

SARA NEWS

**SCHENECTADY AMATEUR
RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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SARA General Meeting, April 4th, 2005 at 7:30PM, Niskayuna High School New Cafeteria

SARA 75th Anniversary Dinner Celebration

The time is now to get your reservations in for the SARA 75th anniversary dinner which will be held Monday evening May 2 at the Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia. This event will feature some of the finest food in the area as well as a chance to meet your friends from SARA in an atmosphere to celebrate our club being among the oldest ham clubs in the nation. It will be a very special and historical gathering. The cost of the tickets is \$27 per person but current SARA members can buy their ticket for \$15. Tickets are available now and you must make your reservation with meal choice in advance, space will be limited and will be on a first come first serve basis. All tickets must be purchased and must reach us by no later than April 25, after which choice of dinner or space may not be available.

The Dinner Menu includes an Appetizer, choice of Entrée below, Dessert Coffee, Tea, Decaf

Beef: Roast Sirloin of Beef, Herbed Butter, Scalloped Potatoes and vegetable Medley or

Chicken: Chicken Alexander, Boneless Breast of Chicken Filled with Spinach, Mozzarella Cheese and Roasted Red Peppers, Scalloped Potatoes and Vegetable Medley or

Fish: Sole Francaise Over Wilted Spinach, Wild Rice and Vegetable Medley

Purchase your tickets at Monday's Meeting or download and send in the form below.

<http://k2ae.org/SARA Dinner Ticket.pdf>

VHF/UHF/Microwave Operation

This month will feature a presentation on VHF/UHF/Microwave operating by WA2AAU, Dick Fry.

Perhaps one of the most knowledgeable VHF though microwave operators in the United States, Dick is the spearhead behind the world famous W2SZ/2 VHF/UHF/Microwave contesting operation. That incredible operation holds more records than any other station for VHF+ Contests and is an absolutely amazing powerhouse on the bands from 6 meters to somewhere just short of daylight! More than just a one person operation the W2SZ/2 or MGEF (Mount Greylock Expeditionary Force) as it is sometimes known, is a combined effort of dozens of hams from both the local area and afar who come together to put up a world class operation. Many SARA members and local hams active in VHF+ have learned the ropes from Dick and the others involved in this herculean W2SZ/2 Mount Greylock operation. WA2AAU is a long time local ham, SARA member and is always an exciting speaker about this wonderfully exotic aspect of our hobby. If you have ever wondered about operating "at the edge" of VHF+ technology or contesting don't miss this presentation for some insight from one of the best.

Public Service

Contact Ken Clickeman AA2CW to sign up for these activities at 861-6825 free2aa2cw2000@yahoo.com

May 1st - Crop walk

May 21st - Niskya Day 7:30 - Noon + Tent operation

May 25th - Scotia Parade



Board Meeting

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association
Board Meeting March 3, 2005

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, Carl Lester, K2YR
Member, Jay Freud, K2QNU
Member, Raleigh Keeter, K2RI

Minutes: Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR, made a motion to accept the minutes as published in SARA News. Carl Lester, K2YR, seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Tim Long, W2UI, reported that, since the last Board Meeting, we had received the monthly bank statement, a Verizon statement, one membership renewal, a post office box survey from the Alplaus Post Office, a form from the Schenectady Post Office to retrieve our surplus balance, and a request to sponsor the "Jim Lawson memorial", ARRL DX Contest Plaque from the ARRL.

Treasurer's Report: George Williams, W2CSN, presented the Treasurer's Report. Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Tim Long, W2UI, and it passed unanimously.

New Members: None

Membership: No report

Public Service: No report

Programs: Dan Whelan, N2UD, announced that the March meeting program will be a video tour of the ARRL Headquarters in Newington, and that the April meeting speaker will be Dick Frey, WA2AAU.

Public Relations: No chairman. No report.

Newsletter: The newsletter was issued on time..

RFI: Rudy Dehn, W2JVF, submitted a report via Raleigh Keeter, K2RI. No complaints nor requests for assistance had been received.

Repeater Committee: No report

VE Sessions: The team plans to conduct a test session prior to the March meeting.

