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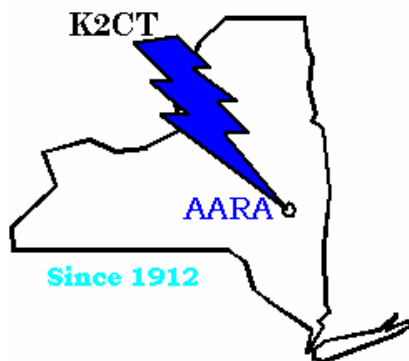
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AARA

Meets at the
Colonie Community Center
1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday SEPT. 12

Social Hour 6:55 PM
Meeting begins 7:47 PM

refreshments
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

SEPT. Meeting

Welcome back to our regular meeting schedule, AARA hopes everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer!

We begin our fall program season with a visit from Pete Cecere, N2YJZ. Pete is our Section Manager for the Hudson Division. As Section Manager (SM) for our division he is responsible for appointing staff to handle the ARRL Field Organization's main areas of responsibility in that section. These include information services for amateurs, emergency communications, technical activities, volunteers and public relations. Pete will talk with us about his roll as SM and specifically what events and activities are taking place in our section. To learn a bit more about what the ARRL Field Organization is and

how SM's achieve its objectives, go to
<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/>

Don't miss this opportunity to meet Pete and learn all about this important resource that the League offers. Possibly you could get an appointment to further Amateur Radio in our area.



Field Day 2008
Photo by Guy,
WK2H

FIELD DAY 2008

Thatcher Park Hailes Cave Pavilion

KM2O GOTO Station score

	Net CW QSOs	Net PH QSOs	points
1.8 MHz	0	0	
3.5 MHz	0	118	
7.0 MHz	0	149	
14 MHz	0	0	
21 MHz	0	0	
28 MHz	0	0	
All Bands	0	267	267
QSO Points	0	267	267
Power Multiplier			2
QSO Score			534

K2CT FD Score

	Net CW QSOs	Net PH QSOs	points
1.8 MHz	0	0	
3.5 MHz	73	36	
7.0 MHz	109	175	
14 MHz	171	323	
21 MHz	125	60	
28 MHz	0	194	
All Bands	478	788	1,266
QSO Points	956	788	1,744
Power Multiplier			2
QSO Score			3,488

ATVET The Albany/Troy VE Team . ATVET is a joint effort of the Albany Amateur Radio Association (AARA), and the Troy Amateur Radio Association (TARA). We are affiliated with the ARRL/VEC, and have been proud to provide testing opportunities since 1984. ATVET offers new license exams and upgrade exams for all license classes. The fee for 2008 is still \$14.00.

Exam Date	Day	Doors Open	Exam Time (Doors will Close)
October 11, 2008	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
November 8, 2008	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM

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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, 307 Maple Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159

TSA Proud of Confiscating Non-Dangerous Item

This is just sad. The TSA [confiscated](#) a battery pack not because it's dangerous, but because other passengers might *think* its dangerous. And they're proud of the fact.

"We must treat every suspicious item the same and utilize the tools we have available to make a final determination," said Federal Security Director David Wynn. "Procedures are in place for a reason and this is a clear indication our workforce is doing a great job."

My guess is that if Kip Hawley were allowed to comment on my blog, he would say something like this: "It's not just bombs that are prohibited; it's things that look like bombs. This looks enough like a bomb to fool the other passengers, and that in itself is a threat."



Okay, that's fair. But the average person doesn't know what a bomb looks like; all he knows is what he sees on television and the movies.

And this rule means that all homemade electronics are confiscated, because anything homemade with wires can look like a bomb to someone who doesn't know better. The rule just doesn't work.

And in today's passengers-fight-back world, do you think anyone is going to successfully do anything with a fake bomb?

[Posted on July 30, 2008 at 6:11 AM](#)

It seems to me like the opposite is true, they're confiscating things that "look" like things in movies and then putting up stories about it. Real dangers do not look like extra batteries for a DVD player. I fly with homemade electronics and so far I've never had a problem, the TSA is usually very competent and know what they're doing. Real dangers should be found and documented,

I realize this engineer didn't do a great job on their battery pack (sorry) but I don't think the TSA site is helpful if this is what they're doing to be doing with it Posted by Phillip Torrone | Jul 30, 2008 10:00 AM

Saratoga County RACES Assoc. Hamfest

Saturday, September 13, 2008
Saratoga County Fairgrounds
Ballston Spa, NY
7 am - 3 pm - VE Exam 9:30 AM - Fox hunt - Door prizes (grand prize - HF radio) - New and used equipment - Food booth open all day
Saratoga County RACES Assoc. hamfest:
http://wa2umx.net/_Hamfest_2008.html

