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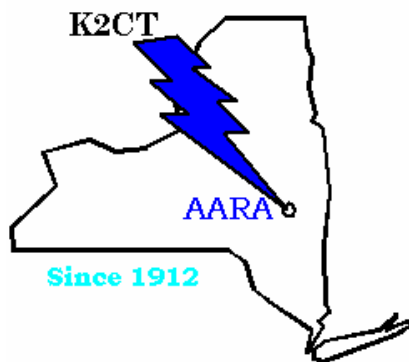
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AARA

Meets at the
Colonie Community Center
1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday Sept 9

Social Hour 6:55 PM

Meeting 7:45 PM

refreshments
soda, diet soda, coffee

SEPT. Meeting

AARA Sept. meeting will have as our
guest Frank Fallen, K2FF Director,
Hudson Division, ARRL.

He'll update us on what's happening at
the League and around the area.

K2CT Repeater

Talk-in repeater

145.19 (-) MHz

pl tone 100.0hz

or

444.30 (+) w/pl tone 100.0hz

AARA Dues

Dues are \$15 with
B-PLUS available at the K2CT Web page in
.pdf format www.k2ct.net

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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Saratoga County RACES **Hamfest Saturday Sept. 10th**

Talk-In: 146.40/147.00, 147.84/147.24

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HIGHER VANITY CALL SIGN APPLICATION FEE NOW IN EFFECT The ARRL Letter Vol. 24, No. 33 Aug. 26, 2005

The application fee for an Amateur Radio vanity call sign rose to \$21.90 effective for applications received by the FCC on or after Tuesday, August 23. The FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau released a new Fee Filing Guide

<http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-260618A1.pdf> this week, and WTB personnel have confirmed that the new vanity fee is in effect.

The fee applies to applications for new vanity call signs as well as to license renewals for current vanity call sign holders. Vanity call sign licenses issued in 1996 when the FCC resurrected its vanity program will be coming up for renewal starting in mid-2006. Under current rules, Amateur Radio licensees may only file renewal applications within 90 days of their license expiration date.

More information on vanity call signs is available on the ARRL Web site

<<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/vanity.html>>.

FCC REALIGNS AMATEUR PRIVILEGES FOR REGION 1 AND 3 LICENSEES The ARRL Letter Vol. 24, No. 32 Aug 19, 2005

The FCC has realigned Amateur Radio allocations for Commission licensees living or operating within Regions 1 and 3. The changes to Part 97, which reflect decisions made at World Radiocommunication Conference 2003, make the band 7100-7200 kHz available to

amateur operators in Regions 1 and 3 effective September 9.

Under the revised regime, Novice and Technician Plus licensees may operate 7.100-7.150 MHz, CW only, 200 W output; General licensees may operate 7.100-7.150 MHz, CW/RTTY/data, 200 W output; Advanced and Amateur Extra may operate 7.100-7.150 MHz, CW/RTTY/data, 200 W and 7.150-7.200 MHz, CW/phone/image, 1500 W output. The special segments below 7.100 MHz are also retained.

The changes to Part 97 affect approximately 1250 FCC licensees as well as Commission-licensed stations operating portable or mobile within Regions 1 and 3.

After March 29, 2009, the 7.1-7.2 MHz segment will be allocated to the Amateur Service on a primary and exclusive basis throughout the world, with some exceptions.

www.k2ct.net

WE are looking for pictures of your Ham Shack
Send pictures to Peter, N2KAD

Please try the new site and let me know what you think. If you have any feedback please let me know.

73, Peter Hines, N2KAD, webmaster
hines@nycap.rr.com with any suggestions.

SWAP SHOP

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

Public Service:

Volunteer CONTACT John, WE2F at 283-4304

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Operating at Field Day

AMATEUR RADIO AWARENESS DAY TO FEATURE EMERGENCY POWER OPERATING EVENT The ARRL Letter Vol. 24, No. 33 Aug. 26, 2005

What makes Amateur Radio unique is its ability to communicate with one another anywhere in the world--and even in orbit--without having to rely on any outside infrastructure whatsoever. Hams can even do this without being plugged into the wall socket. Experienced radio amateurs take this capability for granted, but the general public is far less aware of it. So, an Emergency Power Operating Event (EPOE) on Amateur Radio Awareness Day, Saturday, September 17, will highlight Amateur Radio's ability to communicate worldwide without commercial mains, the Internet or a cellular telephone system.

"What better way to mark Amateur Radio Awareness Day than by calling attention to this unique capability?" says ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ. "It is particularly appropriate since September is the Department of Homeland Security's National Preparedness Month."

Amateur Radio Awareness Day activities typically focus on increasing public awareness. Past events have included public demonstrations, talks to community groups and getting local media coverage. According to DHS, National Preparedness Month is aimed at encouraging Americans to prepare for emergencies and to raise public awareness about the importance of being prepared.

This Amateur Radio Awareness Day, September 17, the ARRL will sponsor a 15-hour Emergency Power Operating Event for stations operating off the grid. "It is not a contest," Sumner stresses. "It is simply a demonstration of what we amateurs can do without having to rely on the commercial mains, and what we will do whenever the need arises."

An announcement in September QST (page 49) spells out the details. The event kicks off at 1300 UTC on Saturday, September 17, and wraps up at 0400 UTC on September 18. The ARRL is inviting home stations to operate from generator or battery power. Mobiles and

portable stations also are welcome to participate, although unlike Field Day, the emphasis is not on setting up a temporary station, but rather on operating your regular station on emergency power.

OPERATING EVENTS

October	1 - 2	California QSO Party
	7 - 8	HOSSTRADER Hamfest NH
	9	NA Sprint RTTY
	22 - 23	ARRL EME 50 MHz - 1296 MHz
	29 - 30	CQ World Wide Contest Phone
November	5 - 7	ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW)
	12 - 13	ARRL EME 50 MHz - 1296 MHz
	19 - 21	ARRL November Sweepstakes (Phone)
	26 - 27	CQ World Wide Contest CW

145.19 Repeater work



*Fixing the repeater
antenna*

pictures by Bill, K2BX



ATVET DATES

Albany Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

Exam Date	Day	Doors Open	Exam Time (Doors will Close)
October 8, 2005	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
November 12, 2005	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM

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

Thank You!

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More FD Pictures At www.k2ct.net

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