Anniversary Committee: Dan Whelan, N2UD reported that our \$100 security deposit had been received by the Glenn Sanders Mansion and our date of May 2nd had been secured. Three days prior to the event, Glenn Sanders will need a final count on attendance and dinner choices. Tickets had been duplicated and were brought to the Board Meeting. George Williams, W2CSN, will be the initial ticket seller. Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR, made a motion to pay for special invitees and their guests. This motion was seconded by Tim Long, W2UI, and it passed unanimously. Special invitees are planned to be Bryan Stratton, Frank Fallon, and Pete Cesere. George noted that the ticket seller needs a current member list. Tim will print the list and bring it to the regular Monday meeting. We agreed that we needed an announcement in SARA News regarding ordering tickets via mail. Dan will pursue all options for program speakers and will solicit an informal vote via email and phone as soon as viable choices exist.

Old Business: Field Day Chairman – Jay Freud, K2QNU, volunteered for the position. Thank you Jay!

New Business: Nominating Committee – The Board discussed possible candidates for planned open positions. Many positions are still vacant. Potential candidates will be asked privately via phone. If you are interested in a Board Position, contact Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Tim Long, W2UI, Secretary

SARA Board Meeting

The SARA Board meeting will be Thursday, March 31st, 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.

New Hams Net

A new net on the 147.06 repeater especially for newly licensed amateur radio operators. The net will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm for one-half hour. It is designed to provide new hams an opportunity to get on the air, share their experiences and ask questions concerning amateur radio. The net will also be open to experienced operators who have a desire to serve as mentors to and share their experience with the "newbies".

The first meeting of the net will be Tuesday April 12, 2005 at 7 PM.



SARA's 75th Special Event

The year 2005 is the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Schenectady Amateur Radio Association and the Association plans to recognize this significant event in several ways. Operating K2AE as a special event station is part of the plans.

A special event can have two purposes. One is to give members of the Club the opportunity to take part in the excitement of talking to other hams around the country, explain the purpose of the operation, the history of the Association, and take pride in the fact that it is 75 years old which is probably older than most of the ham clubs in the country. Perhaps the operator will experience the thrill of being on the receiving end of a pile up. The second purpose for a special event operation is to operate in a public setting and expose amateur radio to the public. Our plans are to meet both of these purposes.

The special event will run from 00:01 hours local time on Wednesday May 18, 2005 to 24:00 hours local time Sunday May 22. For most of this period Club members will be operating from their home stations using the Club call, K2AE. On Saturday afternoon May 21, from 12:00 hours to about 18:00 hours local time, station K2AE will be operated from the Niskayuna High School grounds as part of the Niska Day Celebration in the community. When the weather is good there are several hundred people taking part in the activities on the school grounds, enjoying the entertainment and the barbecue.

Raleigh Keeter, K2RI, will be at the next two SARA meetings signing up Club members for six hour periods to operate their home stations during the special event operation.

Special QSL cards will be printed to send to those stations making contact with K2AE and who send a SASE to the SARA address.

Further comments concerning the special event. The stations using the K2AE extra class call must operate within the limitations of the license class held by the operator. Also, if an emergency situation should occur locally during the special event period, (May 18 to May 22, 2005), K2AE will be needed for the ARES or RACES operation which may be necessary and the special event operation will be suspended.

So come on folks, join the fun and sign up for a period to operate. Come to the Niskayuna High School, help with the operation on Saturday afternoon, explain our exciting hobby to the public and tell people how we serve the community.

Raleigh Keeter, K2RI k2ri@juno.com

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



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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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Activity Calendar

April

4th [SARA Meeting](#)
8-10 [2005 Eastern VHF/UHF Conference](#) - Enfield CT
10th [Mt Beacon Hamfest](#) Unionvale, NY

May

1st [Crop Walk](#)
2nd [SARA 75th Anniversary Dinner - 6PM](#)
6-7 [Hosstraders Hamfest](#) - Hopkington NH
14-15 [Mid Atlantic QSO Party](#)
18-22 [SARA 75th Anniversary Special Event On Air](#)
21st [Niskaday](#)
20-22 [Dayton Hamvention / ARRL National Convention](#)

June

3-5 [Rochester Hamfest / ARRL Division Convention](#)
6th [SARA Meeting](#)
11-13 [ARRL June VHF QSO Party](#)
25-26 [ARRL Field Day](#) (SARA K2AE will be active)

Sunday SCESN Nets

12:30PM - K2AE 53.57 repeater
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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