



TROY AMATEUR RADIO NEWSLETTER



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VOL. I - NO. 2 HAS ARRIVED:

This is a "fast-moving" amateur radio club! Many things are happening within TARA which require coverage here in the newsletter, thus the expansion to 6 sides for October. If the input and activity warrant, we'll continue at this size. This issue contains The President's Report, a list of nets and an event calendar for your convenience, items on the upcoming SET, our November Sweepstakes Challenge, and other "stuff". TARA's continued growth is reflected in our newsletter. ENJOY! - de WA3RKB

ERRATA:

Somehow, in the rush to complete Vol. I - No. 1 in time for last month's meeting, I inadvertently installed Dorothy Ault, KB2LGA, as Secretary instead of Marilyn Davis (whose correct callsign and phone number were listed). The amended list of officers appears elsewhere in this issue. Also, I spotted an incorrect use of tense elsewhere in the September issue. But if you haven't found it by now, I'm not about to tell you where to look!

MEETING NOTICE:

The regular monthly meeting of the Troy Amateur Radio Association will be held on Tuesday, October 15th at 7:30 PM in Room 3051 of the Center for Industrial Innovation (CII Building), just off the west side of 15th Street, in Troy, New York. From Hoosick Street, turn south onto 15th. After passing under the pedestrian bridge, turn left into the RPI parking area. Walk across the pedestrian bridge, and go another 50 yards to the CII entrance on your right. After entering the building, turn left through the doors and go down the corridor along the row of windows. Room 3051 is at the far end on the right. Talk-in will be available on 147.27 MHz.

SEPTEMBER MEETING IN BRIEF:

All officers were in attendance. All cash allocations previously approved for repeater repairs and maintenance were rescinded. Funds will be supplied to the Channel 13 Engineering Group on an "as needed" basis. It was also agreed that the Board be empowered to pay regular monthly expenses and up to 1/3 of the available cash assets on emergency expenses without prior approval of the membership. The President thanked KA2VBI and others for their work in the September VHF/UHF Contest and WA3RKB for the work on the first TARA Newsletter.

NAME THAT NEWSLETTER:

We are still in dire need of a catchy, classy, and descriptive name for this newsletter. We've bandied about several names, most of them pretty corny, but have yet to come with "the right one" (Where's Ray Charles when we really need him?!). All reasonable suggestions will be reviewed by the Editor and brought to the membership for discussion. Let's give this some careful thought as many will judge us and our newsletter based upon the title alone. The image presented by the title is the image we'd like to project for ourselves, our club, and our newsletter and your input is appreciated.

WEEKLY TARA PHONE NETS:

Trader Net-Thursdays at 8:00 PM on 147.27 MHz -
NCS: Mark - N2LIJ
TNT Net-Thursdays at 9:00 PM on 28.495 MHz (+/-
QRM) - NCS: Skip - KE2XF

CDARC BULLETINS:

The CDARC Bulletins are heard on the 147.27 MHz repeater on Mondays at 7:45 PM and Thursdays at 5:45 PM (local time). Here's the entire schedule:

Frequencies (MHz)	Monday (PM)	Thursday (PM)
145.19 and 146.91	7:00	5:00
146.82, 224.14, 224.42, 442.1, 444.0, 447.225, 921.1, and 921.2	7:15	5:15
147.00 and 147.06	7:30	5:30
147.12 and 147.27	7:45	5:45
146.76, 147.18, 147.345, and 442.2	8:00	6:00

New repeaters in the IBARC link system (Doug Sharp, WB2KMY, and company) were added to the schedule on September 30th. These include the 224.14, 444.0, and 921.2 MHz repeaters in the Helderbergs, west of Albany, 447.225 MHz on Mt. Equinox in Vermont, and 921.1 MHz on Mt. Greylock in Massachusetts. The 442.1 MHz repeater in Utica and a "repeater to be named later" in the Kingston area will be added shortly. Bulletins on these repeaters are run simultaneously with the RPI W2SZ 146.82 and 224.42 linked repeaters and required no schedule changes. Rensselaer County ARES/RACES Association will soon be adding a new 147.345 MHz repeater to their link system, bringing the total number of repeaters served by the CDARC Bulletins to 18.

NETS R US:

With the cooler weather fast creeping upon us, it's time to fire up those rigs and try a new net! (All times are local. Thanks to Dave, WD2K.)