FCC Vanity Call Sign Fees to Increase

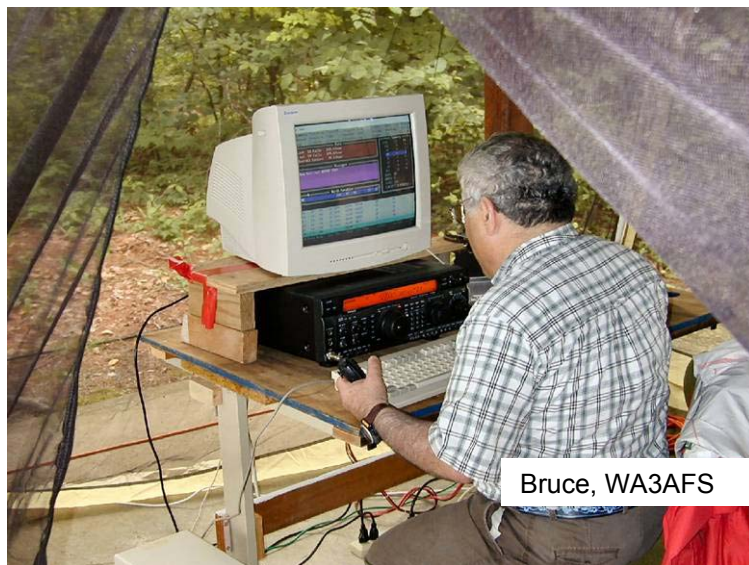
September 25 (Aug 26, 2008) -- On August 11, the FCC announced that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase 60 cents, from \$11.70 to \$12.30. Now that notice of the increase has been published in the *Federal Register*, the increase will take effect in 30 days, September 25, 2008.

K2CT Repeater

**Talk-in repeater 145.19 (-) MHz
pl tone 103.5Hz**

or

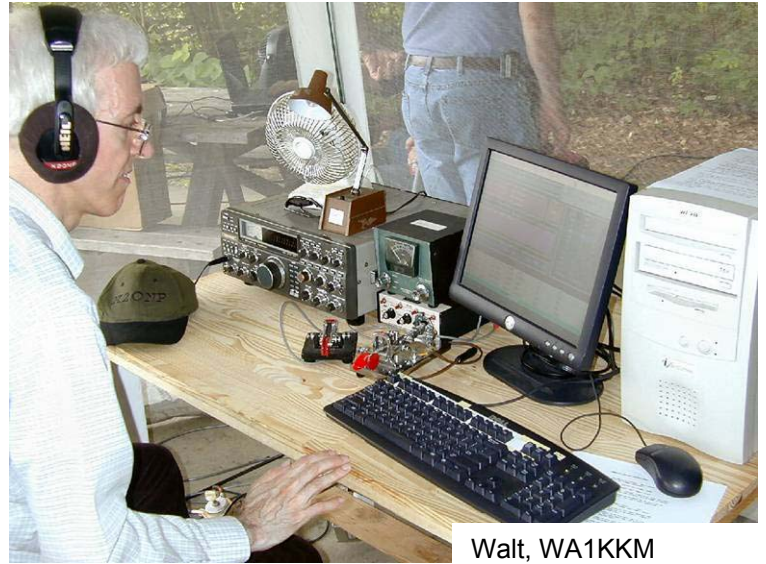
444.30 (+) w/pl tone 100.0Hz



Bruce, WA3AFS



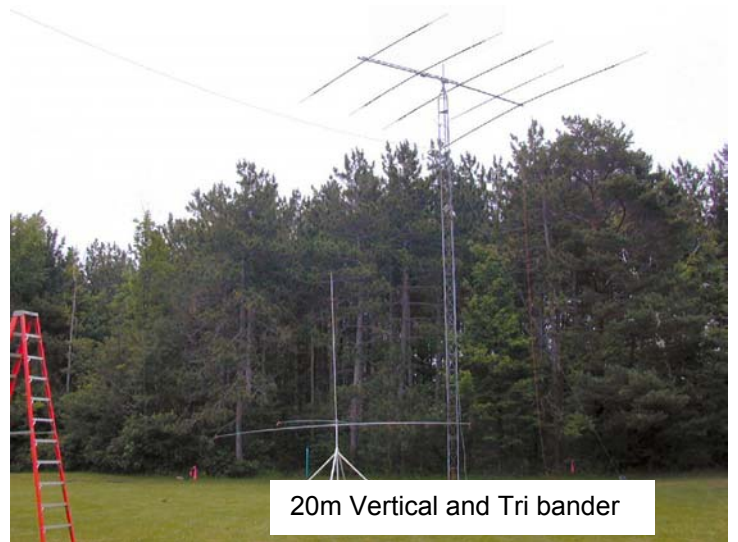
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20m Vertical and Tri bander



Saul, K2XA on the air



40m 2 element beam