



SARA NEWS

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



Founded 1930

April, 2004

K2AE Repeaters

Meeting Monday, April 5, 2004 at 7:30 PM, Niskayuna High School New Cafeteria

Public Service

No Public Service events are scheduled for April. We can look forward, though, to Spring and Summer, when we provide communications for parades and races. In particular, May will bring the following events:

May 2: Crop Walk

May 22: Niska Day

May 26: Scotia Parade

As usual, our public service chairman, Ken Clickman, AA2CW, will organize our participation in these events. His phone is 861-6825.

River Watch

The ice in the Mohawk went out peacefully in early March, and no flooding occurred. A river watch was in effect for several days however, before the ice jams cleared. Many thanks to those volunteers who manned the river watch.

New Editor Needed!

After two years of editing SARA NEWS, Clark KG2AO needs a vacation. If any member of the club would like to try his hand at publishing, give Clark a call at 377-0671. You will need a computer and will need to devote a few hours per month to produce the news.

The Editor's post can be fun, easy, allow you to be creative, and get you into the inner workings of the club. Give it a try!

SARA web site

<http://k2ae.org> or <http://k2ae.net>

Get the latest on SARA activities

April Meeting

Skywarn Training Session

SARA will host the National Weather Service Basic Skywarn certification course at the Monday, April 5th meeting. This session is open to the general public, as well as Amateur Radio Operators seeking original certifications, or renewing existing certifications due to expire.

Skywarn is a nationwide network of volunteer weather spotters who are trained by and report to the National Weather Service (NWS). Spotters are trained to recognize many forms of significant or severe weather such as Severe Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Hail, Heavy Snow, or Flooding.

These spotter networks are usually activated whenever there is a threat of severe weather, preceded by the issuance of a Severe Thunderstorm Watch, Tornado Watch, Flood Watch or some other type of watch.

Spotters then relay these observations via telephone and amateur radio to the National Weather Service offices, to aid meteorologists in determining the severity of what is occurring, and issuance of appropriate information to the general public.

The meeting will be held at Niskayuna High School New Cafeteria At 7:30PM, Monday, April 5, 2004. Talk in will be available on the 147.06 MHz SARA Repeater.

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, May 3, 2004: Steinmetz Special Event Station.

Monday, June 7, 2004: Annual Meeting.

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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 February 26, 2004
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW, at 7:06 PM in Olin Hall Rm 105 on the Union College Campus.

Attendees:

Vice-President Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW
Treasurer George Williams, W2CSN
Secretary Tim Long, W2UI
Director Gerry Crawmer, KE2JJ
Director Paul Siemers, WY2F
Member Clark Gittinger, KG2AO
Member Bill Patmos, W2DHT

Minutes: - Paul Siemers, WY2F, made a motion to accept the minutes as published in SARA News. Tim Long, W2UI, seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: - George Williams, W2CSN, presented the Treasurer's Report. Paul Siemers, WY2F made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Gerry Crawmer, KE2JJ and it passed unanimously.

New Members: - None presented.

Correspondence: - Tim Long, W2UI, reported that, since the last Board Meeting, we had received a monthly bank statement, a monthly phone statement, a request from the ARRL to continue sponsorship of an awards plaque, Squelch Tale, several emails and an invitation to attend a Post Office Seminar. No renewals were received via the mail.

Repeater Committee: - No formal report. Several attendees stated that they had noticed the low ID tone and we speculated that a new controller had been installed.

Public Service: - No events are planned until May 2nd. Details will be published in SARA News.

Newsletter: - Clark also reminded the Board that a new SARA News Editor will be needed soon.

Membership: - Tim Long, W2UI, reported that we mailed 79 copies and emailed another 46 copies. This past month we received two renewals of members who had both been inactive since 2001. Welcome Back!

Public Relations: - No Report. Still need chairperson.

Programs: - Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW, reported that the March

program will be Ray Wemple and Civil War Communications, the April program will be John Quinlan and Skywarn, and the May program will be George Williams and the Steinmetz Special Event. The June program will be the Annual Business Meeting and Broughton Presentation.

VE Sessions: - No Report.

RFI: - No Report.

