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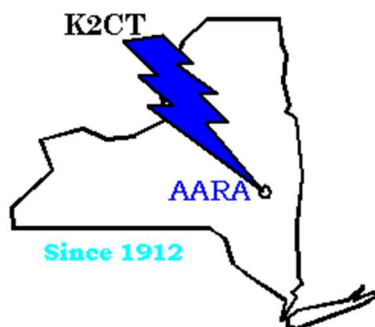
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B-PLUS OCT 2019

AARA Meeting

Friday, OCT 11, 2019

Bethlehem Town Hall
445 Delaware Ave.
Delmar, NY 12054

Social Hour 6:30PM

Program 7:27PM

Refreshments

soda, coffee, water, cookies

LAT 42°37'12.8"N
LONG 73°50'25.4"W

AARA OCT MEETING

October 11, 2019
ARRL Hudson Division
Director Ria Jairam
N2RJ

Please **PAY** your Dues.

AARA Dues

Dues cheerfully accepted,
Dues are \$20.

B-PLUS Newsletter sent via the
K2CT Web page in .pdf format

Checks should be made out to
AARA and sent to:

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www.k2ct.org

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QST Congratulates its Key Competition Winners

ARRL.org 09/05/2019

Ingenuity and craftsman abound within the Amateur Radio community, as shown in the results of the 2019 QST Key Competition. More than two dozen entries were submitted, and the judges gathered in late July to evaluate them. The competition sought Morse key and paddle designs in four categories: straight key, semiautomatic key (bug), paddle, and sideswiper. Each was a mechanical work of art, but there could only be four winners, who were chosen based on ingenuity of design, ergonomics of operation, and overall craftsmanship. The winners are:

Straight Key

Ron Spooner, W6FIF

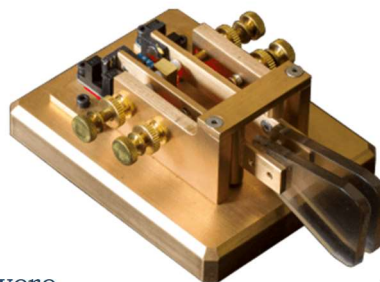
Semiautomatic/Bug

Gary Johnson, NA6O

Paddle

Juergen Malner, NV1Q

“Opto-Keyer”



And Sideswiper

Stan Levandowski, WB2LQF

Participants had to submit their individual keys, which were returned following judging, as well as detailed construction drawings with dimensions, lists of materials, photos, and written descriptions. <http://www.arrl.org/news/qst-congratulates-its-key-competition-winners> The winner in each category will receive \$250

Juergen, NV1Q wrote

. I just came across your September newsletter. Thanks for publishing the winner of the key contest. Unfortunately, the ARRL praised a silly design, that was not even part of the four categories, more than real ingenuity. There was not one word spent on describing the individual design of the four winners.

If you would like get more information about the "Opto-Keyer" click on the link below.

73's

Juergen, NV1Q

<http://www.hcra.org/opto-keyer>

Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) Registration is “On Track”

ARRL.org 10/04/2019

With just a couple of weeks to go before Scouting’s Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) event on October 18 – 20, JOTA Coordinator Jim Wilson, K5ND, reports that **nearly 200 US stations** have registered their intentions to participate.

“Over the last few years, we’ve typically had around 300 stations registered before the weekend,” Wilson told ARRL. “So, we’re on track.” Wilson noted that Icom America is providing an ID-51A Plus2 VHF/UHF D-STAR portable to encourage stations to submit after-event reports. A drawing will select the recipient.

“Band conditions aren’t expected to be any better than they’ve been for the past year, but the enthusiasm will be there,” Wilson predicted, “and local VHF-UHF can work as well as the D-STAR and [VoIP modes].” US participants who have not yet registered **may do so online**. — Thanks to Jim Wilson, K5ND

WHAT: Eastern NY Section Luncheon

WHEN: Sat. December 7th, 2019

WHERE: Red's Restaurant, 12005 State Rt 9,
Coxsackie, NY 12192
Just seconds off NY State Thruway Exit 21B
Northern Green County.....
about dead center of our Section



TIME: 11:30AM to 3:30 PM

PRICE: Yet to be finalized, but approx. \$30 per person

MENU: Yet to be finalized, it will be a buffet

Here is their web site:

<http://www.redsrestaurant.com/index.php?page=index>

REASON: As there is no Hudson Division luncheon this year, I think it would be nice if we as a section can get together enjoy some camaraderie and recognize those Amateurs who have contributed to the hobby this year. Certainly if you know anyone in NLI or NNJ that would be interested in attending feel free to give them the heads up!

