



SARA NEWS

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association Inc.
"Service Through Amateur Radio"

Founded 1930

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K2AE Repeaters

Meeting Monday, September 9, 2002 at 7:30 PM, Olin Hall, Union College

Public Service

Ken Clickman, AA2CW, public service co-ordinator, is requesting that all amateurs who provided communication services in New York City during the Sept. 11 emergency last year contact him at 861-6825.

Sunday, October 6, 2002

The Girl Scout annual riverwalk needs communication volunteers. Call Ken at 861-6825 to volunteer, and show up at noon at Schenectady Community Colledge.

Niska-Day

Niska Day 2002 dawned with rain falling, but that turned to snow about 7:30 AM. The crew from SARA turned out to provide communications for the 10:00 AM parade, as they have done for many years, with the snow beginning to accumulate on the grass and trees. By 9:00 AM the hams were in their assigned positions and marchers were beginning to show up at the staging areas. However, about 9:30 AM and with the snow still falling moderately, the organizers decided to cancel the parade. This was a prudent decision. Many thanks to W2SID, W2CSN, KR2L, KG2AO, KB2SWR, AA2CW, KB2TSA, WY2T, N2RPW, KA2NKO, N2EKU, W2CJO and W2JVF. Ken AA2CW

Scotia Memorial Day Parade

The Schenectady Amateur Radio Association was invited to provide the Public Service Event communications for the Annual Scotia Memorial Day Parade. The parade was held on Wednesday, May 22nd, 2002, under a perfect warm, sunny afternoon sky. Kurt von Maucher, the Parade Director, also wrote to thank us for our attendance at the Parade Wednesday, noting that this was the largest crowd that he could remember in 26 years of involvement with the Parade. I would like to thank the amateurs who came out to help us and kept everything running smoothly. Those participating were: K2RI, KB2WZT, AA2CW, W2CJO, W2DHT, KG2AO, W2REG, and W2BEJ. 73 de Ramsay, KC2GMW

September Program "Mobile Radio Installations"

This interesting program will be presented by our own Bill Patmos, W2DHT – a one time Broughton Award winner. Enjoy mobile radio when it is correctly installed. The result provides a reliable communication system that may be used in an emergency and is fun to operate.

Bill will present installation concepts to consider and fundamentals for successful mobile radio installations of both HF and VHF/UHF equipment. Pictures will be shown for a variety of mobile installations to illustrate how these concepts were applied.

The equipment shown will be representative of what is available in the field. The techniques illustrated may be applied to any radio system, new or old. You may wish to use some of this in your own vehicle. Have fun! The results are worth it.

Directions for Olin Hall are on page 2

Special Election

Due to the unexpected resignation of our president, to be in compliance with our By-laws, a special election will be held at the September meeting. The nominating committee has selected Paul Siemers, WY2F, to fill this important position. Because Paul is already a Director, it will be necessary to also elect a new Director. Daniel Whelan, N2UD, has been selected to run for this position.

October Program:

Frank Fallon, N2FF, Director, Hudson Division, ARRL

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<http://www.rpi.edu/~brandp/sara/index.html>

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From the Board

Meetings - Thursday preceding the SARA meeting. All members are welcome!

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association
Board of Directors Meeting July 25, 2002
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Macherone, AB2IU, at 7:30 PM in the Union College Olin Hall Conference Room.

Attendees:

President Brian Macherone, AB2IU
Vice-President Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR
Treasurer George Williams, W2CSN
Secretary Tim Long, W2UI
Director Paul Siemers, WY2F
Director Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW
Member Raleigh Keeter, K2RI
Member Ray Wemple, KA2DVM
Member Rudy Dehn, W2JVF
Member Ken Klikeman, AA2CW
Member Clark Gittinger, KG2AO

After a brief discussion, George Williams, W2CSN, made a motion to accept the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on May 6, 2002 as published in SARA News. Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW, seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

George Williams, W2CSN, presented the Treasurer's Report. Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR, made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Paul Siemers, WY2F, and it passed unanimously.

