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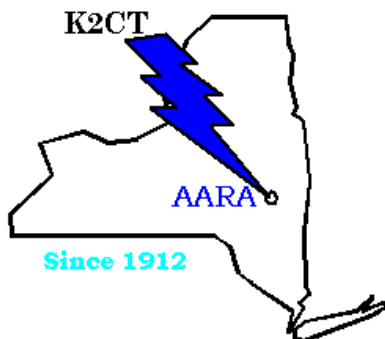
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AARA

This Month AARA Meets
at the

Bethlehem Town Hall

Delaware Ave

Delmar, NY 12054

Friday Oct 14

Social Hour 6:55 PM

Meeting begins 7:47 PM

refreshments
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

OCT. MEETING

Contesting in the Fall

Antenna building...

K2CT Repeater

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

AARA Dues

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

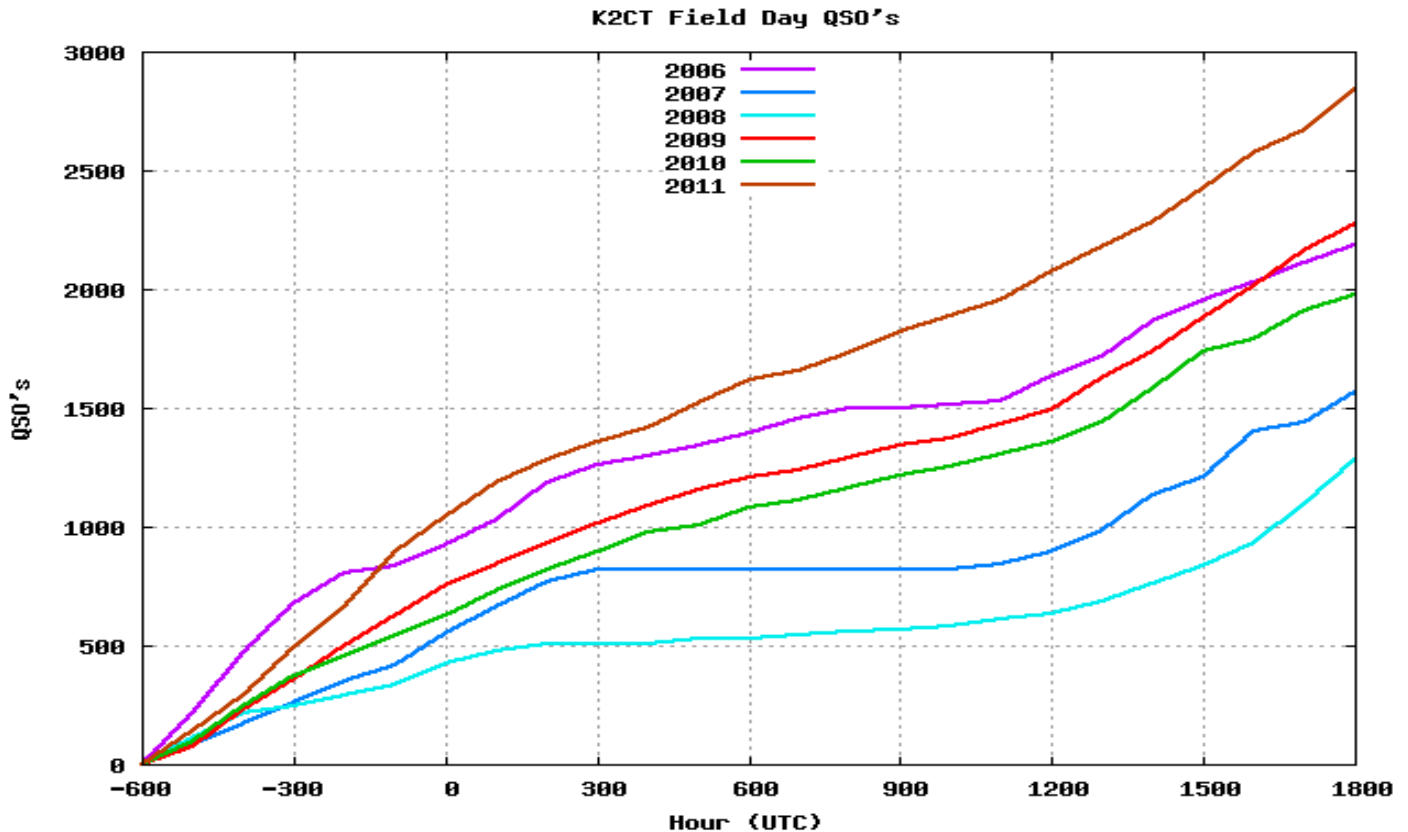
\$1.00 for 1 ticket OR 3 tickets for \$2.00

FIELD DAY a report

AARA FIELD DAY: 2006-2011

The accompanying three graphs show various aspects of our Field Day operation over the last six years. Our most recent Field Day effort, for 2011, resulted in our best score ever. We beat our previous best (from 2009) by over 20 percent.