If anyone is interested in helping, it would be appreciated: Perhaps putting together a brochure as in previous years. Taking reservations and payments. Perhaps suggesting or acquiring some door prizes.

Suggestions welcome!! Look for details in the next couple weeks!

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Bidding in ARRL Online Auction Begins **on October 17**

ARRL.org 10/01/2019

More than 230 items will go on the block as bidding begins on Thursday, October 17, at 10 AM EST (1400 UTC) for the 14th Annual [ARRL Online Auction](#). The auction will continue through Thursday, October 24, closing at 10 PM EST. An auction preview opens on Monday, October 14.

The 2019 auction includes lab-tested QST "Product Review" gear, vintage books, used equipment, and one-of-a-kind items, plus the ARRL Lab team has contributed four of its very popular "mystery boxes."

Some premier "Product Review" items up for bid include the Elecraft KAP 1500 legal-limit HF and 6-meter linear amplifier, the Icom IC-7610 HF and 6-meter transceiver, the Palstar LA-1K 160 – 6 meter amplifier, the FlexRadio Systems FLEX-6400M HF and 6-meter SDR transceiver, the Kenwood TS-890 HF and 6-meter transceiver, and many more items.

The auction will also offer items donated from the popular television series *Last Man Standing*, starring Tim Allen, an actual radio amateur who portrays the fictional Mike Baxter, KA0XTT, in the show, which has featured ham radio in some episodes.

Among book offerings in the auction are the “sold out” *2019 Handbook Boxed Set*, a special defense edition of *The Radio Amateur’s Handbook* from 1942, and a 1949 *ARRL Antenna Book*.

Proceeds from the annual Online Auction benefit ARRL education programs. These include activities to license new hams, strengthen Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES®) training, offer continuing technical and operating education, and create instructional materials.

All bidders must register (your **arrrl.org** user ID and password will not work on the auction site). If you have registered for a previous ARRL Online Auction, you may use the same log-in information. If you have forgotten your user ID or password, click on the “Help” tab for instructions on how to retrieve these credentials. Make sure your correct address and other information are up to date. The auction site only accepts Visa and MasterCard.



Community Event Family Farm Day (Albany County)

Sunday, September 8, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm (7 hours)

Ken N2SQW received a request to staff this event (full disclosure - it is on the same day as the Saratoga Hamfest). We are hoping for between 5 and 7 operators. Note the invitation to volunteers to a pig roast following the event.

This event is now open for registration on ARES Connect.

<http://vhub.at/aresconnect-eny>

It involves communications support for a Cornell Cooperative Extension sponsored

family event with attendance of up to 2000 persons on a 35 acre site. Volunteers will report health and safety issues to the event office.

Volunteers will use HT on simplex to cover multiple venues. ARES vest required on site. (Loaner vests and HT's available) Volunteers are invited to attend a pig roast following the event close (approx 4:30 pm). Event is rain or shine. Working farm on hilly terrain. We will be looking out for safety problems and reporting any possible incidents. Sturdy footwear should be worn.

David Galletly KM2O
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Contesting 2019

OCTOBER 2019

10-10 Int. 10-10 Day Sprint	0001Z-2359Z, Oct 10
QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party	0000Z-2359Z, Oct 12
Makrothen RTTY Contest	0000Z, Oct 12 to 1559Z, Oct 13
Nevada QSO Party	0300Z, Oct 12 to 2100Z, Oct 13
Oceania DX Contest, CW	0800Z, Oct 12 to 0800Z, Oct 13
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Oct 12 to 2359Z, Oct 13
Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB	1200Z, Oct 12 to 1200Z, Oct 13
Pennsylvania QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 12 to 2200Z, Oct 13
Arizona QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 12 to 2359Z, Oct 13
FISTS Fall Unlimited Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 12
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 14
AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening	1900Z-2030Z, Oct 16
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW	0001Z, Oct 19 to 2359Z, Oct 20
New York QSO Party	1400Z, Oct 19 to 0200Z, Oct 20
Worked All Germany Contest	1500Z, Oct 19 to 1459Z, Oct 20
Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 20
Illinois QSO Party	1700Z, Oct 20 to 0100Z, Oct 21
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Oct 21
ARRL School Club Roundup	1300Z, Oct 21 to 2359Z, Oct 25
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 23
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 26 to 2400Z, Oct 27

November 2019

Ukrainian DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 2 to 1200Z, Nov 3
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW	2100Z, Nov 2 to 0300Z, Nov 4
High Speed Club CW Contest	0900Z-1700Z, Nov 3
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Nov 5
WAE DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Nov 9 to 2359Z, Nov 10
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, Digital	0001Z, Nov 9 to 2359Z, Nov 10

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