George Williams, W2CSN, presented new member Robert Fountain for the Board's approval. After a short discussion, Paul Siemers, WY2F, made a motion to accept the new member. The motion was seconded by Clark Gittinger, KG2AO, and it passed unanimously.

Tim Long, W2UI, reported that we had received a thank you letter from this years recipient of the Henry Broughton, K2AE Memorial Scholarship that is administered by the ARRL Scholarship Foundation Program. We also received a letter from the ARRL announcing this years recipient. (See related story this issue.)

Raleigh Keeter, K2RI, reported that he had a box of safety orange vests for operators to wear while doing public service events. Raleigh will give the vests to Ken Klikeman, AA2CW, for our volunteers use during these events.

Clark Gittinger, KG2AO, announced that he would assume the duties of the Editor of SARA News. It was also understood that Rob Leiden, KR2L, would fill in when Clark was out of town. We use PageMaker software. Clark will contact Phil Bradway, KB2HQ, and make arrangements to transfer needed materials. Brian Macherone, AB2IU, announced that Dennis Hudson, N2LBT, resigned from the "production" phase of issuing SARA News. We will all explore methods and resources available to obtain the duplicating services at reduced cost. Tim Long, W2UI, said that he would continue to perform the mailing and emailing duties to SARA members.

Brian Macherone, AB2IU, reported that Bob Raffaele, W2XM, had resigned as Chairman of the Membership Committee. This position remains open. Brian stated that we need to fill this important position

ASAP and that we need to determine why members are not renewing. Discussions of meeting place followed. We all agreed that we would explore other locations and organizations that we have contacts and relationships with.

Brian Macherone, AB2IU, announced that Rob Leiden, KR2L, would continue as Chairman of the Public Relations Committee. Rudy Dehn, W2JVF, announced that he would continue as Chairman of the RFI Committee. Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR, announced those programs that had been scheduled thus far and stated that the Program Committee would meet later this week.

Tim Long, W2UI, and Paul Siemers, WY2F, provided a Field Day report. The utility box trailer that we bought used last year has areas of severe rust inside the box beams that form the main frame members of the trailer. These frame members must be replaced within an estimated 2 years for the trailer to continue to be safe and useful. Tim made a motion that we replace the side rails of the trailer frame at a cost not to exceed \$100. The estimated cost is based on replacement channel and welding rod. Paul and Tim will do the cutting and welding. The motion was seconded by George Williams, W2CSN, and it passed unanimously.

Paul Siemers, WY2F, made a motion to adjourn at 9:17 PM and Brian Macherone, AB2IU, concurred.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Long, W2UI, Secretary

Directions to Olin Hall

Enter Union College via the entrance at Nott St. and Van Vranken Ave. Bear left at the first road junction, drive around a curve, and bear right into a parking lot. From the lot, walk south through another parking lot (usually full) and along a short walkway, passing Achilles Rink on the left and the utilities plant and the Engineering Lab on the right. You will come to an east-west road with a three story brick building (Butterfield Hall) across the road ahead of you and the athletic field to your left. Turn right (West) on the road and pass two traffic barriers. After the second barrier, bear somewhat left along a relatively new sidewalk which goes around the new Olin Hall to its glass front entrance. The meeting room is just inside, to the left. Walking Distance 350 Yards.

If all else fails, here are the GPS co-ordinates:

North 42 Deg. 49.061 Min. West 73 Deg. 55.694 Min.

September Events

Saratoga Hamfest, Saratoga Co. Fairgrounds, Ballston Spa
Saturday, Sept. 7, 2002, 7AM-3PM, \$5 admission.

September VHF-UHF-Microwave Contest, Sat.-Sun. September 14-15, 2002. Learn to be a Rover. Contact Dick Frey for details at frey@research.ge.com.

Henry Broughton, K2AE Memorial Scholarship

This year the recipient of this Scholarship is Andrew J. Maroney, W2AJM, of New Windsor, New York. Our generous Scholarship provides \$1000 towards the expenses of a college education. Andrew will be attending Boston University this Fall. We received an announcement from the ARRL thanking us for our support and we also received a nice note from Andrew thanking us for our involvement in the ARRL Scholarship Foundation Program.

