

# SARA NEWS

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September, 2004

General Meeting, September 13th, 2004 at 7:30PM, Niskayuna High School New Cafeteria

## Public Service

Contact Ken Clickman AA2CW to sign up for these activities at 861-6825 [kclickman@nycap.rr.com](mailto:kclickman@nycap.rr.com)

**September 11th** - Noon-Dusk There will be commemorative activities held at various locations in Schenectady. 5K run as well as candlelight vigils.

**October 10th**- 8am Mohawk-Hudson River Marathon- From Central Park on the bike path to downtown Albany.

**November 14th** - 10am Stockade-athon 15K race from Central Park through Schenectady, and back to the park.

## Summer Activities

Over the summer lots of SARA members did some interesting ham activities. Here, caught on camera during the June VHF contest Clark Gittenger KG2AO and Dan Whelan N2UD were operating on VHF through 24 GHz microwave bands using improvised equipment to talk to other hams as far away as Mt. Greylock. The questions they got from passing motorists and especially the local police were pretty interesting!



## What's New With The Hobby

*by Dan Whelan N2UD*

SARA will hold its first meeting of the 2004-2005 Season on Monday, September 13, 7:30pm at Niskayuna High School.

This kick-off meeting will cover the "whole of the hobby" as it is today with something for active hams, inactive hams, real oldtimers and prospective newcomers to the hobby. The program will feature some of the newer audio-visuals from ARRL, as well as several short presentations on a couple of the more recent types of activities, services and technologies that the club and its members are active in. For those who have had limited exposure to the various facets of the hobby, this will be a good chance to see some of the other things that you can get involved in.

This will be a great program to bring friends who may have been away from the hobby for a while, spouses or children who maybe wondering just what it is we do in this hobby and might be interested in joining in. If you are an "old timer" you can find out how the hobby has changed recently as well as a little bit about some of the "new fangled" things that are going on. So come meet your old friends and make some new ones.

The meeting will be held in the "New Cafeteria" which is located to the right and toward the rear of the building as you enter from Balltown Road. Niskayuna High School is located on Balltown Road (Route 146) in Niskayuna about 1/4 mile north of the WRGB-TV studios. Talk in on the 147.06 SARA K2AE Repeater, just ask for directions to the SARA club meeting.



## Board Meeting

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association Annual General Meeting  
June 7, 2004 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Hudson, N2LBT, at 7:11 PM in the rear cafeteria of the Niskayuna High School.

**Attendees:** A total of 37 members are on record as attending. The attendance sheet is on file with the Secretary.

**Minutes:** Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR, made a motion to accept the minutes as published in SARA News. George Williams, W2CSN, seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** George Williams, W2CSN, presented the Annual Treasurer's Report to the membership. Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW, made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Paul Siemers, WY2F, 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, the receipt for our post office box payment, a repeater donation, 3 membership renewals, 1 new member application, and various club newsletters.

**Repeater Committee:** No report

**Public Service:** No report.

**Newsletter:** Clark Gittinger, KG2AO, reported that his tour of duty, as Editor, was complete and that Dennis Hudson, N2LBT, would be taking the reins. THANK YOU CLARK!

**Membership:** We mailed 83 copies and emailed another 51 copies.

**Public Relations:** No chairperson, no report.

**Programs:** Tonight's agenda will be to conduct our annual business meeting, present the Broughton Award, and announce Field Day plans. George Williams, W2CSN, will also present a short home movie of SARA's Field Day Operation in 1938. Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW, provided a tentative schedule and suggestions of meeting topics for next year.

**VE Sessions:** No requests received.

**RFI:** No report.

**Nominating Committee:** The slate of Officers and Directors for 2004-2005 has been published in SARA News and will be voted at tonight's meeting.

**Broughton Committee:** This year's most deserving recipient was Dennis Hudson, N2LBT. Bob Raffaele, W2XM, the recipient of last year's award and committee chair, presented the award to Dennis. Congratulations Dennis!

**Field Day:** George Williams, W2CSN, our Field Day Chairman this year, and Tim Long, W2UI, presented a summary of this year's plans.

