

# SARA NEWS

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

## **A Video Tour of the ARRL Headquarters in Newington CT.**

This month's SARA meeting will be a video tour of ARRL Headquarters. The ARRL headquarters is located in Newington CT, just a 90 minute drive from Schenectady. It is open to hams to visit and even to operate the ARRL flagship station W1AW on a regular schedule but most hams have never been there. This will also show the behind the scenes work that goes on there that has a direct impact on not only the operation of the ARRL but the future of amateur radio in general. This timely program was shot



just 14 months ago by members of the Marconi Amateur Radio Club. We will also have information about touring the ARRL headquarters including directions for those who may want to make the trip once the weather is better.

## **New Technician Class to be held**

Amateur radio classes for the Technician Class License will be held at the Clifton Park Public Library. The instructor will be Jay Freud, K2QNU. The ARRL manual Now You Are Talking is a requirement for the Tech Class. The time is 7:30 on Tuesday evenings March 8th through April 12th. Call the library at 371-8622 to register. Call Jay at 383-3421 if you have questions prior to registering.

## **Big News - SARA Celebrating it's 75th Year!**

The SARA Club is 75 years old this year and we are holding a gala 75th Anniversary Dinner Meeting. Mark your calendar for May 2nd and sign up for your dinner tickets. The nature of this very special dinner is such that it will be held at the most prestigious venue in the Schenectady area, the Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia. This special meeting and dinner will begin at 6 PM on May 2, 2005 and will feature a very special program. YOU must purchase your tickets to attend and space will be limited so plan on getting them early. Details at this month's SARA meeting and further details in the next SARA News.





## Board Meeting

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association  
Board Meeting February 3rd, 2005 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President, Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW, at 7:11 PM in lab room N106 just outside the W2UC shack on the Union College Campus.

**Attendees:** President, Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW  
Vice-President, Dan Whelan, N2UD  
Treasurer, George Williams, W2CSN  
Secretary, Tim Long, W2UI  
Director, Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR  
Director, Paul Siemers, WY2F  
Director, Dennis Hudson, N2LBT  
Member, Raleigh Keeter, K2RI

**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:** No correspondence was received or discussed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tim Long, W2UI, reported that, since the last Board Meeting, we had received the monthly bank statement, a Verizon statement, one new member application, email correspondence from Raleigh Keeter K2RI, and club news from the ARRL via email.

**New Members:** Students from Jay Freud's class who took and passed the exam at a SARA VE Session now have call signs. They are: KC2NMY, Ed Buell, KC2NMW, Ed Donlon, and KC2NMV, Michelle Herkenham. The Board approved new member Frank Brosnick, W2FAB. Congratulations and welcome to all!

**Membership:** No report

**Public Service:** No report

**Programs:** Paul Siemers, WY2F, confirmed that Jim Lyons will be the guest speaker for the February meeting and will talk on Wind Turbines

**Public Relations:** No chairman. No report.

**Newsletter:** Dennis reported that we emailed 56 copies and mailed another 66 copies.

**RFI:** No report

**Repeater Committee:** SARA's new 6 meter repeater is on the air. Scott Krone, N2YCA, recommends that we wait to implement the 6 meter SCEN until after the operation has proven reliable.

**VE Sessions:** The team does not plan to conduct a test session prior to the February meeting since no requests have been received.

**Anniversary Committee:** Dan Whelan, N2UD contacted the Glen Sanders Mansion, obtained detailed pricing information, and provided proposed menu choices. Due to the overwhelming advantages of this choice for SARA's 75th Anniversary Dinner, further consideration of other venues was discontinued. Paul Siemers, WY2F, made a motion to have a 75th Anniversary Dinner. The motion was seconded by Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR, and it passed unanimously. Paul Siemers, WY2F, made a motion to hold the dinner at The Glenn Sanders Mansion. This motion was seconded by Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR, and it too passed unanimously. George Williams, W2CSN, made a motion to hold the dinner on Monday, May 2nd. The Board noted that this was a regular SARA meeting night and felt that there would be fewer scheduling conflicts and consequently better attendance by choosing an already scheduled evening. This motion was seconded by Paul Siemers, WY2F, and it also passed unanimously. Paul Siemers, WY2F, made a motion to establish the dinner cost for a non-member at \$27. The motion was seconded by Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR, and it passed unanimously. George Williams, W2CSN, made a motion to establish an initial budget of \$800 for the dinner and establish a dinner cost for SARA members at \$15 each. This motion was seconded by Paul Siemers, WY2F, and it also passed unanimously. Paul Siemers, WY2F, made a motion that we adopt the plan for an Operating Event set forth in Raleigh Keeter's, K2RI, email. Dennis Hudson, N2LBT, seconded this motion and it passed unanimously. This plan calls for operating from home over the weekend in addition to a station set up at the Niskayuna High School on Niskaday (May 21).