Old Business: - None

New Business: - Paul Siemers, WY2F, made a motion to sponsor the ARRL W2PV Memorial Plaque which is awarded in the ARRL DX Contest. The cost of sponsorship is \$67. Gerry Crawmer, KE2JJ, seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

George Williams, W2CSN, provided some details of the planned special event to commemorate Charles Steinmetz birthday. The event is planned for the weekend of April 9th and 10th. Watch for details in the April QST.

Paul Siemers, WY2F, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Tim Long, W2UI, Secretary

Forget your CORES/FRN password?

It's possible to reset your CORES/FRN (Commission Registration System/FCC Registration Number) <<https://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/cores/coresHome.html>> password via the FCC Web site for electronic application filing. This might come in handy if you have forgotten your password, need to change it to another password or were automatically registered for CORES through a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator and don't know your password. Visit the secure "Forgot your Password" <<https://esupport.fcc.gov/password.htm>> Web site and complete all the required fields. You will need to supply your FCC Registration Number (available via ULS or through many on-line call sign servers, such as ARRL's) as well as your Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), typically your Social Security number. Applicants also will need to supply name, e-mail address and telephone number. From the ARRL Letter, Vol. 23, No. 13.

The National Weather Service puts out bulletins for weather watch and weather warning which can be heard on their NOAA weather radio, 162.55 MHz. They also will send bulletins as E-Mail to those interested. For more details and to sign up, use the Internet URL below.

<http://www.EmergencyEmail.org/>

Special Event Station

On Friday, April 9, 2004, and Saturday, April 10, 2004, a special event amateur radio station will broadcast to celebrate the birthday of Charles Proteus Steinmetz. The event is sponsored by the Schenectady Amateur Radio Association and by the Union College Amateur Radio Society.

Steinmetz was born in 1865 and came to Schenectady in January 1894. He played an active role in education, electrical engineering, and civic affairs. In his honor, the College amateur radio station, W2UC, will broadcast on Friday evening from 7PM to 9PM on 7.25MHz; and the Schenectady amateur radio station, K2AE, will broadcast on Saturday morning from 10AM to Noon on 28.435MHz. Amateur radio operators are invited to call in.

Everyone is invited to view the Steinmetz and the amateur radio exhibits at either time.

George Williams, W2CSN

THE BROUGHTON AWARD

Each year, SARA bestows the Broughton Award on someone who has performed "exemplary service to amateur radio, to the public, to SARA." The award recipient is chosen after careful consideration by the Broughton Award Committee. If you know of someone who is deserving of that award, please nominate that person.

To do so, submit your suggestion, in writing, to committee chairman Bob Raffaele, W2XM; 5 Gadsen Court; Albany, NY 12205; e-mail: raffaele@nycap.rr.com or w2xm@arrl.net. Please include whatever information you can to support your nomination.

Electronic Recycling

Do you have old TVs, VCRs or other electronic equipment that is just taking up space? You will have an opportunity to get rid of it on Saturday, April 24th. The second annual Electronics Recycling Day for the Capital District will be held at Tafts Furniture Warehouse parking lot. It will be necessary to get tickets from your town office. Call Jeff Edwards at 386-2225 for more information and details. Please note that the last one was so successful that people were turned away, so come early.

The Trading Post



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These items are available:

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MFJ Antenna Tuner MFJ 962C

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MFJ SWR Analyzer MFJ259B

Kenwood 520S XCVR

Contact "Jim" K2TJB, Phone 869-5720

For any items to trade or sell or if you are looking for some item, contact the editor or post email to the following address: sara@yahogroups.com. You must join the e-group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sara/>. (It's free).

For Sale

We Have a few SARA Patches available, which can be had for \$5 each at the meeting. See George Williams, W2CSN, if you want one

Get SARA News BY E-Mail

You can arrange to have SARA News delivered direct to your E-Mail address in PDF format, readable by a free download of the Adobe Acrobat Reader. You will get a color version of the newsletter sooner than by mail, which you can print if you desire. E-Mail delivery also saves the club time, volunteer effort, and money. If interested, contact Tim Long, W2UI at 399-7454 or longt@empireone.net.

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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