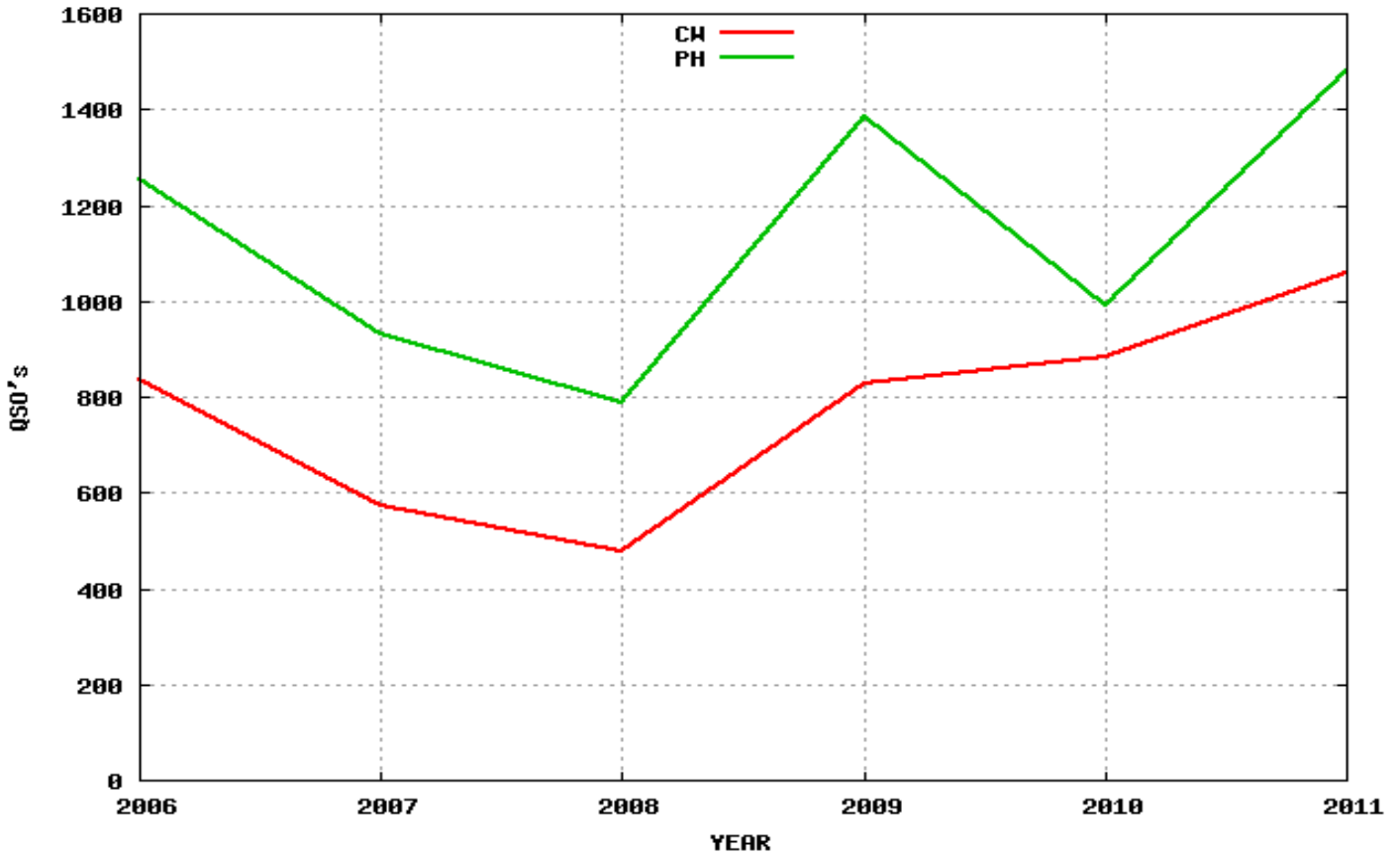
The first graph shows our hour-by-hour QSO total (not including the GOTA station) by year. This year's operation had the highest QSO rate during the dinner hour. In past years, this was among the slowest hours. You can see what happens when we feed the operators! Also, this year's night crew made contacts all night long. In some of the previous years, the night crew was sleeping. As they say (whoever they are), "If you snooze, you lose!"