**Constitution and By-Laws:** Dennis Hudson, N2LBT, suggested that this committee be disbanded. Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW, concurred.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Nominating Committee Chairman – no volunteers.  
Field Day Chairman – no volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Tim Long, W2UI, Secretary

## SARA Board Meeting

The SARA Board meeting will be Thursday, March 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](mailto:vze2n6jv@verizon.net) 377-2263.

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## Upcoming Fests

6 Mar 2005 + MTARA Amateur Radio & Electronics Hamfest  
Mt. Tom Amateur Repeater Association  
117 Florida Street Springfield, MA 01109  
<http://www.mtara.org> [aa1ue@arrl.net](mailto:aa1ue@arrl.net)  
Talk-In: 146.940; 127.3; 145.130  
Contact: Gary Thomas, AA1UE 413-739-3511

6 Mar 2005 + Greater Buffalo Winter Hamfest  
Lancaster Amateur Radio Club  
Main Transit Fire Hall, 6777 Main Street, Williamsville, NY  
<http://gbhamfest.hamgate.net> [wv2ny@adelphia.net](mailto:wv2ny@adelphia.net)  
Talk-In: 147.255 + pl 107.2  
Contact: Joe Gearhart, WV2NY 716-892-2760

9 Apr 2005 + Drumlins Amateur Radio Club  
Marbletown Fire House, Silver Hill Road, Newark, NY  
<http://www.drumlinsarc.com> [wa2sok@rochester.rr.com](mailto:wa2sok@rochester.rr.com)  
Talk-In: 146.745 MHz (no tone)  
Contact: Irv Walter, WA2SOK 315-597-2192

10 Apr 2005 + Mt. Beacon Amateur Radio Club  
Tymor Park, County Route 21, Unionvale, NY  
<http://www.qsl.net/mbarc> [kc2hut@arrl.net](mailto:kc2hut@arrl.net)  
Talk-In: 146.97 (PL 100 or 123)  
Contact: Colleen Scalia, KC2HUT 845-497-3687

## SECOND ANNUAL MID ATLANTIC QSO PARTY

The (MAQP) is an old-fashioned QSO Party focusing on Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and DC. It runs from Saturday May 14th 2004 at 1600 UTC until 2400 UTC Sunday May 15th 2004 with a break from 0400 - 1100 UTC Sunday. Activity will be on all HF bands from 160 to 10 meters (except WARC bands) and 50, 144, 222, and 440 MHz.

The MAQP seeks to provide a competitive challenge with a low-pressure atmosphere. In short, the purpose is to have fun, enjoy the event, and find your own desired level of participation.

The committee will offer certificates and/or plaques, including categories such as Top Scorer in each Mid-Atlantic state, the entire Mid-Atlantic region, each DX country, state, or VE province from which an entry is received, and more. All stations are welcome - fixed, mobile, rover, single or multi-operator, clubs, QRP or standard power.

Please visit the MAQP website at <http://www.qsl.net/maqso> for full details, rules, maps, and all forms, available for downloading.

## SWAP

Attention All Homebrewers -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](mailto:saltzman@nycap.rr.com)



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## 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 _____	
ARRL _____	RACES _____	ARES _____ MARS _____

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**PIO:** We need a volunteer!

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

## Activity Calendar

### March

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

### April

3rd **Daylight Savings Begins**  
4th **Sara Meeting**

### May

2nd **Sara Meeting**  
14-15 **Mid Atlantic QSO Party**

### 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  
1:30 PM - K2AE 147.060 repeater  
2:00 PM - 3953 KHz, 75 Meter Lower SSB

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