- Albany Emergency Services Net (ARES and RACES) - Tuesdays at 7:15 PM on 147.12 MHz
- Capital District Repeater Net - nightly at 6:30 PM on 146.94 MHz
- Clearinghouse Net - Monday through Friday at 11:00 AM on 3925 kHz
- Columbia County ARES Net - Tuesdays at 7:00 PM on 147.21 MHz
- Columbia County RACES Net - Thursdays at 7:00 PM on 147.21 MHz
- East Coast Amateur Radio Service - daily during daylight hours on 7255 kHz
- Empire Slow Speed Net - Daily at 6:00 PM on 3590 kHz
- Greene County ARES Net - Sundays at 9:00 PM on 147.21 MHz
- New York Phone Net - daily at 1:00 PM on 3925 kHz
- New York Public Operations Net - daily at 5:00 PM on 3913 kHz
- New York State/Early - daily at 7:00 PM on 3677 kHz
- New York State/Morning - daily at 10:00 AM on 3677 kHz
- New York State/Late - daily at 10:00 PM on 3677 kHz
- New York State Phone Traffic and Emergency Net - daily at 6:00 PM on 3925 kHz
- New York State RACES Net - Sundays at 9:00 AM on 3993.5 kHz
- New York State RACES Net - Sundays at 9:30 AM on 3560 kHz
- Northeast Sector Aviation Net - Sundays at 9:00 PM on 146.94 MHz
- Rensselaer County RACES Net - Wednesdays (exc. 2nd) at 7:30 PM on 147.18/442.2 MHz
- Schenectady County Emergency Net 1 - Sundays at 1:15 PM on 224.06 MHz
- Schenectady County Emergency Net 2 - Sundays at 1:30 PM on 147.06 MHz
- Schenectady County Emergency Net 3 - Sundays at 2:00 PM on 3953 kHz
- Weather Net - daily at 7:00 AM on 147.24 MHz
- Western MA CW Net - Daily at 7:00 PM on 3562 kHz
- Western MA Emergency Net - Sundays at 8:30 AM on 3937 kHz, 9:00 AM on 146.91 MHz, 9:15 AM on 53.23 MHz, and 9:30 AM on 224.1 MHz
- Western MA Phone Net - Monday through Saturday at 6:00 PM on 3937 kHz
- Western MA Traffic Net-Cycle 1 - Monday through Friday at 10:00 AM on 146.91 MHz
- Western MA Traffic Net-Cycle 2 - Monday through Friday at 1:00 PM on 146.91 MHz

ARRL PUBLICATIONS:

The Troy Amateur Radio Association has been designated an Instructor/Dealer by the ARRL. Items such as the Now You're Talking code-free Technician Class instruction package, FCC Rulebook, the written examination Study Guide for General, Advanced, and Extra Class theory elements, the Operating Guide, the venerable ARRL Handbook, and many other "League Publications" are all available from TARA. Many items are already in stock and immediately available (immediately after we get your money, that is!). Some items must be ordered from Headquarters and have about a 7 day turnaround. Contact Dave Pascale - WB2HKR on 147.27, at 785-5040, or see him at the meeting to place your order. Proceeds from the sale of these items benefits your radio club!

FOOD AND BEVERAGE DONATIONS:

We thank those of you who have supported our "refreshment bar" with your donations of soft drinks, chips, pretzels, popcorn, and the like at our early meetings (this has been Dinner for some us!). Maybe it's time we solicit (or appoint) a volunteer to make sure that there are enough supplies to go around and to clean up the crumbs and trash that we do such a wonderful job creating. Nor would it be a bad idea to form a coffee "kitty" to help defray the expense. Ante up, hit the kitty!

NETS REPORT NET GAINS:

Check-ins:	<u>Trader Net</u>	<u>TNT Net</u>
05-Sep	18	11
12-Sep	13	15
19-Sep	14	14
26-Sep	11	14

We appreciate your participation. Let's all keep up the good work in supporting our club's nets!

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

I would like to begin by thanking those who were instrumental in getting TARA up and running. This has been no easy feat but, with the help of our club officers and the general membership, we have come a long way in a relatively short time.

