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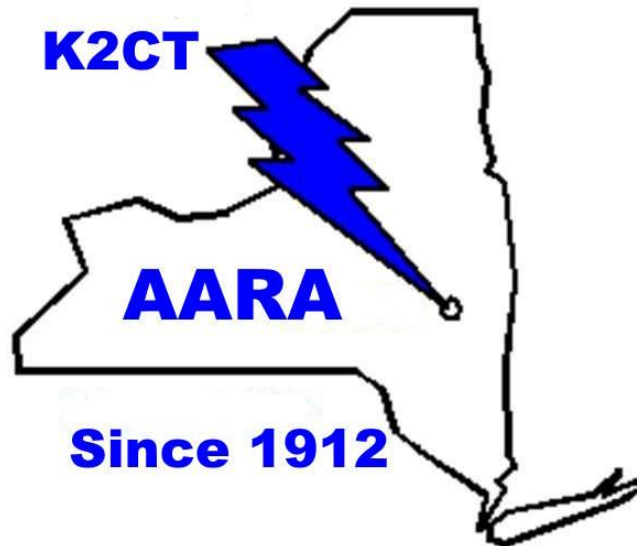
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AARA Next Meeting:
Monday, October 6th, 2025
@ 7:30 PM
Online ZOOM Meeting

Topic:
HOA Antenna Legislation
Year of the Clubs

PLEASE Pay Your Dues
Dues are \$20
Checks can be sent to:

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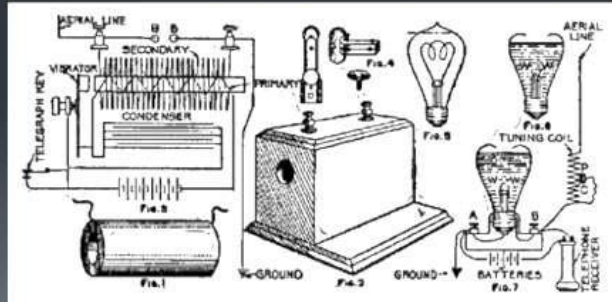
September Meeting

The Storied History of the Ham Radio Callsign

Mike Ritz, W7VO

Scappoose, OR

Version: Jan 2022



Presentation was a video on the rather convoluted history of the amateur radio callsign. The video is available on YouTube.com on the RATPAC amateur channel. The first Wireless Blue Book published by Modern Electrics Magazine in 1909 listed 115 United States amateur Stations.

The First Annual Official

Wireless Blue Book

JUST OFF THE PRESS. The only book of this kind in existence. It contains the location, all letters, wave length, power, etc., of

972 Wireless Stations in the United States and Canada

U. S. Atlantic and Inland Stations	90
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" Navy Stations	51
" Army Stations	50
" Revenue Cutters Stations	22
" Navy Vessels Stations	185
Hawaii Stations	7
Merchant Vessels in the Atlantic, Pacific & Great Lakes	350
Canadian Stations	39
Cuban Stations	3
U. S. Amateur Stations	115
Total	972

If you have a wireless station this book will be invaluable to you. When receiving messages you will know at once where from they originate. NO MORE GUESSWORK as heretofore. The Wireless Blue Book creates a new interest in wireless as it enables every experimenter to accurately estimate the range of his outfit.

It took four months to compile the data of the Blue book and it is warranted to be correct in every respect. **YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO BE WITHOUT IT.**

PRICE, 10c BY MAIL. Cash or stamps (only U. S., no foreign ones) taken.

Modern Electrics Publication, 34 W. Broadway, New York

Ballston Spa Hamfest 9/6/2025



Buying and selling in the pavillion



John K2QY and Dave KM2O working at the ARRL table

Link for October ZOOM Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/88563108685?signature=qS-poPOinuXFZhPNsySI-AoN_pSrbrgXryom10m7fqM

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Parks on the Air - Erie Canal Bicentennial Celebration



The Erie Canal turned 200 years old in 2025. There was a special Parks on the Air (POTA) activation of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor (POTA US-6532). The event took place during the World Canal Conference which is being hosted this year in Buffalo, New York.



Dave KM2O setup at Peebles Island State Park. Looks pretty complete.

Upstate New York POTA Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1207733937203773/>

Swap Shop

Have radio gear you want to buy, sell, trade, or give away?

Please send your item descriptions to wa3afs@arrl.net or dgherring@hotmail.com

Important Links:

Find a license class in your area: www.arrl.org/class

Find a license exam in your area: www.arrl.org/exam

The Eastern Iowa DX Bulletin:

<http://www.eidxa.org/EIDXBulletin.html>