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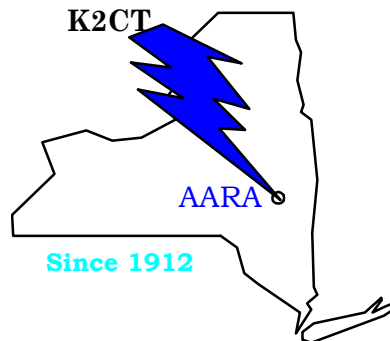
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AARA

Meets at the
Colonie Community Center
1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday Sept 10

Social Hour 6:55 PM
Meeting 7:45 PM
Refreshments
soda, diet soda, coffee

SEPT. Meeting

The speaker for September is
Frank Fallon N2FF our ARRL Director.
He will be giving us an update of on
league activities.

K2CT Repeater
Talk-in repeater
145.19 (-) MHz
pl tone 100.0hz
or
444.30 (+) w/pl tone 100.0hz

AARA Dues B-plus is Electronic
Dues are \$15 with
B-PLUS available at the K2CT Web
page in .pdf format www.qsl.net/k2ct
OR \$20 for first class mailing of
the newsletter Checks should be made out
to AARA and sent to: Saul Abrams, K2XA,
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SWAP SHOP

Send items to B-Plus editor, Mike, WD2AJS at wd2ajs@arrl.net or call 489-3110

ATTENTION HF CONTESTERS

ATTENTION AARA CONTESTERS

If you were on the air in a contest, we want your score! Please send a plain text copy of your summary sheet to us at: sue.walt@verizon.net

New Section Traffic Manager for Eastern New York

It is my pleasure to announce that Mike Scalia KC2HUV of New Windsor has been appointed Section Traffic Manager for Eastern New York.

Mike is a very active participant in NTS and has been involved in handling traffic for a long time now on VHF and HF nets and has a good knowledge of NTS.

Please join me in congratulating Mike and please now direct your monthly SAR and PSHR reports, as well as Net Manager reports, to Mike.

73, Pete N2YJZ

Technician Class

Classes leading to the Technician-class exam will be held at the Clifton Park - Halfmoon Public Library at 7pm on six consecutive Tuesday evenings this fall: Sept. 21 and 28; Oct. 5, 12, 19, and 26. The library's telephone number is 371-8622

ARRL's Now You're Talking is the required text. It can be ordered from the League; call 1-888-277-5289.

The course is offered free of charge by the library and by Jay Freud, K2QNU. Jay can be reached at 383-3421.

Public Service:

Volunteer CONTACT John, WE2F at 283-4304

AARA WE Need YOU to Volunteer AARA

Amateur Radio operators from a wide area of the Capital District and beyond provided communications for the annual 150 bike ride sponsored by the Multiple Sclerosis Society on the weekend of July 10th and 11th. There was a total of 163 riders between both days.

It started and ended each day at the Moreau Lake State Park. It covered a distance of 75 miles each day. The 147.00 repeater, owned by the Saratoga Amateur Radio Club was used both days.

On Friday, yours truly and Jen, took over 7 hours just to put up the route signs. Stop and go get out of the car, then do that about 40 times. Tough on the back and legs!

The ride on Saturday started for us Hams at 7:30 a.m. and ended about 5 p.m. A very nice BBQ dinner afterwards, which meant we didn't head for home until after 6:30.

The ride, in a different direction on Sunday, also started at 7:30. We wound back at the starting point about 4:30. (A relatively short day).

No emergencies occurred although we did have ambulance coverage 100 % of the time.

One person got lost just 4 minutes after leaving the Park on Saturday. He decided he was going to follow Sunday's route instead of today's. We got him back on track (route) within 15 minutes, thanks to our very excellent communications system.

Also on Saturday, a rider who was way behind the group, was pointed to a traffic light and told to turn left. Yeah, right! He went straight ahead. We rounded him up and got him back on the route again. (I think he was playing with only 48 cards in his deck).

Other than that, it was a very successful weekend.

All told, we volunteered for a total of 176 hours.

Now for our volunteers: Jack WA2YBM, Karen, N2WDL, Don W2CJO, Ken AA2CW, Henry KB2STR, Jim K2ZP, Craig N2UID, Ed KC2MIH, wife Sandy KC2MID, Jim KG2H (NCS Saturday), with wife Susan N2EKQ, Pete W1XNB, Jack K2LOO, Ed KB2UKT, Walt AA2FT, and Frank W2FPG, NCS for Sunday.