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first Fri. Nov 4th

The second graph shows the QSOs by mode (SSB and CW) for each of the six years. The contact total for each mode was the best ever this year.

AARA Field Day QSO's (Main Stations Only)



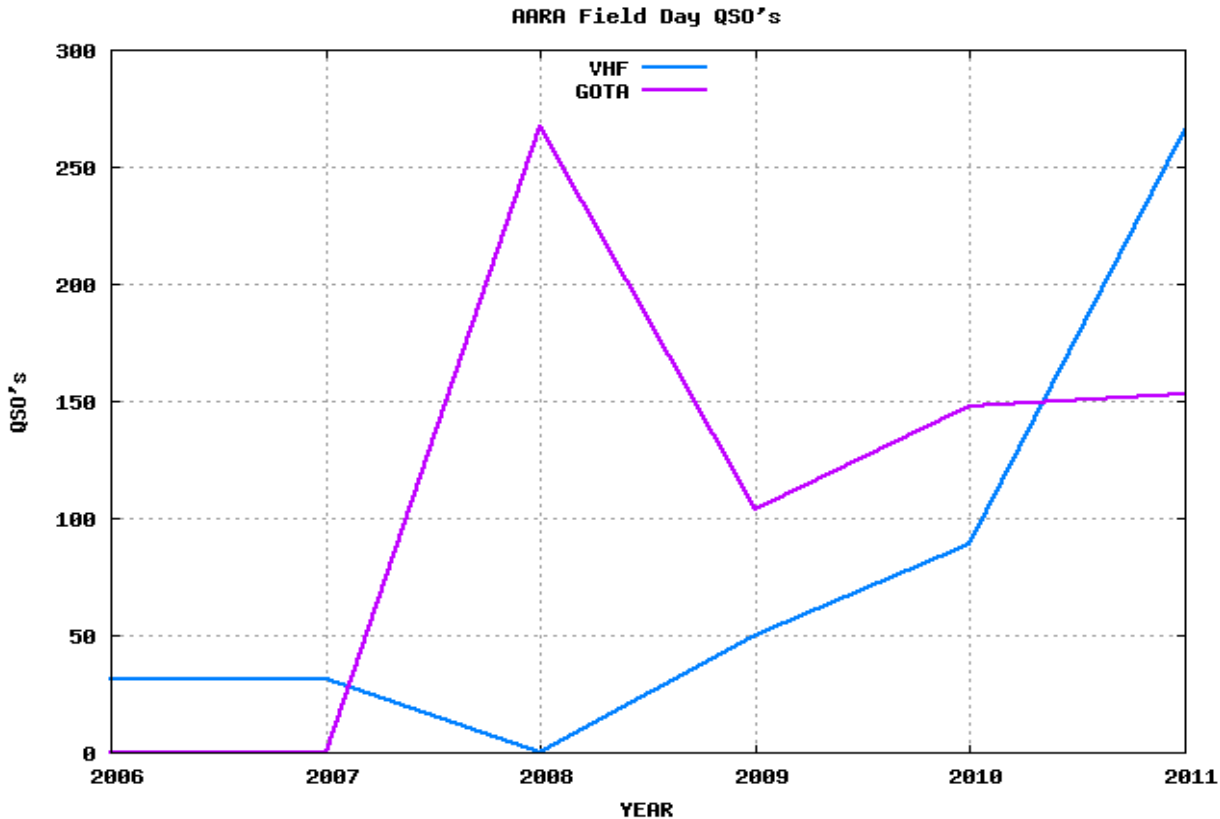
CONTESTS

- CQ SA SSB Contest 0000Z, Oct 15 to 2400Z, Oct 16
- JARTS WW RTTY Contest 0000Z, Oct 15 to 2400Z, Oct 16
- 10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW 0001Z, Oct 15 to 2359Z, Oct 16
- New York QSO Party 1400Z, Oct 15 to 0200Z, Oct 16
- Iowa QSO Party 1400Z-2300Z, Oct 15
- Worked All Germany Contest 1500Z, Oct 15 to 1459Z, Oct 16
- PODXS 070 Club 160m Great Pumpkin Sprint 2000 local, Oct 15 to 0200 local, Oct 16
- Illinois QSO Party 1700Z, Oct 16 to 0100Z, Oct 17
- ARRL School Club Roundup 1300Z, Oct 17 to 2400Z, Oct 22
- ARRL EME Contest 0000Z, Oct 22 to 2359Z, Oct 23
- Stew Perry Topband Challenge 1500Z, Oct 22 to 1500Z, Oct 23