On the subject of membership, TARA has continued to grow each month since the first organizational meeting back in April. TARA must proceed with this steady expansion, but let's not build just to have a bunch of members on some roster. We encourage all of you to bring in new members who you think would enjoy this type of club. When new people take the time and interest to attend our meeting, don't leave them standing around alone! Make sure you introduce yourself and take them around to meet the rest of the members.

I would also like to thank the many local clubs that have extended their best wishes to us and offers of help in various ways. All were made with the best of intentions. Since organizing, Chief Radio Officer Joe Hoffman, KA2AXN, and the group from Rensselaer Co. ARES/RACES have been more than gracious with their offer for us to use their repeaters (before we found a home on WA2SPJ/R). Furthermore, on many occasions, they have offered a repeater site at their Camp Rotary location. Albany ARA has also been very kind to acknowledge TARA right from our inception as a partner in the local VE Exam program. We are now in the process of making plans for 1992. How could TARA offer that schedule without their assistance and cooperation? We couldn't! In speaking with Ernie Popp, KA2HTU, and AARA President Guy Hoose, WK2H, I noted that they and others in AARA would like to have a repeat of last year's DX Night. We hope to have final plans made in the coming month. One of the first calls received when we got started was from Millie Feeny, KV2A, Editor/Secretary of Saratoga County RACES Association who called to congratulate us and offer her help in becoming an ARRL Affiliated Club. We are now in the application process. In the past few months, I've also heard personally from Schenectady ARA VP Bob Collins, WT2F, and Catskill Mountain ARC President Claude Kearney, WT2C, both wishing us the best and extending offers of help.

Our meetings have been well attended with about 30 people last month. That's double the turnout of our first meeting! We can also be proud of is the number of YLs and XYLs in the club. Please continue to give us your input and support. Over the last two months, we've had an enormous amount of business to cover as well as the normal monthly items. Yes, I realize our meetings have been too long but I will try my very best to keep them to the minimum that we all have time to socialize before leaving for home.

There are many more to be thanked who will get their due next month. CU at the meeting. - de NY2U

THE TARA/RVWARS SWEEPSTAKES CHALLENGE:

Dave Watrous, WD2K, the Editor of Rip's Report, and our own Bill Eddy, NY2U, were discussing merits of their individual clubs one evening about two months ago. And, although we're still not sure who proffered which offer to whom, it seems that we all have now been engaged in a classic "struggle of the ages". We'll need to summon all the forces of good to beat (yea, to overwhelm) the mustered forces of evil (RVWARS) in the 58th ARRL November Sweepstakes.

The contest runs on two separate weekends (4:00 PM, Saturday, November 2 to 10:00 PM, Sunday, September 3 for CW, and 4:00 PM, Saturday, November 16 to 10:00 PM, Sunday, November 17 for phone, all times local). The loser will make a contribution to Courage HandiHams in the name of both clubs. (Any donation to this program is a no-lose proposition for all!) This is a good way to get your feet wet in contesting if you've never done so before. Even Novices and Techs can compete effectively using designated slow-speed CW band segments. Club aggregate scores will determine the winner. The more people we have on, the better chance we'll have to win. Even if you can only get on 10 meter phone (like your Editor), 100 contacts or so in 24 hours should be a cinch. And the ARRL is awarding a handsome pin for 100 or more phone or CW contacts. "Clean Sweep" coffee mug awards are available to all who work all 77 ARRL/CRRL sections. Complete contest rules are on pages 103-104 of October QST. Reprints of those rules (for those of you who are not League members, shame-shame), logs, and summary and dupe sheets will be available in massive quantities for all paid-up members at the meeting.

Let's all pull together, each do our share, and show how well rounded the members of a general interest amateur radio club can really be.

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OFFICERS:

- President - William Eddy, NY2U 273-9248
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- Field Day
 - Paul "Skip" Wilson, KE2XF 664-4521
- Newsletter Editor, Publisher
 - Stephan M. Anderman, WA3RKB 439-4519
- Repeater Technical/Liaison
 - Robert Isby, Jr., N2LUD 766-3473

AROUND THE CAPITAL DISTRICT:

September saw the Schenectady Amateur Radio Association jump back into action after the summer hiatus. SARA's participation in Field Day and the Flight '91 Schenectady County Air Show, the Empire State Games, and other public service events were discussed.

The Albany Amateur Radio Association had moved its meetings to the Colonie Community Center just before the Summer break and saw another jump in attendance for September's guest speaker, ARRL Hudson Division Director Steve Mendelsohn, WA2DHF. The October program will be presented by N2IUL, Sy Syvertsen on amateur satellite communications.

