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SARA General Meeting, September 12th, 2005 at 7:30PM, Niskayuna High School New Cafeteria

## ARRL "OO" Program

This year the new season of SARA's meetings will kick off with a presentation about the ARRL's Official Observer Program by Hal Post, AK2E who is the ARRL Hudson Divisions Official Observer Coordinator. The "OO" program is one of the very special parts of ham radio that sets it apart from most other radio services since it helps us keep track of our own operations and monitor for technical problems among ourselves. The OO program also assists the FCC through its auxiliary program which uses volunteers to help in monitoring the ham bands for non-ham spectrum intruders and other kinds of illegal operations. Hal will provide an interesting perspective on the OO program since he has been a long time ham, SARA member, active in public service and involved in ARRL activities for many years.

The SARA meeting will be held in Niskayuna High School's "new cafeteria," which is toward the right and rear of the building when coming in from Balltown Road. The meeting will begin at 7 pm and the main program will be at 7:30pm.

## Dues are Due

Please bring your 2006 dues to the next meeting, or send to the address listed on the return label. Please use the coupon on page 7 to help speed up the process for George. If you have any questions contact George Williams, W2CSN @ 377-6188 or [williamg@tardis.union.edu](mailto:williamg@tardis.union.edu)

## Hurricane Katrina-Amateur Response

*From the ARRL Letter*

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, this week called on the Amateur Radio community to exercise patience as the Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans flooding relief and recovery efforts move into high gear.

"I know many people would like to move now," Haynie said. "Please don't. I know many of you want to enter the fray, come to the coast and get involved. Please, not yet." Haynie instead advised hams eager to assist to make sure they're prepared, refresh their skills and knowledge of protocols and procedures.

The ARRL now is seeking experienced Amateur Radio emergency volunteers to help supplement communication for American Red Cross feeding and sheltering operations in Mississippi, Alabama and the Florida Panhandle. Special consideration will be given to operators who have successfully completed the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications course training (Level I minimum) to serve as team leaders. All interested should e-mail [Katrina@arrl.org](mailto:Katrina@arrl.org), providing name, call sign, contact information and any equipment you can take along on a field deployment for an indefinite period. Volunteers may face hardship conditions without the usual amenities and will need to provide their own transportation to the marshaling area.

Haynie says safety is of paramount importance to all ARES volunteers. "For now, the area is simply too dangerous, and no one is being allowed in," he pointed out.

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## Board Meeting

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association  
Board Meeting June 2, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President, Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW, at 7:06 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, Dennis Hudson, N2LBT  
Member, Rudy Dehn, W2JVF  
Member, Raleigh Keeter, K2RI  
Member, Jay Freud, K2QNU

**Minutes:** Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR, made a motion to accept the minutes as published in SARA News. Dennis Hudson, N2LBT, seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**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 Dennis Hudson, N2LBT, and it passed unanimously.

**Correspondence:** Tim Long, W2UI, reported that, since the last Board Meeting, we had received the Fleet bank statement, two Verizon statements, dues renewals, 47 QSL cards for our 75th Anniversary Special Operation, a receipt for payment of the PO Box fee, emails regarding Field Day, and Squelch Tale..

**New Members:** None.

**Membership:** No Report.

**Public Service:** Raleigh Keeter, K2RI, reported that the Crop Walk and the Niskaday Parade were both successfully supported and the Scotia Memorial Day Parade is upcoming

**Programs:** Dan Whelan, N2UD, reported that the next meeting in need of a program is September.

**Public Relations:** No report.

**Newsletter:** Dennis Hudson, N2LBT, reported that we mailed 78 SARA News via the USPS and emailed another 55 copies.

**RFI:** Rudy Dehn, W2JVF, reported static was observed at Niskaday.

**Repeater Committee:** No report.

**VE Sessions:** There were 2 successful candidates from Jay Freud's

class who passed the exam at the Clifton Park Library on May 10th. Congratulations..

**Anniversary Committee:** The Anniversary Celebration was a huge success. There were 81 paid attendees. We stayed below budget. Thus far, we received 47 QSL cards for the Special Event. Dennis will scan the presentations and commendation certificates. The Board thanked Dan Whelan, N2UD, for all of his hard work. Dan was largely responsible for the overwhelming success

**Old Business:** Nominating Committee – Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW, reported that the Vice-President and Secretary positions were still open and that he was awaiting return phone calls.

**Field Day –** Plans were discussed. We still need a chairman for the GOTA station. Tim Long stated that C100, the Schenectady County Command Center would be on the scene. Tim also reported that 600 feet of RG-213/U cable from Cable Xperts had arrived and that connectors would be installed. Tim stated that we needed approximately 140 feet of bare stranded copper wire for a new 40 meter Moxon rectangle. Board members will check their junk boxes.

**New Business:** Dan Whelan, N2UD, asked for suggestions for meeting locations. The Board agreed that the Niskayuna High School was the preferred location.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Tim Long, W2UI, Secretary

## Annual Business Meeting

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association  
Annual Business Meeting June 6, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President, Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW, at 7:30 PM in the rear cafeteria of the Niskayuna High School.

