

SARA NEWS

**SCHENECTADY AMATEUR
RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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October, 2004

General Meeting, October 5th, 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

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.

SARA History

The October 4th Meeting of SARA will be the 756th meeting of the Schenectady Amateur Radio Association.

Member Spotlight

Each member of SARA has something to offer. For some it might be a story, others have technical specialties that might help another. Bill, W2PX has an excellent website that documents how he enjoys his hobby, please visit www.w2px.net

2004 Simulated Emergency Test October 2-3

See details in September Issue of QST on Page 105. You can also check into the normal Local ARES/RACES nets. The Schenectady County ARES/RACES Nets are on Sunday afternoons at

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 Lower SSB

The Incident Command System and Ham Radio Emergency Communications

With Fred Halley W2EMS

This month's SARA meeting will be about the Incident Command System. The "ICS" is the basic structure by which all types of emergency and disaster responses are organized. This system is now in use by most of the emergency response units at virtually all levels of government. As hams, we have important roles in providing emergency communications during disasters and an understanding of how the ICS system works is very useful.

[Fred Halley, W2EMS](#), will walk us through how emergencies are managed from a small local emergency to a huge disaster such as the massive responses to things like the recent hurricanes and everything in between. This presentation is sure to shed some light on how exactly these complicated disasters are managed as well as providing an insight into some of the key content of the new ARRL Emergency Communications courses. This is definitely a must if you are involved with ARES, RACES or have an interest in emergency operations.

The meeting will be in the "new cafeteria" starting at 7 PM on Monday October 4, 2004 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
September 9, 2004 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Dan Whelan, N2UD, at 7:03 PM in lab room N106 just outside the W2UC shack on the Union College Campus.

Attendees: Vice-President-Dan Whelan, N2UD, Treasurer-George Williams, W2CSN, Secretary-Tim Long, W2UI Director, Paul Siemers, WY2F, Director-Carl Lester, K2YR

Minutes: Paul Siemers, WY2F, made a motion to accept the minutes as published in SARA News. George Williams, W2CSN, seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Tim Long, W2UI, reported that, since the last Board Meeting, we had received 3 monthly bank statements, 4 monthly phone statements, the bill for our safe deposit box, the insurance bill, 27 membership renewals, 2 new member applications, 2 QSL cards from Field Day, a thank you letter from Dan Schwarting (recipient of a Broughton Scholarship), a request from the ARRL to sponsor a contest award plaque, and various club newsletters.

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 Carl Lester, K2YR, and it passed unanimously.

New Members: Two new membership applications were received and are listed in the Treasurer's Report. George Williams, W2CSN, made a motion to accept both members. Paul Siemers, WY2F, seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Public Service: We received an email solicitation from Dan Jerry, KA2HMR, to assist in the organization, planning, and staffing of the communications for the Lake Placid Ironman competition to be held in July, 2005. Two Board members are planning to attend the Lake Placid hamfest on October 9th and are willing to meet with communication organizers if the timing can coincide.

Programs:

"What's New in Ham Radio", by Dan Whelan, N2UD – September
"Incident Command", by Fred Halley, W2EMS – tentative October
"Shortwave Listening", by John Figliosi -

Public Relations: No chairperson, no report.

Newsletter: Great job Dennis. Dennis would welcome articles and other items for publication. Electronic format by email is preferred.

RFI: No report

Repeater Committee: No report

VE Sessions: No requests received. No session planned prior to the September meeting.

Anniversary Committee: SARA's 75th Anniversary will concur during March 2005. Possible activities that are being considered include: an expanded SARA News to include a section on Club History, a program on SARA History for one month's meeting, a commemorative dinner, and a special event station. Stay tuned for further developments.

Constitution and By-Laws: No report.

Old Business: Field Day – receipts for a few incidental expenses are still outstanding.

Fiscal Year Change – Paul Siemers, WY2F, made a motion to discontinue further discussions. The motion was seconded by George Williams, W2CSN, and it passed unanimously.

