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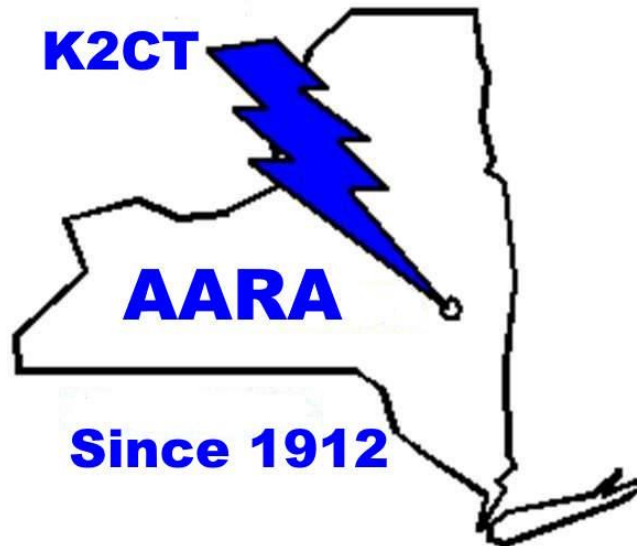
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AARA Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 7th, 2026
7:30 PM – Online Zoom Meeting

Topic:

To Be Announced

PLEASE Pay Your Dues

Dues are \$20

Checks can be sent to:

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September Meeting



Pete N2SKI, Field Day chairman gave a summary of the event. Despite being at a different site than usual, we met all of objectives and posted a good score. We could use more operators. Our scores for the last two years:

	2025				2026		
Band	CW	Digital	Phone		CW	Digital	Phone
160m	0	0	0		0	0	0
80m	59	0	114		0	7	84

40m	160	16	139		78	164	244
20m	84	47	72		183	40	174
15m	0	31	52		34	22	55
10m	0	15	0		30	23	0
6M	0	8	0				
	303	117	377		325	256	557

Preliminary score is 5,596



2026 Saratoga Hamfest

SARA's annual hamfest was held on September 12th, 2026 at the Fair Grounds in Ballston Spa.



Nice Day for a Radio Event



The banner features the ARRL logo on the left, which consists of a diamond shape containing the letters A, R, R, and L. To the right of the logo, the text "2026 ARRL" is in large white letters, followed by "OCTOBER 16-22, 2026" in a black box. Below this, "ONLINE AUCTION" is written in large white letters with a mouse cursor icon pointing at the end. Further down, the text "New Gear • Vintage Items • Mystery Junk Boxes" and "ARRL Lab Product Review" is displayed. At the bottom, it says "Proceeds benefit education, licensing, and training" and "SPONSORED BY: GigaParts".

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AM Radio In Automobiles

AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act of 2025

Introduced in Senate (01/29/2025)

This bill requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to issue a rule requiring AM radio capabilities to be standard in all new passenger vehicles. (AM radio is often used to deliver emergency alerts and news and entertainment programming; some newer vehicles do not include AM equipment.)

Specifically, this bill applies to passenger vehicles (1) manufactured in the United States for sale in the United States, imported into the United States, or shipped in interstate commerce; and (2) manufactured after the rule's effective date. The rule must require all such vehicles to have devices that can receive signals and play content transmitted by AM stations or digital audio AM stations installed as standard equipment and made easily accessible to drivers.

Prior to the rule's effective date, manufacturers that do not include devices that can access AM radio as standard equipment (1) must inform purchasers of this fact through clear and conspicuous labeling, and (2) may not charge an additional or separate fee for AM radio access.

(Source: Congress.gov)

SAQ Grimeton Scheduled To Air On UN-Day, Oct 24th 2026

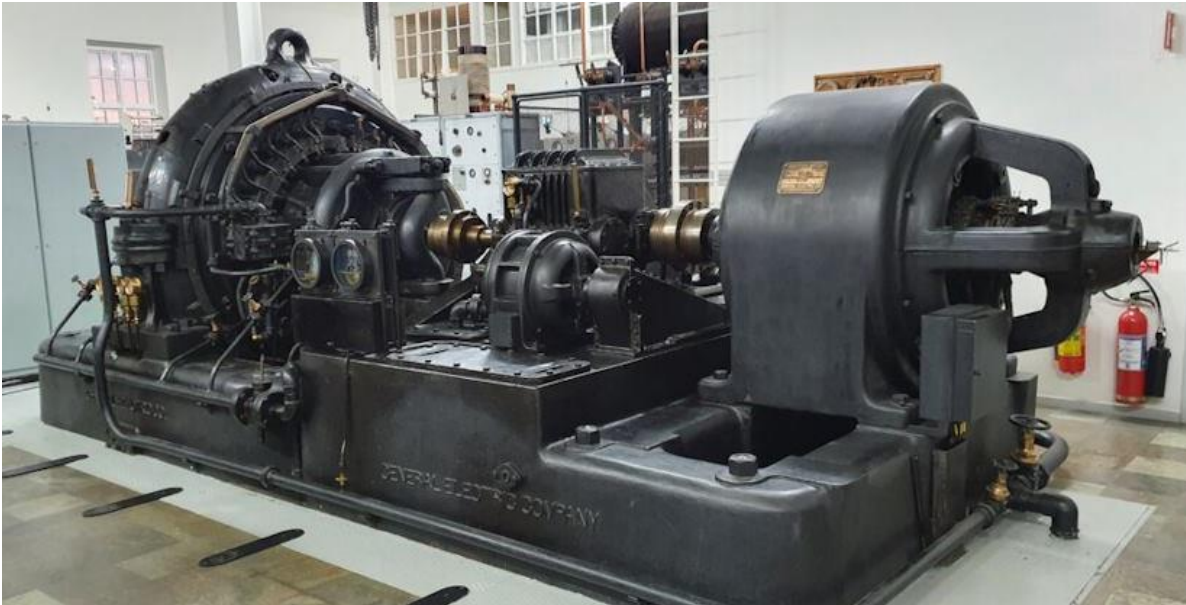
SAQ Grimeton is a historic Swedish radio station that went on the air in 1924. Grimeton Radio (SAQ) is the last transmitter in the world preserved that generates VLF radio frequencies with an alternating current generator (alternator), i. e. a machine that nowadays is only known to produce AC current with frequencies below 100 Hz – electric power. After its inventor, a Swedish engineer, this type of transmitter is called Alexanderson Alternator. It transmits on the long wave frequency of 17.2 kHz.

On UN-Day, **October 24th, 2026**, SAQ is scheduled to spread a peace message to the World on 17.2 kHz CW.

The Amateur Radio Station with the call “**SK6SAQ**” will be QRV during the day on the following frequencies:

- 3 517.2 kHz CW
- 7.017.2 kHz CW
- 14.017.2 KHz CW

- 3.755 kHz SSB
- 7.140 kHz SSB



The Alexanderson alternator transmitting unit at World Heritage Grimeton Radio Station, Sweden.

For more information see: <https://alexander.n.se>

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>