**Attendees:** Attendance was taken

**Minutes:** Tim Long, W2UI, reported that the minutes from the June 2nd Board meeting were not yet available and would be published in the next SARA News.

**Treasurer's Report:** George Williams, W2CSN, presented the Annual Treasurer's Report.

**Correspondence:** Tim Long, W2UI, reported that, since the May Board Meeting, we had received the Fleet bank statement, two Verizon statements, dues renewals, 47 QSL cards for our 75th Anniversary Special Operation, a receipt for payment of the PO Box fee, emails regarding Field Day, and Squelch Tale.

**Old Business:** Field Day – Jay Freud revealed this year's plans. We still need a chairman for the GOTA station.

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**Election of Officers:** Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW, Chairman of this year's Nomination Committee presented the Slate of Officers for the 2005-2006 year.

President – Dan Whelan, N2UD  
 Vice-President – Hal Post, AK2E  
 Treasurer – George Williams, W2CSN  
 Secretary – Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW  
 Director – Mike Adams, KB2KXC  
 Director: Bob Saltzman WB2ARK  
 Director: Joe Clement K2UF  
 Director: Rudy Dehn W2JVF

A motion was made to direct the Secretary to cast a single unanimous ballot in favor of the proposed Slate of Officers. The motion passed unanimously. Congratulations to all.

**New Business:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.  
 Respectfully submitted, Tim Long, W2UI, Secretary

## Get your Mug

Anyone who helped with the 2005 SARA Field Day effort in any way, and did not receive a SARA coffee mug, is asked to contact Raleigh, K2RI. This includes those who helped with put up, take down, operating, cooking, pulling trailers, running errands to get gas, ice or whatever, over night security, and the loan of equipment. Everyone who helped should receive a mug. Raleigh can be contacted at the September SARA meeting, by e-mail at k2ri@juno.com, or phone 518-377-3788. - Raleigh, K2RI

## History & Change SARA's 75th Year Continues

*Dan Whelan, N2UD*

The Schenectady Amateur Radio Association is more than half way through it's 75th year and this club and amateur radio has seen some major, major changes along the way. The challenges continue...

Everyone probably knows that this summer the FCC proposed eliminating the code requirement for all ham licenses, obviously a very significant change but not all that unexpected. Over the years of this club, there have been many other changes and difficult times for the hobby and the nation.

Back when SARA was formed in 1930, absolutely every ham radio operator used code to communicate, it was pretty much a necessity! Voice communications via radio in 1930 was possible, but it was also expensive and it had serious limitations so code was the "language of the day" since few hams were able to operate voice. In the years that followed, that rapidly changed as AM modulation became more popular. When the US was brought into the World War in 1941, ham radio operations were curtailed for the duration since it was considered a security risk. SARA members were serving in the military or in the war effort back here. Even through the war years, SARA continued on since there were civil defense communications tasks to undertake (predecessor to present day R.A.C.E.S). After the war, ham radio reawoke with many new hams, but sadly many old friends were also gone. Ham radio faced many challenges to our spectrum as well as expansions to our ranks during the 40s through 60s. During that same time, the novice entry level license came along with a reduced speed of 5 words per minute code requirement. By the 1960s, there was a move to change the licensing system for hams; it was called "incentive licensing" which ultimately reduced the available bands for most hams and required higher code speeds and tougher technical exams for everyone. This change seriously reduced the growth of amateur radio and it would take years to recover.

The 1970s and 1980s saw changes to licensing such as the Volunteer Examiner program which made it easier to find ham exams. Before then, ham exams were infrequently given when the FCC came to the area twice a year, otherwise you had to travel to the FCC office New York to take an exam. In the early 1980s, SARA was a Volunteer Exam Coordinator (VEC) for a short time before the ARRL became involved with the exam program. The 1990s saw further licensing changes and advent of the first codeless Technician licenses. All during these times there was some optimism with new WARC bands being added such as 10 Mhz and 24 Mhz as well as some band expansions and even ham operations from outer space from the Russian MIR space station and the US Space Shuttle Columbia. But there was also many challenges to our use of spectrum such as the loss of part of the 220 Mhz band and other portions of microwave bands. Ham radio was also "graying" in part due to far fewer young people entering the hobby as well as the

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general aging of the nation's entire population as the "baby boomers" got on in years. Competition from computers, Internet and all the other temptations of modern society also had an effect on diverting some away from interest in ham radio, especially many of the most technically inclined.