### Old Business:

Dennis Hudson, N2LBT, announced that we will plan on a special event station to commemorate SARA's 75th Anniversary sometime in the 2004-2005 year. *Dan Whelan, N2UD was appointed chair. -ed*

**New Business:** Election of Officers – Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR, moved that nominations be closed and that the Secretary be directed to cast one unanimous ballot in favor of the proposed slate of **Officers and Directors**. The motion was seconded by Jay Freud, K2QNU and it passed unanimously. Congratulations to all! Paul Siemers, WY2F, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 PM. Respectfully submitted, Tim Long, W2UI, Secretary

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## ARRL NEWS

[Mike Scalia KC2HUV](#) of New Windsor has been appointed Section Traffic Manager for Eastern New York.

## Local Tech Class offered

Classes leading to the Technician-class exam will be held at the Clifton Park - Halfmoon Public Library at 7pm on six consecutive Tuesday evenings this fall: Sept. 21 and 28; Oct. 5, 12, 19, and 26. The library's telephone number is 371-8622

[ARRL's Now You're Talking](#) is the required text. It can be ordered from the League; call 1-888-277-5289. The course is offered free of charge by the library and by [Jay Freud, K2QNU](#). Jay can be reached at 383-3421.

## Field Day Wrap-Up

Pictures and a complete list of activities can be viewed on the website from Field Day 2004 at [k2ae.org](http://k2ae.org). We all had a great time and the weather was cooperative. Tim Long reports that we had a score of 6344. 4944 points from QSO's and 1500 bonus points. This is a decent score considering there were no HF enhancements and we were short a few operators over night. Congratulations to everyone who helped make it a successful Field Day.

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## 2004 Henry Primm Broughton Award Winner, Dennis Hudson, N2LBT



Overall there have been about 45 Broughton Award winners since the award was established.

A plaque, medallion and pin are presented along with a cash award. The inscription on the plaque reads, "For his devoted and outstanding service to the public, to his fellow radio amateurs, and to the Schenectady Amateur Radio Association, this award, the Association's highest honor.."

### Locally Funded College Scholarships for Young Hams

*reported by Dan Whelan N2UD*

The September 2004 issue of QST on page 88 listed several college Scholarships which were awarded to college bound hams that are of importance to Schenectady Amateur Radio Association and local hams. The Broughton Scholarships were established at the ARRL by SARA with funds from the Broughton Award Funds. These scholarships are available to college bound hams from the region. This year two Henry Prim Broughton K2AE Scholarships were awarded.

The first one went to Daniel R. Schwarting KB2ZVM of Ballston Lake NY for \$1000. The second went to Andrew Maroney W2AJM of New Windsor, NY for \$1000

We believe the young Mr. Schwarting is related to our long time SARA member Bill Schwarting WR2L.

Another scholarship named for prominent SARA member

and nationally known DXer and antenna expert Dr. Jim Lawson W2PV (sk) was awarded to Andrew Schaefer KB2ZWZ for \$500.

All SARA members are reminded that these scholarships and others are available through application through the [ARRL Scholarship programs](#). ARRL administers the application and selection of these scholarships. So keep alert to announcements in your QST for next years round and pass the word to prospective college bound licensed hams.

## ARES-RACES NETS

- 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

### Your Dues are due

We need your dues to budget our yearly activities. Please fill out the coupon below and bring it to the meeting along with your dues. See [George Williams](#), at the meeting or mail it to the address below. Thank you.



Schenectady Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

Regular Dues	\$20.00	\$ _____
Spouse	\$5.00	\$ _____
Student	\$5.00	\$ _____
Repeater Donation		\$ _____
Initiation Fee	\$5.00*	\$ _____

\*New Members Only

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**VE Registration (518) 370-1350**

## Activity Calendar

### September

9th [SARA Board Meeting](#) 7:00 - TBA  
11th 9/11 commemorative Activities-[Ken AA2CW](#)  
11-12 [ARRL VHF QSO Party](#) 2pm  
11th [Saratoga Hamfest](#) 7am - 3pm  
13th [SARA Meeting](#) 7:30pm  
30th [SARA Board Meeting](#) 7:00 - TBA

### October

1st [TARA PSK31 Rumble](#)  
4th [SARA Meeting](#) 7:30pm  
10th [Mohawk-Hudson Marathon](#) [Ken AA2CW](#)  
28th [SARA Board Meeting](#) 7:00 - TBA

### November

1st [SARA Meeting](#) 7:30pm  
14th [Stockade-A-Thon](#) [Ken AA2CW](#)  
25th [Thanksgiving](#)  
26th [Schenectady Christmas Parade](#) [Ken AA2CW](#)



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