

SARA NEWS

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RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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SARA General Meeting, February 7th, 2005 at 7:30PM, Niskayuna High School New Cafeteria

GENERATING ELECTRICITY WITH LARGE SCALE WIND TURBINES

This month's SARA program will be about the very interesting field of large scale electrical power generation using the wind. We are very fortunate to have one of the experts in this exciting field, Jim Lyons from General Electric who will give a presentation about these very interesting "wind farms". These new technology wind turbines are able to generate over 1 Megawatt of power each. A typical installation can have a dozen or more such windmills which have blades that can be 200 feet in diameter and stand on 100+ foot towers. There are actually two such large installations in the region. One large installation is located about 50 miles east of this area and another larger one is located about 20 miles southwest of Utica in hills near Madison, NY along Route 20. These wind power generation sites each generate enough energy to power a small town or city with no use of oil or pollution! The Madison windmills can also be seen from the NYS Thruway if one looks carefully to the south of the area near Westmoreland and Verona.

The SARA meeting starts at 7 PM with general information and announcements. Main program starts at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Niskayuna High School on Balltown Road in the "new cafeteria" which is toward the rear of the building and is best accessed from the side parking lot.

SARA Board Meeting

The SARA Board meeting will be Thursday, February 3rd, 2005 on the Union College Campus in the Lab Room N-106, next to the W2UC Room, N-106A. SARA Members and invited guests are welcome to attend, please RSVP to President Ramsey Seielstad vze2n6jv@verizon.net 377-2263.

FCC CHAIRMAN MICHAEL K. POWELL ANNOUNCES HIS RESIGNATION

from ARRL Letter, Vol 24, No 03

FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell announced today that he'll step down, effective "sometime in March." Powell's resignation comes just one day after President George W. Bush's inauguration for a second term in the White House. Nominated by former President Bill Clinton, Powell--whose father is Secretary of State Colin Powell--joined the FCC in 1997. He became its chairman two days after President Bush was sworn in for his first term in 2001. ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, called Powell's performance "a deep disappointment" after some initial optimism. While the League is not unhappy about Powell's departure--especially given his unabashed cheerleading on behalf of the FCC's broadband over power line (BPL) initiative--there's also concern about whom President Bush might call upon to replace him.

Not sure we'll miss you Mr Powell, but best of luck -ed



Board Meeting

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association
Board Meeting December 30, 2004 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM December 30, 2004 by Vice President, Dan Whelan in lab room N106 just outside the W2UC shack on the Union College Campus.

Attendees: Vice-President, Dan Whelan, N2UD
Treasurer, George Williams, W2CSN
Director, Paul Siemers, WY2F
Director, Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR
Member, Raleigh Keeter, K2RI
Member, Jay Freud, K2QNU

Minutes: Millie Gittinger corrected the minutes of the last meeting by noting that she was present, but the minutes did not indicate her presence. Millie made a motion to accept the minutes as published in the SARA News with the correction. Paul Siemers, WY2F seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Correspondence: No correspondence was received or discussed.

Treasurer's Report: George Williams, W2CSN, presented the treasurer's report. The SARA checking account grew by about \$100 due to one new member and monies left over from the Christmas party. Millie made a motion to accept the report. Paul Siemers seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

New Members: One new member, KC2NMX, sent \$25.00 to George Williams. He recently moved into the area.

Membership: No report

Public Service: No report

Programs: Dan Whelan thanked Millie Gittinger and George Williams for their help in making the Holiday party a success. It was noted that Ray Wemple helped the club recover from its loss of the Niskayuna High School because of early closing due to weather. He was able to get the Price Chopper Community Center on very short notice. For January's program Dan Whelan will present "Home Brew and Kit Building". Paul Siemers has extended an invitation to Dr. James Lyons to discuss large wind turbines for power generation at February's meeting, but has not received confirmation.

Public Relations: No chairman. No report.

Newsletter: Dennis announced that the deadline for submittals is 1 week before the board meeting.

RFI: No report

Repeater Committee: No report

VE Sessions: No session was held during holiday party. Plans for January are not known at this time.

