; Jim Jackson, NS2K; Steve Saposnik, KB2ENF; Walter Lange, AE2AA Bob Chamberlain, N2KBC

met via the ARRL Tele-Conference Bridge on Thursday evening, September 9, 2010 and selected the following as recipients for the 2010 division wide awards:

Amateur of the Year - Nancy Rosner, N2TKA - (NLI)

Grand Ole Ham - Jerry Jankowitz, NO2T - (NNJ)

Technical Achievement - Julius Jones, W2IHY - (ENY)

Congratulations to the recipients and a BIG thanks to those who made the decision and also to those who took the time to make the nominations.

We hope many of you will be present on **Sunday, November 14th** when the awards will be presented.

### The East Coast DX Association will host the ARRL Hudson Division 2010 Awards Luncheon

Hudson Division Beacon Sept.2010

**On Sunday - November 14, 2010** from 12:00 Noon - 4:00 PM the 2010 ARRL

Hudson Division Awards event will be held at Biagio's Restaurant in Paramus, NJ.

The key note speaker will be ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN. At least five awards will be presented this year for Amateur of the Year, Technical Achievement, and Grand Ole Ham.

In addition President Craigie will present the ARRL Board awards, the 2010 ARRL Technical Service Award to Richard Knadle, K2RIW, of Dix

Hills, New York, for his service to Amateur Radio, serving as Net Control Operator for 27 years for the Technical Net on the Long Island Mobile Amateur Radio Club's repeater.

The George Hart Distinguished Service Award honoring longtime ARRL Communications Manager W1NJM, retired; and awarded to amateurs who have a long history of public service communications, and who have accrued lengthy exemplary records in multiple facets of public service communications work.

The ARRL Board of Directors conferred the inaugural George Hart Distinguished Service Award upon

George W. Hippisley, W2RU,

William M. Smith, W7GHT

and David Struebel, WB2FTX.

David, the only Hudson Division recipient, will be on hand to get his award. Note: David was the recipient of the ARRL Hudson Division Technical Award in 2009.

See

<http://www.hudson.arrl.org/#HudsonAwards> for details on journal ads and tickets.

### Webinar from NCCC "Webinar: RTTY for Newbies"

Hi RTTY list viewers,

The Northern California Contest Club is pleased to make the following webinar available for viewing.

This is a webinar that concentrates on some practical aspects to get your station up and running for RTTY contests. It is not intended to be an all-encompassing video about all details of RTTY and contesting.

It should hopefully be just enough to make you dangerous. Most of you on this list do not need this webinar at all. Perhaps this video would be helpful for your friends who are new to RTTY contesting, or for your local club that might be interested to participate next month in CQWW WPX RTTY or as a team entry in NAQP RTTY.

- RTTY Contesting for Newbies
- A. RTTY fundamentals
- B. RTTY interfaces
- C. Common RTTY problems for newbies
- D. MMTTY and N1MM RTTY setup with live demos for both programs
- E. Writelog RTTY setup with a live demo and live RTTY QSOs

Presenters: Dean N6DE, Iain N6ML, John K6MM, Fred K6DGW  
 Length of recording: 1 hour, 48 minutes

Recording: of webinar  
<http://bit.ly/rtty-recording>

This file size is 115MB. The recording is in .WMV format. This should make it easy to

view, as most of you already have a .WMV player on your computer (i.e. Windows Media Player).

The file should automatically start to play while still downloading. In Windows Media Player, the dark blue line at the bottom (barely visible) indicates the download status. The light blue line indicates what part of the recording you're currently viewing. After the file has finished downloading (dark blue line scrolled all the way to the right and then disappeared), if you want to save it on your computer for future viewing, just go to the top of the Windows Media Player window, right click, select File, Save As, and type a filename with a .WMV extension (such as rtty.wmv).

73... -Dean - N6DE

## **ATVET 2010 EXAM SCHEDULE**

### **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).

CII Building - Room **3045**, RPI Campus, Troy, NY

Exam Date	Day	Doors Open	Exam Time (Doors will Close)
<b>October 16, 2010</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:20 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>November 13, 2010</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:20 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>

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

### **FIVE YEARS OF KB AT AARA'S FIELD DAY**

It's hard to believe that this was the fifth consecutive year of using **KB** to log our contacts at Field Day. The accompanying plots show how we've done during this time (with little or no sunspots). Last year's total was an all-time AARA record. This year was not too far behind.

There are many other clubs and operating groups that do Field Day, but only AARA uses our very own homebrewed, Linux-based software for logging our contacts and networking the stations together. This is made possible by generous members who have donated computer systems to AARA.

If you'd like to donate a no longer needed system that has a CPU speed of at least 700 MHz, please let me know! An upgrade of our present Field Day computers will allow us to put additional features of **KB** to use, such as the DVK feature for the phone stations and the code reader for the GOTA station.

73, Walt, WA1KKM

## >>> 2010 CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENTS <<<

It's that contest time of year again, so send us your scores!

The NYQP, New York State QSO Party

Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010 - 1400 UTC thru Oct. 17, 0200 UT 12 hours

**The CQ WW** phone weekend will be on October 30-31 and the CW weekend will be on November 27-28.

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

Get your score published in B-Plus! See your call in print! Have fun!

73, Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

[sue.walt@verizon.net](mailto:sue.walt@verizon.net)

### Other Contests

CQ South America SSB Contest: 0000Z, Oct 9 to 2400Z, Oct 10

Oceania DX Contest, CW: 0800Z, Oct 9 to 0800Z, Oct 10

Worked All Britain HF Phone: 1200Z, Oct 9 to 1200Z, Oct 10

Pennsylvania QSO Party: 1600Z, Oct 9 to 0500Z, Oct 10 and 1300Z-2200Z, Oct 10

North American Sprint, RTTY: 0000Z-0400Z, Oct 10

10-10 Int. 10-10 Day Sprint: 0001Z-2359Z, Oct 10

### **Are You Changing Your**

**Address:** Please contact Walt, WA1KKM 456-3637 or via e-mail [sue.walt@verizon.net](mailto:sue.walt@verizon.net) with your address corrections

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