New Business: The ARRL has requested that we sponsor a June VHF Award plaque at a cost of \$67. Paul Siemers, WY2F, made a motion that we discontinue support of this plaque. The motion was seconded by Tim Long, W2UI. The vote ended in a tie. Vice-President, Dan Whelan, N2UD, tabled the motion.

Coaxial Cable – Since the eminent Saratoga Hamfest may present an opportunity to obtain coaxial cable at bargain prices, a lively discussion ensued and a plan of action was developed.

George Williams, W2CSN, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Tim Long, W2UI, Secretary

SARA News needs you

The editor wants your stories, swap info, and information. Send your articles to saranews@k2ae.org or to the address on the return label.

ARRL NEWS

Ken Akasofu KL7JCQ has stepped down as Section Emergency Coordinator due to job and other commitments. Frank Stone KB2YUR of Modena, NY will be replacing him. Thank you Ken for 8 years of hard work, and we look forward to working with Frank.

Your Dues are due

We need your dues to budget our yearly activities. Please fill out the coupon on [page 3](#) and bring it to the meeting along with your dues. See [George Williams](#), at the meeting or mail it to the PO box address. Thank you.



2004 Elfun "Science In The Summer" Award Winner, Rudy Dehn, W2JVF

reported by Bill Patmos W2DHT

Rudy has just been named as this year's "Senior Elfun of the Year." Every year, the GE Elfun Society honors people for their efforts and community accomplishments. This award was presented to Rudy for his efforts as one of the founders of the Elfun "Science In The Summer" program.

The program was set up by local GE engineers and scientists quite a few years ago to bring concepts in the sciences to 1 - 5th grade schoolchildren. The program exposes younger children to the concepts of science with the hope that they will enjoy learning and continue on with science as they progress into junior and senior high school.

Rudy continually designs demonstrations illustrating scientific principles. These are done as hands on activities that provide fun for younger children and demonstrate principles including: gravity, sound, light, mechanics, electricity and show how science affects our lives and environment.

For example, static electricity is shown by learning what electricity is, how it is generated, and what uses are made of it. One of these experiments uses a Van de Graff generator to generate static electricity. Making the children's hair stand up shows evidence of the static electricity.

Through the years, Rudy has also served the SARA as a technical resource for resolving Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) problems. He also participates in Field Day and other communication exercises.

Many times equipment would have an interference problem resulting in disturbing the normal operation of different equipment. Neighbor's TV or garage door openers are typical examples of equipment needing this type of expertise.

These problems usually are resolved using fundamental radio principles and properly setting up and adjusting the equipment or making the appropriate repairs on the "interfered with equipment."

Well-done Rudy!

LAKE PLACID HAMFEST

The 4th Annual Northern New York Section Hamfest and Convention will be held at the Lake Placid Horse Show Grounds on Saturday, October Saturday 9th. Talk-In is on 146.52 simplex and the 145.110mhz repeater CTCSS 123hz. There will be Speakers, on site VE testing, vendors, tailgating, a special event station N2Y, demonstration stations for WAS, DXCC, VUCC, Card Checkers, and great food. Friday night setup and Bar-B-Que. Self-contained motor-coach and pop-up space available. No on-site tenting but local campgrounds are nearby. Admission \$5.00 includes one tailgate space per vehicle. Sheltered tables for vendors and advanced tailgaters are only \$10.00 for a 100 square foot space, including one admission. Additional tables only \$2.50 each. Extra vendor staff, \$5.00 p/p.

Advance admission and table reservations available from: Tom Valosin, WB2KLD Valosin@midtel.net
518 827 4852 (9-4 M-F) 518 827 4800 (other times, till 9 PM)



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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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Activity Calendar

September

30th **SARA Board Meeting** 7:00 - Union N-106A 7pm

October

1st **TARA PSK31 Rumble**
2-3 **ARRL ARES SET** 7:30pm
4th **SARA Meeting** 7:30pm
6th **432 Sprint** 7:00-11:00
9th **Lake Placid Hamfest**
10th **Mohawk-Hudson Marathon** *Ken AA2CW*
16th **902mhz Sprint** 7:00-11:00
23th **50mhz Sprint** 7:00-11:00
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*