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EDITORS MESSAGE

Hello ARATS Members and friends, things are moving along on the repeater, and now we have some programs going to happen for several months and maybe a couple of Field Trips. A special Thank You to Joe, N2ZDU, for getting a new location for the Repeater and Mr. William Peterson for helping get us the room for the repeater. I want to Thank the ARATS members who gave a Maintenance Donation. Thank you. The ARRL has appointed Jim Ciurczak, K2QB as an official QSL card Checker. Jim can review your QSL cards and approve them for credit for ARRL DXCC Awards. Jim lives in Niagara Falls NY, email Jim @ k2qb@arrrl.net.

MEETING DATES & LOCATION

Remember meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at City Hall, City of Tonawanda, 200 Niagara Street, Tonawanda NY Unless otherwise noted time will be 7 p.m.

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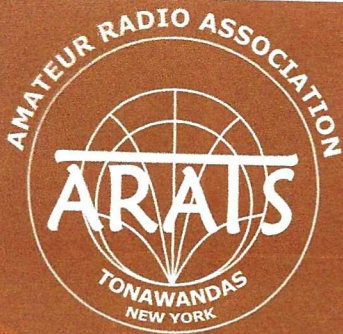
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Contact any of these Clubs and they will get you started.





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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our next Board of Director's meeting is Wednesday May 21, at 6pm with the General Meeting to follow at 7 pm.

Meetings are held at Tonawanda City Hall 200 Niagara Street, City of Tonawanda, in the Community Room, downstairs.

The ARATS Annual picnic is Wednesday June 18th at Adams Fire Company 7113 Nash Road, North Tonawanda. The Board meeting will be held at 5 pm and the picnic at 6 pm. All members coming to the picnic are asked to bring a dish to pass.

Field Day weekend is Saturday June 28th and June 29th, set-up at 9 am Saturday June 28. Coffee and donuts will be there for all to have. We need help Saturday 28th of June for set-up and then again 29 June for take down "PLEASE" come and help even if it's for a hour.

LARA outdoor Summer Ham Fest is Saturday June 7th at Cambria Fire Company, 4631 Cambria-Wilson Road, Lockport.

Gates open at 8 am, \$8 dollars entrance fee.

Effort to Save Marconi Towers in Canada – Public Invited to Vote on Project

04/10/2025

There's an effort underway to save some of Marconi's original towers, and an [online poll is open for people to vote](#) on it being a restoration project through the "Next Great Save" project from the National Trust for Canada. Some of Marconi's first messages were received and transmitted using the Battle Harbour Marconi Towers, thought to be the last of their kind standing in North America. News of Admiral Robert Peary's 1909 North Pole expedition was transmitted by these towers. After 100 years, the twin towers are in need of repair.

To honor 150 years since Marconi's birth, there are a number of events planned around the world to observe Marconi's birthday and International Marconi Day.

In the United States, from the Port of Baltimore, Maryland, the Nuclear Ship Savannah Amateur Radio Club will operate K3S on April 26 from 1330 - 2100Z. Check spotting networks for frequency. See QRZ.com info for Savannah Award qrz.com/db/k3s. A QSL card is available by contacting Ullis Fleming, 980 Patuxent Rd, Odenton, MD 21113.

The [Great South Bay Amateur Radio Club](#) in Babylon, New York, will operate W2GSB from the Babylon Village Historical Society Museum for Marconi Day on April 26, 1300 - 2030Z. Frequencies include 28.340, 21.250, 14.246, and 7.245 MHz.

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ARLX005 Annual Armed Forces Day Crossband Test scheduled for
Saturday, May 10, 2025

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From ARRL Headquarters

Newington CT April 25, 2025

To all radio amateurs

SB SPCL ARL ARLX005

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The Annual Armed Forces Day (AFD) Crossband Test, hosted by the Department of Defense, is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 2025.

The event will test two-way communications between military stations and amateur radio operators as authorized by the Federal Communications Commission in Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations 47 CFR 97.111. The test provides opportunities, and challenges, for operators to test their individual technical skills in a controlled scenario that will not impact public or private communications.

The annual DOD message will be transmitted via RTTY on 14667.0 kHz at 1400 and 2000 UTC. Military stations will transmit on selected military frequencies and announce the specific amateur radio service frequencies that will be monitored.

All scheduled times will be in UTC, and all scheduled transmissions will be upper sideband (USB), unless otherwise noted. Frequencies, times, and other technical information can be found at the DoD MARS - Armed Forces Day site at: www.dodmars.org/mars-comex-information-website/armed-forces-day.

Those who wish to document their contacts with a QSL card should visit www.usarmymars.org/armed-forces-day-qsl-card-request and complete the request form. For more than 50 years, military and amateur stations have taken part in this event.

Meeting Notes

Membership is down a bit, but we are not the only club with low membership, if you know someone who would like to become an ARATS member let me know, they do not need to be an Amateur Radio Operator to join. Some listen to us on the radio, I use to do so for years and so did my son. We are not having meetings in January or February as we find these are the bad snow months and we get low turnouts. Just to let you know we are putting an antenna and repeater on DeGraff Hospital in North Tonawanda, along the TCMH (Twin City Memorial Highway)

That is, for this month I hope to see you on May 21, 2025, meeting at 7 p.m.,

City of Tonawanda
200 Niagara Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150
Community Room

*** **WANTED** ***

Writers *** Picture Takers *** Story Tellers ***

Your editor needs articles and photos for your COHERER Newsletter

Also, I would like Constructive Criticism to help make it better.

What I need all members to do is Email me with suggestions on what do you want from the ARATS Club, is there a Presentation you want us to give or

Some place to go, and if you can give a presentation that would be Great.