Submitted by Jack WA2YBM

DX-Cluster can be accessed on web at <telnet://na2na.net>

AARA Home Page
<http://www.qsl.net/k2ct>

LATEST BPL VIDEO AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD

Less than a half hour after I released the June "Beacon" for distribution the ARRL web site put up a video showing our problems with BPL. It is a professional quality production done by a group of hams in Virginia, another example of what hams are capable of doing. I plan to make it part of our lobbying package.

See the story here:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2004/06/18/8/?nc=1>

and download the video and the sounds of BPL.

Here is another video that has the sounds of BPL:

<http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/#Video>

BPL is an issue that all hams should be concerned about. Show these videos to your clubs and educate the membership and support the ARRL in its fight to maintain our radio spectrum. Read more about spectrum defense and BPL:

<https://www.arrl.org/forms/fdefense/>

DID YOU WRITE TO WASHINGTON ABOUT BPL?

I know many of you did as you sent me copies of the letter. Thanks.

This will help us get some protection or "notching" when the technology is implemented. It's important that the President and legislators hear from you on the issue of BPL interference to our emergency communications.

If you did not check these sites for info:

<http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/cta/>

<http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/cta/grassroots.html>

Sample letter can be accessed from the sidebar on the above page.

Please personalize your letter.

Also, the following report from the NTIA regarding BPL needs to be read by all:

<http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome/fccfilings/2004/bpl/index.html>

Please keep the ARRL informed.

HUDSON DIVISION AWARDS DINNER NOVEMBER 13th

The 2004 Hudson Division Awards Dinner hosted by the North Jersey DX Association will be held November 13. Please save the date. Please consider taking an ad in the awards journal. We expect that attendance will again have be limited on a first come first served basis, so please reserve early. ARRL President Jim Haynie has promised to be on hand for the event. In early September check the division web site - <http://www/udson.arrl.org> for more details.

Field Day 2004 Results

CW	QSO's
80 meters	109
40 meters	221
20 meters	<u>198</u>
total CW QSO's	528

Phone	QSO's
80 meters	3
40 meters	353
20 meters	178
15 meters	11
6 meters	<u>30</u>
total phone QSO's	575

Photos go to <http://www.qsl.net/k2ct>

Directions to meetings: Go to the website above then click on [meetings page](#)

ATVET 2004

Albany/Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

ATVET CONTACT: Nels Williams wb2sbo@aol.com or 518-439-7357

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

Each candidate should bring:

- a. Social Security Number (required for FCC CORES/ULS registration)
- b. A picture ID and non-picture ID
- c. Original and photocopy of any amateur licenses
- d. Original and photocopy of any CSCE documents
- e. Pens and Pencils
- f. Calculator
- g. \$12.00 exam fee (cash, check, or money order payable to ARRL/VEC)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Doors Open</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sat.	October 9	9:20AM	?	?
Sat.	November 13	9:20AM	?	?

AMATEUR COMMUNITY INVITED TO CELEBRATE MAXIM BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Members of the amateur community are invited to help celebrate the 135th birthday anniversary of the League's co-founder and first president Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW, who was born September 2, 1869. ARRL Life Members and the League's extended family of elected and appointed volunteers and officials are eligible to identify by appending /135 to their call signs. The complete eligibility list <<http://www.arrl.org/qst/2004/09/field-positions-135.html>>(or see Sep QST, p 40) also includes ARRL Headquarters staff members as well as past and present ARRL directors, presidents, vice presidents and honorary vice presidents.

Maxim Memorial Station W1AW will be on the air for the 135th birthday anniversary event. While W1AW has been appending "/90" to its call sign to mark the ARRL's 90th anniversary, it will go with the /135 identifier during the birthday celebration period.

The object of the 10-day event is to work as many HPM/135 stations as you can. Putting at least 25 in the log will make you eligible for an attractive certificate, designed especially for this occasion and endorsable in increments of 25 contacts up to a maximum of 100 (but don't stop there).

The HPM/135 event begins at 0000 UTC on Thursday, September 2, and concludes at 2400 UTC on Sunday, September 12. Stations may be contacted for credit on any band or mode--including repeaters. HPM/135 stations transmit signal report, appointment (or position) and name. All others transmit signal report and name.

To obtain a certificate, submit a log extract including date, time, band, call sign worked and exchange for each /135 contact. HPM/135 stations are eligible for certificates too. Include your name, call sign and address and indicate how many HPM/135 stations you worked.

Entries go to HPM/135 Celebration, c/o W1AW, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111-1494. Entries may be submitted on a floppy disk or CD in text format. Include a check or money order for US\$5, payable to ARRL. Entries must be postmarked by October 16, 2004.

B-PLUS Oct deadline is Sat. Sept 25th

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