

# SARA NEWS

**SCHENECTADY AMATEUR  
RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**"SERVICE THROUGH  
AMATEUR RADIO"**

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**K2AE REPEATERS**

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May, 2005

There will be no General Meeting for May. Get your tickets now for the 75th Anniversary Dinner

## **Public Service**

Contact Ken Clikeman AA2CW to sign up for these activities at 861-6825 [free2aa2cw2000@yahoo.com](mailto:free2aa2cw2000@yahoo.com)

**May 1st** - Crop walk

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

**May 25th** - Scotia Parade

## **SARA's 75th Special Event**

The year 2005 is the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Schenectady Amateur Radio Association. 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. The stations using the K2AE extra class call must operate within the limitations of the license class held by the operator. Contact [Raleigh Keeter, K2RI k2ri@juno.com](mailto:Raleigh Keeter, K2RI k2ri@juno.com) or 377-3788 to sign up for a timeslot.

## **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".

## **SARA 75th Anniversary Dinner Celebration**

MONDAY MAY 2, 2005 6 P.M. at Glen Sanders Mansion, Scotia NY

In place of our regular SARA meeting, the May 2 meeting will be a very special 75th Anniversary of the Schenectady Amateur Radio Association. This year is SARA's 75th anniversary and we will be celebrating it this month by having a special dinner at the Glen Sanders Mansion on Mohawk Ave. (Rt. 5 next to the bridge). The event will feature the very finest dining available in the area as well as displays of SARA's past history over the last 75 years. The program will feature recognition of SARA activities, members of past and present as well as a very special presentation on the history of the Schenectady area's technology legacy.

Over the years SARA has been one of the most continuously active amateur radio clubs in the U.S. During the early days of SARA our club was situated quite literally at the center of the most advanced electronic technology in the nation at GE. Among the hams in this area who attended our meetings where hundreds who were among the leaders in advancing the state of the art in electricity and electronics. While times and technology has changed SARA and its ham radio legacy has continued into the new Millennium and with some luck may well make it into it's 100th year someday. It is only fitting that this celebration of our club's distant and recent past

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## Board Meeting

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association  
Board Meeting March 31, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President, Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW, at 7:05 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, Rudy Dehn, W2JVF  
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:** Tim Long, W2UI, reported that, since the last Board Meeting, we had received the Fleet bank statement, the Verizon statement, two hamfest announcements, and an announcement that the "865" repeater was again operational.

**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 Tim Long, W2UI, and it passed unanimously.

**New Members:** Four new members passed exams at last March's VE Session. David Hamilton, Ivan Proctor, David Tiffany, and Mark Tremblay.

**Membership:** Dennis Hudson, N2LBT, reported that we mailed 66 copies of SARA News and emailed another 60 copies.

**Public Service:** Raleigh Keeter, K2RI, reported that the Crop Walk would be on 5/1, the Niskaday Parade would be held on 5/21 and the Scotia Memorial Day Parade would be on 5/25.

**Programs:** Dan Whelan, N2UD, announced that the April meeting speaker will be Dick Frey, WA2AAU, the May meeting would be the 75th Anniversary Dinner at the Glen Sanders Mansion and that the June meeting would be the annual business meeting.

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

**Newsletter:** The newsletter was issued on time.

**RFI:** Rudy Dehn, W2JVF, reported that 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 April meeting and 6 applicants are currently scheduled.

**Anniversary Committee:** George Williams, W2CSN, reported that current ticket sales are 29. Rudy Dehn, W2JVF, and Raleigh Keeter, K2RI, will confirm on 4/1/05 that Chris Hunter will be the dinner speaker.

**Old Business:** Nominating Committee – The Board discussed more possible candidates for planned open positions. Many candidates are happily stepping forward and agreeing to serve. Some positions are still vacant. If you are interested in a Board Position, contact Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW. The slate will be announced next month.

**New Business:** The Schenectady City Library has indicated that they are seeking help with an electronics/radio/communications program. Details are sketchy and Rudy Dehn, W2JVF will find them out. The Empire State Games will be held from 7/27/2005 through 7/31/2005 and they're looking for volunteer amateur radio operators. If you can help, contact Fred Stone, KB2YUR, at (843) 883-5195.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Tim Long, W2UI, Secretary

## Annual Business Meeting and Elections

Next regular SARA Meeting will be the annual business, award and Field Day meeting on Monday June 6th back at the normal location Niskayuna High School.