Please email your articles, photos, and comments to Bob at reallard5276@gmail.com



RADIO CONNECTS

2025 ARRL Field Day | June 28-29



**BE THE FIRST TO PRE-ORDER
2025 ARRL FIELD DAY GEAR!**



Get ready for amateur radio's largest on-air operating event with 2025 ARRL Field Day gear available for [pre-order now](#). T-shirts, hats, mugs, pins, patches, stickers, and more are a great way to show off your participation in this annual event. This year's design features the theme **RADIO CONNECTS**. The back of the t-shirt includes a check-off list of ARRL and RAC Sections – a fun way to keep track of your Field Day contacts.

ARATS WEEKLY NETS

2-Meter Net Every Thursday at 8:00 P.M.
146.955Mhz – offset PL 151.4

2 – Meter Net Every Wednesday at 8: 00 P.M.
144.210 SSB

6- Meter Net Every Monday at 8: 00 P.M.
50.200Mhz
Net Controller WB2VUO (this is not an ARATS net)
Anyone can join

10 – Meter Net Every Tuesday at 8:00 P.M.
28.450 USB
Net Controller is

Bulletins: The Bulletins have stopped for now

Join in on one of the many nets, find new friends, and ask questions that you

You may want to get an answer, or maybe you can help someone out with their question. Stop by; we would love to hear from you.

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The Amateur's Code

- Considerate: Never knowingly operate in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of
- Loyal: Offering loyalty, encouragement, and support to other amateurs, local club and The American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the The United States is Represented Nationally and Internationally
- Progressive: With knowledge abreast of science, a well-built and efficient station and Beyond reproach
- Friendly:
counsel With slow and patient operation when requesting friendly advice and
To the beginner, kindly assistance cooperation and consideration for the Interests of others
- Balanced: Radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, School, or community
- Patriotic: With station and skill always ready for service to country and community

License Renewal

Just a quick note: When was the last time you renewed your Amateur License? You may want to check the date on it before it has expired.

Reminders

Membership is open to anyone interested in Amateur Radio. Regular dues are \$20 a year. Other rates are also available. We are having to look for a place to get name badges as our regular place went up quite a bit, so if you know where we can get them, please e-mail me.

ARATS website and Facebook pages are up and running, look at both.

No need for an application anymore just send your check, to:

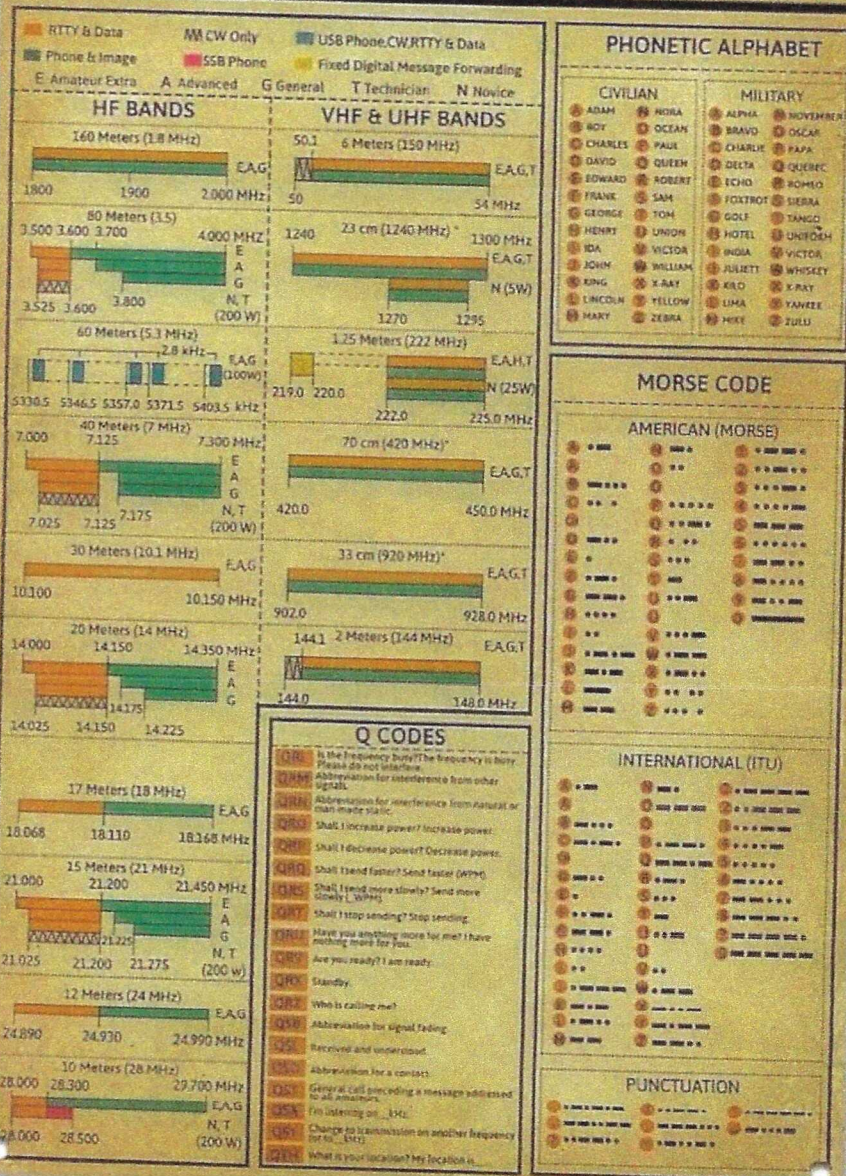
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HAM RADIO CRIB NOTES



WHAT is AMATEUR RADIO ?