

"At work I handle a few of the ARRL educational competitive awards. We have educational awards for H/R teacher, instructors, and recruiters. The Hiram Percy Maxim Award gives \$1000.00 to a ham under 21! Please encourage your readers to visit http://www.arrl.org/ead/instructor/instructor/grants.html <http://www.arrl.org/ead/instructor/instructor/grants.html>

But here is the catch...some of these awards must be submitted to the ARRL Section Manager before Dec. 31, 2000. If any of your readers have questions about these awards, please feel free to give them my email address. jwolfgang@arrl.org <mailto:jwolfgang@arrl.org>"

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UPCOMING VE SESSIONS

Local Volunteer Examiners are busy planning exams in December. The following are dates and locations. For details and/or updates, check the listed contact (who may not be the Responsible person, but he can point you in the right direction). As a courtesy, please make a reservation for your selected date although all welcome walk-ins.

5 December (Tuesday), 6pm, Otsego County Office Building, Cooperstown, Emergency Operations Center (downstairs). Contact Bill, AA2RM or Jerry, K2TNN at jerrybatik@aol.com. Sponsored by OARC.

9 December (Saturday), 8:30am, Norwich BOCES. Contact Kenny, WN2WNC at wn2wnc@clarityconnect.com. Sponsored by CVARA.

16 December (Saturday), 1pm, Margaretville Phone Company. Contact John, AB2IC at hampeljw@wpe.com. Sponsored by MARC.

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Veronica "Ronnie" Batik

It is with great sadness we report the sudden passing of "Ronnie" Batik, beloved wife of Jerry K2TNN, on Tuesday 31 October 2000. Ronnie was Jerry's inspiration and his life, and greatly supported and shared his love for family, Scouting, Church, and amateur radio. Jerry, we all know how so very close you were to Ronnie and we want you to know that our thoughts and blessings are with you in the coming weeks and months without her. The spirit and words of the Scout Oath and Law will help guide us as we join in helping you through this difficult transition.

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NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP

At 16:33 -0500 02/11/2000, Ka2bsa@aol.com wrote:

A small group of scouts and leaders from Boy Scout Troop 73 Voorheesville, NY spent the JOTA weekend in Massachusetts. The group loaded up the KA2BSA mobile radio van on Friday evening. We then departed for Moses Scout Reservation of Pioneer Valley Council in Westfield, MA. We were greeted at the gate by John KX1X. Activities for the weekend included participation in JOTA as a special events station W1J, chasing the electronic fox in the FOX HUNT, and operating the KA2BSA radio station on VHF and UHF, using some local repeaters and some simplex. Their were a few scouts that took their exam on Saturday evening to become new hams. I did hear of some successful completion's.

We are always looking for new things to do. If anybody has any new ideas for us to try we sure would appreciate your thoughts. We love to communicate, so our motto is HAVE RADIO STATION >< WILL TRAVEL. You can reach us at KA2BSA@aol.com or myself at n2zqf@nycap.rr.com

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Editor's note: Ray, I think WE could learn a lot from YOU! Everyone should check out Troop 73's Web Site and their nifty van at: http://members.aol.com/n2zqf/hamradio.htm .

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TROLLING THROUGH THE 'NET

We've been Searching around the Internet looking for interesting sites related to Scout-hamming. After sorting through the Results presented me by Google, I found there's not as many as I thought there would be although the number runs into the dozens and I still have a lot of sorting to do. Some sites are interesting, others are a waste of bandwidth. Here's a few to check out to see what other Scouters are doing with ham radio:

- http://www.ocbsa.org/troop319/jota OR: http://troop319.ocbsa.org/hamjota.htm Troop 319 is a hamSuperTroop in Huntington Beach, California.
http://hamcom.org/clubs/scouting_bigd.htm Dallas, Texas area ham Scouts.
http://www.qsl.net/k5bsa Haven't checked out; sounds interesting.
http://www.qsl.net/k2bsa National Headquarters BSA club.
http://wwwk3bsa.org/ Spark Lodge ARC, Cradle of Liberty Council, BSA, Pennsylvania.