Anniversary Committee: Dan had not yet gotten any cost and availability information about possible places for a sitdown meal. Raleigh Keeter called 3 restaurants in the area, Edison Club, Malozzi's, and Holiday Inn on Nott Terrace. A Monday night dinner could be a problem for the Edison Club and Malozzi's because they are not normally open those nights. It was also not clear whether a cash bar would be open at Malozzi's or the Edison Club. We might have to make special arrangements and pay for a bar tender. The Holiday Inn usually has an open bar and is open on all nights. The approximate cost for each of the venues is given below. The numbers include tax and gratuities and are a function of the meal served. Served meals or buffets were the same price:

Edison Club Prime Rib \$31.50 Sirloin \$21.50

Malozzi's - not open Monday, minimum of 50 people Beef, Chicken, Fish \$26.50 Deluxe \$31.00

Holiday Inn Prime Rib \$27.50 Chicken \$21.00 Fish \$23.75

Since the proposed time for the Anniversary celebration is in the Spring and we might find ourselves competing with weddings, it was decided that the Board must make a decision about the venue by the end of the next Board Meeting. Dan also discussed the possibility of a special events station. If we did this as part of a public event, NiskaDay was a good candidate. Raleigh Keeter agreed to talk to someone associated with Niska Day to see if they would give their permission. We need to contact QST at least 60 days in advance to be advertised in QST. We also need someone to volunteer to organize the special event station.

Constitution and By-Laws: No report.

Old Business: None

New Business: The President needs to start thinking about Chairpeople for Field Day and the Nominating Committee.

At 7:47 pm George Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Millie Gittinger.

Respectfully submitted, Paul Siemers WY2F, acting Secretary

Tech Class and Morse Code class in session

Jay Freud, K2QNU reports he has 8 in his Tech-licensing course and 4 in his Morse-code course. He would welcome more in the CW course. Call Jay at 383-3421 if you have questions.



From the Archives

Schenectady Union Star Saturday April 5, 1930

RADIO AMATEURS TO MEET MONDAY - The monthly meeting of the Schenectady Amateur Radio Association will be held at the YMCA Monday at 8 P.M. A feature of the meeting will be a talk by Maurice L. Prescott of General Electric Company an authority on shortwave propagation. The talk is titled "Amateur Waves and How to Use Them." and will be a non-technical discussion covering wave assignments available for amateur use, how to choose the proper wave, and when to use it. A short business session and a surprise program will complete the meeting. All interested amateur radio (operators) are invited.

The SARA meeting announcement was located right next to the newspaper's radio program listings for the premiere radio station of the region WGY, who produced most of their own programming live in those days. Radio program listings on that particular Saturday included several live dramas, a how-to-do-it show on "building codes", a string trio music program and major live music shows such as the "General Electric Symphony Orchestra" at 9 pm and a local remote broadcast of Saturday night dancing music from the Hotel Ten Eyck from 11 pm to midnight. Right above the SARA meeting announcement is a article stating "17 in Troy Brewery Case Plead Not Guilty" which of course was about arrests made by prohibition officers during a raid on the Fitzgerald Brothers brewery in Troy the summer before.

Times were certainly different in 1930.

Article Curtesy of Dan Whelan n2ud@arri.net

New 6m Repeater on the Air

Thanks to the efforts of Donald Miller W2EWY, John Doblewski N2OJY, and other members of the Repeater Committee chaired by Scott Krone, N2YCA we have a new repeater on the air proudly carrying the K2AE/R callsign. The output frequency is 53.570mhz. Input is 52.570mhz. More information as it becomes available.

SWAP

Attention All Hombrewers -There are parts available, such as composition resistors of various wattages, some electrolytic caps, 3 boxes of power transformers and filter chokes of different inductances, some air variable caps and some coils. All items are available for only nominal fees.

George, N2JJE 887-5019

FS: Crushcraft 3 element yagi. 10-15-20 meters - best offer
Astron power supply 35 watts - best offer

Wendell KF2XY 371-2305

WANTED - Nixie tubes - any type, numeric or alphanumeric. Specifically interested in the large 14-segment Burroughs B-7971 Nixie tubes. Also looking for surplus or non-working equipment that contains Nixie tubes. Information or leads about possible sources of Nixie tubes is also desirable.

Bob Saltzman, WB2ARK, 370-2222 saltzman@nycap.rr.com



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*	\$ _____
<small>*New Members Only</small>		
Name _____	Call _____	
Nickname _____	Class _____	
Street _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip _____
E-mail _____		
Phone _____	Signature _____	
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Activity Calendar

February

4-5 Vermont QSO Party
7th Sara Meeting
14th Valentine's Day
14-19 School Club Roundup
19-20 ARRL International DX Contest (CW)
21st President's Day

March

4-5 ARRL Int'l DX Contest, SSB
7th Sara Meeting
17th St. Patrick's Day

June

11-13 ARRL June VHF QSO Party
25-26 ARRL Field Day (SARA K2AE will be active)

Sunday SCESN 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 Lower SSB

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