It is great that Henry Broughton's memory is preserved and that we were able to sponsor this annual scholarship. Unfortunately, this scholarship is not awarded every year. If the ARRL doesn't receive any qualified applicants, they can't award the scholarship that year. Requirements are somewhat limiting. We should all remember that this scholarship is available and encourage college bound students to apply. We should take every opportunity to remind students, teachers, and guidance counselors that this scholarship is available.

Tim, W2UI

The Henry Broughton, K2AE Memorial Scholarship is administered by:

The ARRL Foundation, Inc.
225 Main Street
Newington, CT. 06111

The award amount is \$1000. There is usually one scholarship awarded each year but there may be more than one if income permits. Applicants must hold a General class or higher Amateur Radio License and preferably live within a 70 miles radius of Schenectady, New York. It is preferred that applicants be pursuing a Baccalaureate degree in engineering, science or a similar course of study at an accredited four year college or university.

Applications and/or further information about the Broughton Scholarship may be obtained from the ARRL Foundation at the above address. Applications and supporting paper work must be received by the Foundation before February 1st to be given consideration.

Please pass the word to anyone you know who may qualify for this scholarship because there have been years when no qualifying applications were received.

Raleigh, K2RI

Come Join the Sunday ARIES-RACES nets. All are welcome.

1:00 PM - K2AE 444.200 repeater

1:15 PM - K2AE 224.060 repeater (Off air temporarily)

1:30 PM - K2AE 147.060 repeater

2:00 PM - 3953 KHz, 75 Meter HF Band

Notes from your Acting President

As many of you know, our president resigned so I am "holding the fort" until our special election in September. The Nominating Committee is looking for a candidate to take on this important position.

First let me welcome you all to a new season for SARA meetings. Your Board is looking at alternate meeting location possibilities and will keep you posted. Meanwhile, we will continue to meet at Olin Hall on the Union College Campus. This is a great venue from the speaker's point of view – but we realize that it is not conducive to socialization, which is part of why you come to meetings. We do have the Price Chopper Community Room for our December Holiday Party – and are looking for a refreshment chair to make some phone calls for that. If anyone would like to volunteer, please call me at 377-0671 or e-mail me at <gittingn@crisny.org>.

The Program Committee has held a very fruitful meeting and has great plans for the coming year. We will start off with a very interesting program put on by our own Bill Patmos (W2WLD). The details of this are elsewhere in this Newsletter. In October, we will hear from our ARRL Hudson Division Director, Frank Fallon (N2FF) who will update us on ARRL activities. In November, we will have a "Flea Market" so get your "fleas" ready for sale and remember that a portion of the sale (up to 10%) will be donated to SARA. Frequency and Power Output measurements will be available at this time. Our January program will be on "Radio Communication during WW 2". In February, Bob Saltzman will talk on "Internet Usage with Amateur Radio". In March, we will have an interesting program on "Community Service and Emergency Communication" put on by our own Raleigh Keeter (K2RI) who has been involved in this for many years. Remember that Community Service and Emergency Communication are important reasons for being connected with your club, as it is SARA which coordinates these vital functions for our community. In April, we will have a fascinating talk on "Weather Forensics" by Phil Falconer, the son of Ray Falconer, whom many of you will remember as the director of the Atmospheric Sciences Research Center - and a long time member of SARA, - and in May, Dick Frey will talk to us about "VHF/UHF/Microwave Contests". We also have a couple of programs in reserve in case one of our speakers has to cancel at the last minute. It should be a good year.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our September meeting.

Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR, Acting President

The Trading Post



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OR TRADE**

No ad's submitted for this month

To post an ad in the September SARA News,
email: sara@e-groups.com.

Who to Contact in SARA

There are a number of ways to get in touch with the leaders of your club: contact on the air, E-mail (either direct or through sara@egroups.com) or by phone. The important thing is to let them know what you want your club to be!

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Membership Application-Renewal Form

Regular Dues \$20.00 \$_____

Spouse \$ 5.00 \$_____

Student \$ 5.00 \$_____

Repeater Fund Donation \$_____

Initiation Fee \$ 5.00* \$_____

*New Members Only

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