The day after the AARA meeting, many of us journeyed up to Ballston Spa for the Saratoga County RACES Association Hamfest. The club reports in excess of 700 paid admissions and is fast becoming the "Class Act" hamfest of the northeast. Dave Atwell, N2FEP, again deserves credit for a terrific package that included a VEC examination session and a seminar on ARRL activities by WA2DHF.

Saratoga County RACES Association has started a new Novice/Technician Class course at Saratoga Springs Junior High School. Attendees to their monthly meeting heard a program on the World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC '92) coming up this Winter in Barcelona, Spain. WARC '79 brought us new amateur radio frequency spectrum at 30, 17, and 12 meters but the conference will, in all likelihood, substantially wipe out many amateur microwave allocations in favor of CT2 (Second Generation Cordless Telephone), DAB (Digital Audio Broadcasting), HDTV (High Definition Television), and other emerging technologies. Link frequencies to orbiting amateur satellites may also be on the chopping block. Deep pocketed commercial interests have lusted after many of our frequencies for years and are looking forward to gobbling up even more of our precious spectrum.

NoBARC's September meeting featured Howard Lester, W2ODC, as guest speaker. His presentation "Cellular Phones...FM to Digital" provided a history of advances in this technology which only recently became a "boom". The club began its annual election procedure at this meeting with nominations for 1992 officers opened to the floor. Nominations will be reopened at the October meeting and the election held the following month by mailed paper ballot.

Various Rip Van Winkle ARS members had to skip the August meeting to provide a demonstration of amateur radio capabilities to the Valatie Rescue Squad. Elections in September yielded new suckers, er, uh, officers for 1991-92; AA2Y President, WE2G Vice President, KB2CCB Treasurer, and N2LDR Secretary. Our congratulations (sympathy) on your election. The club is also currently running an eight week Novice/Technician Class course at Icabod

Crane Middle School. Columbia County moved their ARES and RACES nets to different evenings and the Greene County ARES Net has moved to Sunday evenings.

Rensselaer Co. ARES/RACES Association returned from summer break with several positions open. Bill Eddy, NY2U, resigned as Newsletter Editor citing his election to the Presidency of the new Troy ARA. EC Carli Drake, WB1BTJ, will be appointing an AEC for each zone. RO Joe Hoffman, KA2AXN, reported on the repeater system and that guru Lance Liscari, WS2B, was devoting more time to his studies at the "Tute". Neil Anderson, N2LOD, and others will be completing final assembly of the repeater link system. Stephan Anderman, WA3RKB, will take over as Net Manager of RCRN and seek a rotation of regular NCS ops. RKB also agreed to take over as Program Director and has since announced that club will welcome ENY SM Paul Vydareny, WB2VUK, ENY SEC Bob Schaps, WB2NVR, and ARRL Hudson Division Director Steve Mendelsohn, WA2DHF as guest speakers in the months to come.

SOVARC, the Southern Vermont Amateur Radio Club, organized just last year, is growing at a rapid pace with a paid membership of 34. At their September meeting, a nominating committee was selected to procure candidates for their first formal election slated for later this Fall. New officers will be seated in January. Micky Corrow, N1JIF, will take over as Newsletter Editor. The group now has enough certified VEs to establish their own examination sessions and an activities committee was also selected. Many members of the club provided communications during the move of patients from the old Mary Hitchcock Hospital to the new Dartmouth-Hanover Medical Center on October 5th.

Finally, Overlook Mountain ARC (Thanks for the newsletter, guys! - Ed.) recently ran a Skywarn Training Class at Central Hudson Power. Their Skywarn net meets at 7:00 PM on the first Monday of each month on the 147.255 repeater. Their RACES net meets on the other Mondays, also at 7:00 PM (except the 3rd Monday when they run their "Meeting on the Air"). They're still looking for an Editor for their Harmonics newsletter; seems like Tom Lindtveit N2GQS has had the "interim" title forever.

(This article was written based upon input received by the Editor from the various clubs' newsletters, attendance at meetings by our huge editorial staff, word of mouth, member's comments, and on-air discussions overheard by our clandestine listening network of stations around the globe. If you said it or wrote it and we missed it, don't blame Desenex. The Troy Amateur Radio Association welcomes the exchange of newsletters with other clubs throughout Eastern New York, though we realize that the Capital District IS the center of the entire civilized world for Amateur Radio activities and we realize that you can't gain more enjoyment from this hobby anywhere else than we do here. So there.)

