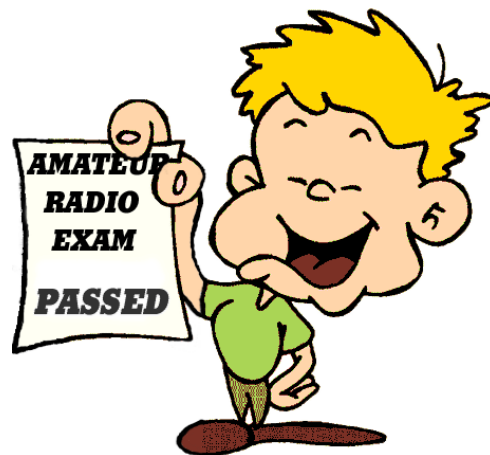


Ready to get your license?

We offer exam sessions at the Grange Hall in Norwich at no charge for the exam on the Fourth Thursday of each month January thru October. Our VE Team also offers exam sessions on the Third Monday of the months of February, May, August and November in Oneonta at meetings of our neighboring club, the Oneonta Amateur Radio Club.

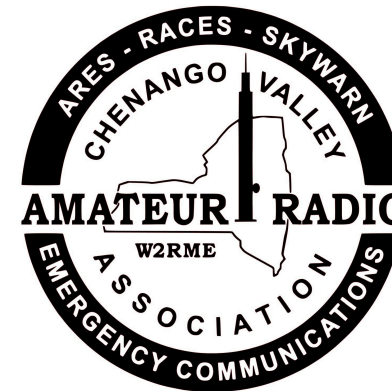
Check out our website at CVARA.net/Exams for more information, a schedule of exams & some helpful resources.



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~ President's Corner ~

If you are a person who just needs to understand how things work, amateur is for you. We have been a community of experimenters and makers for over 100 years. Amateur radio combines wireless technology, electronics, computing, and satellite technology to create an endless selection of technology related projects for the hobbyist.



Education - Students from around the world talk to astronauts each week onboard the ISS through the "Amateur Radio on the International Space Station" program - a cooperative venture of NASA, the National Association for Amateur Radio, and AMSAT.

Many of these projects are ideally suited for the youth of our communities. They are intertwined with both Scouting and school curriculums. Amateur radio plays an important part in NASA's educational activities, giving students an opportunity to talk to the International Space Station. Scouting involves a number of merit badges which easily relate to amateur radio including radio, electronics, computing and space. Building your own radio, talking to people all over the world or tracking the next satellite as it passes overhead is exciting for youth of all ages.

Amateur radio is a public service. We provide communication for events throughout our communities. Canoe races, motocross races and basketball tournaments are an important part of our yearly activities. We Work closely with public officials during

disasters providing ad-hoc communications.

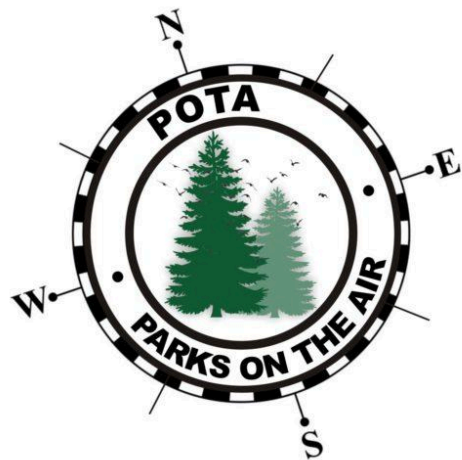
It is the highest aspirations of the Chenango Valley Amateur Radio Association to help others achieve their goals in this amazing hobby. We look forward to getting to know how you would like to enjoy the hobby of Amateur Radio.

Thank you, Tom Monday
 President - Chenango Valley Amateur Radio



Parks on the Air

(POTA) is a program enjoyed by several of our members. POTA is an international radiosport award program that encourages licensed amateur radio operators to visit, enjoy and operate portable equipment in a variety of parks and public lands, always respecting other park users and local regulations. POTA issues awards to participants based on a wide range of criteria including the total number of radio contacts made, number made on each amateur radio band, and for different modes of communication including voice, Morse code or FT8.



Of the many things The Chenango Valley Amateur Radio Association does, an important component of our club is

Youth and Education

As much as we would like to sit back and enjoy our hobby we also realize how important it is to recruit new and younger members. Many of our more "seasoned" members can remember that one amateur (in the ham radio world we call them "Elmers") in their past that took them under their wing and brought them into a lifelong love of radio. This is a wide ranging hobby and the possibilities are endless. Some hams have forged this hobby into a career and among scientists and inventors many have a background in amateur radio.

We love our hobby and want it to continue into future generations.



Tech Night!

Interested in learning about electronics? Want to learn how to solder? Have something that needs to be tested or repaired?

We gather at the Grange Hall in Norwich on the Third Thursday of each month for what we call... Tech Night. Here we share our knowledge on building antennas, repairing & setting up radios, 3d printing and so much more.

Public Service is one function of the club that many members enjoy. We have helped many agencies and groups with various tasks. We have set up digital networks and video cameras for situational awareness. We have also been safety spotters and manned checkpoints. Sometimes we're even data aggregators... Sometimes we're relaying canoe or runner numbers to race command or taking weather readings, documenting severe weather & storm damage and reporting that to Emergency Managers or the National Weather Service.

No matter what... we're here to answer the call.



Like most clubs across the country...

We look forward to the annual ARRL **Field Day!**
What is Field Day?

ARRL Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June of each year, thousands of radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations. Field Day is a picnic, a campout, practice for emergencies, an informal contest and, most of all, FUN! It is a time where many aspects of Amateur Radio come together to highlight our many roles. While some will treat it as a contest, other groups use the opportunity to practice their emergency response capabilities.

We usually run a 5A setup, which means that as a group, we try to keep 5 radios on the air for the entire 24 hour period. We also have a station specifically to allow anyone interested to get on the air themselves! Ever wanted to talk around the world on the radio? Stop by and visit us! We welcome and encourage the public to come check us out.



Each Spring, we set our sights on what is probably our largest and most complex event we hold... the Bullthistle Hamfest. Usually held in April, not only are there items for sale, but there are learning sessions and forums for guests to enjoy, interact with and share knowledge.

Knowledge Share sessions have included topics like AREDN Mesh Networking, Operating Amateur Satellites and 3D printing & modeling.



Regular Monthly Activities:

- Business Meeting ~ 1st Thursday
- ARES/RACES Training ~ Saturday following 1st Thursday
- Tech Night ~ 3rd Thursday
- License Exams ~ 4th Thursday

Meetings, with the exception of the ARES Training, are at the Grange Hall in Norwich at 7pm.

Check Us Out Online at CVARA.net