- CONTESTS**
- W/VE Islands QSO Party 1600Z, Oct 22 to 2359Z, Oct 23
 - SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Oct 26
 - RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB 1900Z-2030Z, Oct 27
 - CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Oct 29 to 2400Z, Oct 30
 - 50 MHz Fall Sprint 2300Z, Oct 29 to 0300Z, Oct 30
 - Ukrainian DX Contest 1200Z, Nov 5 to 1200Z, Nov 6
 - ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW 2100Z, Nov 5 to 0300Z, Nov 7
 - High Speed Club CW Contest 0900Z-1700Z, Nov 6
 - DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest 1100Z-1700Z, Nov 6

The third graph shows the QSO totals for the VHF station and the GOTA station for each of the six years. Note that the Field Day rules that created the GOTA station were not put in place until 2008. The VHF station was hopping this year with a spectacular 6-meter sporadic-E opening.



The best part of our Field Day effort this year was that everyone seemed like they were having a great time. Mark your calendar for next year! GO 2012

73, Walt, WA1KKM



KB2HPX and KC2VUE providing communications for the OVER THE EDGE fund raising program (Special Olympics) from the roof of the Crown Plaza Hotel in Albany on Sept 16. Also helping out was Dave, KM2O. As usual, picture by Bruce, WA3AFS (taken from the ground 16 stories down).

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Peter Hines, N2KAD, webmaster. E-mail hines@nycap.rr.com with any suggestions.

William J. Eddy, 58, NY2U SK, passed away on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at the Samaritan Hospital following a long illness.

Born in Troy on January 15, 1953, he was the son of the late Howard Randall Eddy and Marguerite T. Hull Eddy who passed away just eight days before her beloved son Bill. Bill was a lifelong Troy resident where he was raised and educated. He was a graduate of LaSalle Institute and had worked in the family business and was a mechanic at Nicoll's Service Station in Sycaway prior to his illness.

Bill was the founder and past president of the Troy Amateur Radio Association (T.A.R.A.) as the club is known, which was established in 1981 and was affiliated with the ARRL since 1991. Bill did emergency services and sky warns for Rensselaer County and many surrounding counties.

Scouts to Take to the Airwaves for the 54th Jamboree on the Air

Each year, more than 500,000 Scouts in more than 100 countries take to the airwaves on the third full weekend in October -- and this year will be no different. The Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) is a Scouting and Amateur Radio event sponsored by the World Scout Bureau of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. JOTA is an annual event where Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from all over the world speak to each other via Amateur Radio. Since 1958 -- when the first Jamboree on the Air was held -- millions of Scouts have met through this event. Many contacts made during JOTA have resulted in pen pals and links between Scout troops that have lasted many years. The radio stations are operated by radio amateurs, and many Scouts and leaders hold licenses and have their own stations. The majority of JOTA Scouts participate through stations operated by local radio clubs and individual hams

The 54th Jamboree on the Air is October 15–16, 2011. The official hours are 0000 (local time) Saturday, October 15 (right at midnight Friday) through midnight (local time) Sunday, October 16 (midnight Sunday evening).

The Rochester DX Association
2010 New York QSO Party
Saturday, October 15th.

Mark your calendars for the NYQP!

NY stations send Signal Report and County (using the 3 character abbreviations listed on www.NYQP.org).

Stations outside of NY send Signal Report and State, Canadian Province or "DX".

Check out www.NYQP.org for all details! Also, we have the NYQP Forum, register and let us know your plans at <http://forum.nyqp.org> . Brent KC2QLJ, 2011 NYQP Coordinator,

Paul K2DB, Advisor Rick W1TY, Advisor

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ATVET 2011 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 <http://www.n2ty.org/arvet.htm>

Exam Date	Day	Doors Open	Exam Time (Doors will Close)
November 12, 2011	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM

ATVET LIAISON: Gerald Murray, WA2IWW atvet@n2ty.org or 518-482-8700

The 2011 ARRL Hudson Division Awards Luncheon

Sunday, November 13 2011, 12:00 Noon – 4:00 PM

Biagio's Restaurant – 299 Paramus Road – Paramus NJ

Maps and Driving Directions are available at this Website: www.hudson.arrl.org

GPS Coordinates: N 40.94640 W 74.09327

This year's event is hosted by The East Coast DX Association

The food will be good, the camaraderie will be great, and there will be plenty of door prizes

There are a only a limited number of Tickets available for the Luncheon

Please order as early as possible to be assured a seat!

Website: www.hudson.arrl.org for more info.

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