EMERGENCY AUTOPATCH SERVICE:

Many of the repeaters here in the Capital District have instant, emergency access to local police and sheriffs' departments.

On the 147.00 and 147.24 MHz repeaters, 911* will connect you to the Saratoga County Sheriff's dispatcher. On 147.18 MHz (and the entire Rensselaer County link system on 146.76, 147.345, and 442.2 MHz when completed), 911 will connect you to a dispatcher at Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office. Dialing 31* on the 147.12 repeater in Albany, will connect you to a dispatcher in the Albany County EOC. All four repeaters' emergency call systems can dispatch help no matter where you are (the dispatchers can all interconnect over their own communications system across county lines).

HAM RADIO SHOW ON LOCAL CABLE TV:

The Talk Show, produced by Seadrift Productions, devoted an entire hour to amateur radio on their latest program, which was taped September 18th at CableVision's studio in Rensselaer. Hosted by Bob Hebler and directed by George Bowen, N2LQS, the program featured the ARRL's latest video, New World of Amateur Radio. Stephan Anderman, WA3RKB, "The Voice of CDARC" appeared on the show as a guest. This program, at presstime, has already been aired by several cable systems throughout the Capital District. Here's the latest VCR alert:

Cablevision Bethlehem - Channel 31

Tuesday, October 15th at 4:00 PM

Tuesday, October 22nd at 4:00 PM

Tuesday, October 29th at 4:00 PM

Cablevision/Rensselaer-Schodack - Channel 31

Tuesday, October 15th at 4:00 PM

Tuesday, October 22nd at 4:00 PM

Tuesday, October 29th at 4:00 PM

Cablevision/Schenectady - Channel 11

Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:00 PM

Thursday, October 24th at 8:30 PM

Troy Newchannels - Channel 30

Thursday, October 17th at 6:00 PM

At presstime, schedules for Capital Cablevision were unavailable. Production work has already begun on a series of one hour programs on amateur radio tentatively titled: Amateur Radio Today and hosted by WA3RKB in conjunction with the Capital District Amateur Radio Council. Several local cable outlets have already expressed their interest in picking up this monthly feature. Rumor has it that the ARRL is also watching this "video experiment" closely!

ITEMS WANTED OR FOR SALE:

If you've got something to sell or are looking for equipment and can't find it, list it here in the newsletter. This is a free service to dues paying members. Commercial ad rates are also available.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

(The following letter was received via packet at WA3RKB-4 on Thursday, September 26th. I have deleted the header and all those nasty little "junknesses" that creep into packet messages. - Ed.)

Hello Steve:

I just received the first copy of the Troy Amateur Radio Association Newsletter and thought I would say that it is a fine publication and all of the people in the area are to be congratulated on a job well done. As I was reading through the letter, I noticed the story on the ENY Meeting on Sunday, 9/15/91. In it, I noticed that it was clear that some people are of the mind that nothing is going on with ARES/RACES in other counties in the area, such as Saratoga County. I would like to set the record straight.

You may have noticed that I was absent at the Hamfest on 9/14/91. Even though I am the one who runs the event, I was unable to get the weekend off from my position at the Sheriffs' Department, where I am in the Communications Section. I was also not able to get off Sunday, 9/15, as this is "Thursday" for me. I have Tuesday and Wednesday as my "Saturday and Sunday" and cannot just leave my position open. I am very active within the ARES/RACES system and, at the present time, am setting up the amateur radio system in the new Sheriffs' Department Mobile Communications Center. It is already functional and amateur radio is to play an integral part in the unit. It will have two meter, packet, and 440 MHz at the present time, with more to follow. This is supported by the Sheriff and the Emergency Services Director of the County.

Thanks for the info and the Newsletter and, if I can be of assistance to your organization in the future, let me know.