## Broughton Award Nominations Requested

Each year, SARA bestows the Broughton Award on someone who has performed "exemplary service to amateur radio, to the public, to SARA." The award recipient is chosen after careful consideration by the Broughton Award Committee.

If you know of someone who is deserving of that award, please nominate that person. To do so, submit your suggestion, in writing, to committee chairman Dennis Hudson, N2LBT; 92 Fleetwood Ave., Albany, NY 12209; [n2lbt@n2lbt.com](mailto:n2lbt@n2lbt.com) Please include whatever information you can to support your nomination.

## 146.865 Repeater Back on the Air

The 146.865 repeater is back on the air after an absence of about 5 years. A new antenna has been purchased and installed. The repeater itself has also been refurbished. It plays very well in the tri-cities area and even beyond. It currently has an output of approximately 80 watts. Please give it a try and give us your report on it .. good or bad. E-mail replies may be sent to Dennis Kagel [KADELL@mybluelight.com](mailto:KADELL@mybluelight.com) or MaryAnn Kramer [Travelnow@capital.net](mailto:Travelnow@capital.net)



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will be amid the elegant dining of the Glen Sanders Mansion, one of the premiere banquet facilities of upstate New York. Of great significance is the fact that it is across the river from the former Hotel Van Curler (now Schenectady County Community College) where a number of historic ARRL Hudson Division Conventions were held in the 1930s which were hosted by the SARA club. In 1980 SARA celebrated the 50th anniversary and that was a very special event, so much has happened in the last 25 years that we know this too will be a very special time.

You must have a reservation and ticket to attend this dinner so please, if you haven't gotten yours yet contact George Williams, W2CSN [williamg@tardis.union.edu](mailto:williamg@tardis.union.edu) 377-6188. Please do so ASAP by no later than April 28 since prior reservations are required. Please note this celebration begins early at 6 PM on Monday May 2, 2005 so don't be late.

We all look forward to seeing you at this very special event.

### Upcoming Local/Regional Hamfests

6-7 May 2005 + Hosstraders Hamfest  
<http://www.qsl.net/k1rqg> Talk-In: 146.895 MHz (PL 100),  
 Hopkinton State Fairgrounds; Warner Road/Kersage Avenue; Hopkinton, NH

7 May 2005 + BARA Owego Hamfest - Binghamton ARA  
 Tioga County Fairgrounds; Route 17C; Owego, NY  
 Talk-In: 146.760 <http://www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/bara/>

20-22 May 2005 Dayton Hamvention/National Convention  
 Hara Arena; 1001 Shiloh Springs Road; Dayton OH  
<http://www.hamvention.org>  
 Talk-In: 146.94(-), 146.91(-), 223.94(-), 442.1(+)

21 May 2005 East Greenbush ARA  
 East Greenbush Fire Dept. #3; Phillips Road; East Greenbush, NY [kc2fcp@aol.com](mailto:kc2fcp@aol.com) Talk-In: 146.520

3-5 Jun 2005 Rochester Hamfest Div. Convention -  
 Monroe County Fairgrounds & Holiday Inn Rochester S.  
 2695 East Henrietta Rd. (Fairgrounds); Henrietta, NY  
<http://www.rochesterhamfest.org> Talk-In: 146.88

### SWAP

Donation-Must take tower down by May. 60' 3 section crank-up tower with a prop-pitch motor to run it up and down. Hy-gain 3-element 20 meter beam. Hy-gain 3-element 10-15 duo-bander. Ham M rotator with control box. Lots of coax cable, Atlas 210 solid state transceiver, low band, with hump mounting bracket-Needs repair. Bill Meiklejohn, K2ENS [wmeiklej@nycap.rr.com](mailto:wmeiklej@nycap.rr.com) 399-7309

Dentron Super Tuner, Dentron Clipperton L Linear, ASTRON RS35M Power Supply, YAESU xcvr Model FT747GX, MFJ Antenna Tuner Model MFJ962C, ALINCO 2m xcvr Model DR150T, MFJ SWR Analyzer Model MFJ259B. Jim Halburian, K2TJB 869-5720 [Halby6@webtv.net](mailto:Halby6@webtv.net)

### SARA News needs you

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



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

## Activity Calendar

### 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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