73 - Dave Atwell, N2FEP
EC, Saratoga County ARES

(Dave became EC only recently and has been very successful in putting his programs in place. We do appreciate his favorable comments on the Newsletter and admit to a poor choice of words in the article to which he referred, when we noted that ECs from several local counties "chose not to attend". With the importance of this semi-annual meeting and the upcoming SET, the need to build the sectionwide ARES program and maintain the new bonds of communication established at the top is of paramount importance. Activities coordinated with various social and law enforcement agencies are laudable achievements. Maybe in the future, Dave and others who are unable to attend these coordination sessions due to other commitments could send a representative or Asst. EC or a written report so that we can all learn from these and other positive local experiences. - Ed.)

TARA PACKET MAILBOXES:

During the weekend of September 21st, the KA2HRM-4 PMS joined WA3RKB-4 on 145.05 MHz. Some system bugs were worked out the following week. Both PMSs have reverse forwarding back to WA2UMX and list items of interest to TARA members such as Public Service events, upgrade exam sessions, meeting dates, and ARRL Bulletins.

CALENDAR:

- 11-Oct - Albany ARA-Colonie Community Center-Central Avenue-8:00 PM-145.19
- 13-Oct - NoBARC Exam Session-St. Joseph's Central H.S.-Pittsfield, MA-12:00 N-146.91
- 14-Oct - Saratoga Co. RACES-4H Solar Bldg-Ballston Spa-7:30 PM-147.00 or 147.24
- 15-Oct - Troy ARA-Room 3051-CII Building-RPI 15th Street-7:30 PM-147.27
- 18-Oct - CDARC Quarterly Meeting-Room 3051-CII Building-RPI-Troy-7:15 PM-146.22/224.42
- 19-Oct - 1991 Simulated Emergency Test (SET) (ENY) Contact your County EC for details
- 21-Oct - Rip Van Winkle ARS-John L. Edwards School-Hudson-7:30 PM-147.21
- 22-Oct - Southern VT ARC-Bennington Public Library-Union Street-7:00 PM-145.35
- 27-Oct - NoBARC-Polish Community Center-Linden Street-Pittsfield-7:00 PM-146.91
- 4-Nov - Schenectady ARA-Linton H.S.-McClellan and the Plaza-7:30 PM-147.06
- 6-Nov - Exam Session-Icabod Crane Middle School-Valatie-7:00 PM-147.21
- 8-Nov - Albany ARA-Colonie Community Center-Central Avenue-8:00 PM-145.19
- 9-Nov - Exam Session-Room 3051-CII Bldg-RPI-15th Street-Troy-9:00 AM-145.19 and 147.27
- 11-Nov - Saratoga Co. RACES-4H Solar Bldg-Ballston Spa-7:30 PM-147.00 or 147.24
- 13-Nov - Rensselaer Co. ARES/RACES Assn.-Hudson Valley C.C.-101 Fitzgibbons-7:30 PM-147.18

NOVICE CLASS AT HVCC CANCELLED:

The new Novice Class License course, scheduled to begin on Tuesday, October 1st, and run for ten sessions over 11 weeks at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, was cancelled over a week before the class was to begin by officials in the college's Continuing Education Department. In a telephone interview on September 27, we were told that "only four or five" people had enrolled despite "a lot of telephone inquiries". We were told that "most classes require a minimum enrollment of ten people, but some instructors will go ahead with eight". All who were pre-enrolled were mailed refund checks by the school. Those who had opted for the later, longer, and closer course at HVCC as opposed to the shorter, less expensive courses offered at Saratoga Springs Junior High and at Icabod Crane Middle School in Valatie, were left out in the cold.

ARE YOU READY FOR THE SET?

Eastern New York's largest ARES sectionwide Simulated Emergency Test in many years will take place on Saturday, October 19th. This promises to be a very busy weekend! Coordination among NWS/Skywarn groups, county EOCs (Emergency Operations Centers), the various county ARES ECs and RACES ROs, and other county, and local emergency management personnel will be tested. SEMO (State Emergency Management Office) has decided that it will not be a participant (apparently they don't feel that they can afford to participate due to the "overtime"). WE NEED YOU! If you'd like to participate in the SET and have not yet joined ARES, contact your county EC listed below.

- Albany - Tony Pazzola, WB2BEJ - 458-7567
- Columbia - Steve Hadcock, KE2WO - 799-3105
- Greene - Claude Kearney, WT2C - 239-4079
- Rensselaer - Carli Drake, WB1BTJ - 733-5805
- Saratoga - Dave Atwell, N2FEP - @ WA2UMX BBS
- Schenectady - George Chapek, N2AIG - 399-9577