As the 2005-2006 SARA year begins this fall, the hobby is still changing. Our club and our members have served our nation, communities and our hobby very well and we can be very proud of those among us who have done so. But so many changes in recent years are cause for a lot of uncertainty. While many would say the FCC elimination of the CW requirement is very important; yet I doubt ham radio will sink or swim because of this issue. We have serious challenges out there beyond CW issues. One need only look at the looming threats from things like Broadcast over Power Lines (BPL) and many companies (and regulators) are ready to grab spectrum from our ham bands or do things that will make them unusable. There is a lot to be concerned with! While hams are "radio operators," we find ourselves no longer unique since virtually every cop, fireman, taxi driver or kid with a FRS radio or teen with cellphone can do that basic function. What hams uniquely can offer is a high degree of technical expertise in how to make communication systems work when things are really bad and even more important we have need to demonstrate that when we operate we are a disciplined, dedicated and courteous cadre people who can be valuable emergency and educational resource to our communities. But being technically competent is a lot more than just cramming for and passing an exam and being a skilled operator is more than buying a radio and yakking with buddies. To do useful and unique tasks we all need to keep learning technically and giving back to our communities in various ways with our special skills. The challenge for the ARRL and clubs like SARA is to encourage this kind of positive environment, advanced technical learning and especially respect among our fellow hams. The real issue that is important above all else is whether amateur radio will remain relevant to our communities and Nation by filling a critical need and providing the technical innovation; things that have been part of ham radio spirit for nearly a century. Together, we need to continue to make amateur radio the indispensable resource that this nation and our community cannot afford to be without. And perhaps most important of all - it should be fun, too! 73s

Dan Whelan - *N2UD* - SARA President 2005-06

## Hurricane Katrina HF Response and Recovery Frequencies

- 02802.4 USB American Red Cross Disaster (F-91) \*\*
- 03171.4 USB American Red Cross Disaster (F-92) \*\*
- 05136.4 USB American Red Cross Disaster (F-93) \*\*
- 05141.4 USB American Red Cross Disaster (F-94) \*\*
- 05211.0 USB FEMA
- 05236.0 USB SHARES Coordination Network (nationwide HF voice coordination)
- 06859.5 USB American Red Cross Disaster (F-95) \*\*
- 07507.0 USB USN/USCG hurricane net (pri)
- 07550.5 USB American Red Cross Disaster (F-96 - pri) \*\*
- 07698.5 USB American Red Cross Disaster (F-97) \*\*
- 09380.0 USB USN/USCG hurricane net (sec)
- 10493.0 USB FEMA
- 14396.5 USB SHARES Coordination Network (nationwide HF voice coordination)

\*\* Type-accepted equipment and an issued US FCC license are required to transmit on Red Cross frequencies

## AMATEUR HIGH-FREQUENCY GULF COAST HURRICANE NETS

- 03845.0 LSB Gulf Coast West Hurricane
- 03862.5 LSB Mississippi Section Traffic
- 03873.0 LSB Central Gulf Coast Hurricane
- 03873.0 LSB Louisiana ARES Emergency (night)
- 03873.0 LSB Texas ARES Emergency (night)
- 03873.0 LSB Mississippi ARES Emergency
- 03910.0 LSB Mississippi ARES
- 03910.0 LSB Louisiana Traffic
- 03923.0 LSB Mississippi ARES
- 03925.0 LSB Central Gulf Coast Hurricane
- 03925.0 LSB Louisiana Emergency (altn)
- 03935.0 LSB Central Gulf Coast Hurricane
- 03935.0 LSB Louisiana ARES (health & welfare)
- 03935.0 LSB Texas ARES (health & welfare)
- 03935.0 LSB Mississippi ARES (health & welfare)
- 03935.0 LSB Alabama Emergency
- 03940.0 LSB Southern Florida Emergency
- 03950.0 LSB Northern Florida Emergency
- 03955.0 LSB South Texas Emergency
- 03965.0 LSB Alabama Emergency (altn)
- 03967.0 LSB Gulf Coast (outgoing traffic)





## Field Day 2005

03975.0 LSB Texas RACES  
 03993.5 LSB Gulf Coast (health & welfare)  
 03995.0 LSB Gulf Coast Wx  
 07225.0 LSB Central Gulf Coast Hurricane  
 07235.0 LSB Louisiana Emergency  
 07235.0 LSB Central Gulf Coast Hurricane  
 07235.0 LSB Louisiana Emergency  
 07240.0 LSB American Red Cross US Gulf Coast  
 Disaster  
 07240.0 LSB Texas Emergency  
 07243.0 LSB Alabama Emergency  
 07245.0 LSB Southern Louisiana  
 07248.0 LSB Texas RACES  
 07250.0 LSB Texas Emergency  
 07260.0 LSB Gulf Coast West Hurricane  
 07264.0 LSB Gulf Coast (health & welfare)  
 07265.0 LSB Salvation Army Team Emergency  
 Radio (SATERN)  
 07273.0 LSB Texas ARES (altn)  
 07280.0 LSB NTS Region 5  
 07280.0 LSB Louisiana Emergency (altn)  
 07283.0 LSB Gulf Coast (outgoing only)  
 07285.0 LSB West Gulf ARES Emergency (day)  
 07285.0 LSB Louisiana ARES Emergency (day)  
 07285.0 LSB Mississippi ARES Emergency  
 07285.0 LSB Texas ARES Emergency (day)  
 07290.0 LSB Central Gulf Coast Hurricane  
 07290.0 LSB Gulf Coast Wx  
 07290.0 LSB Texas ARES (health & welfare)  
 07290.0 LSB Louisiana ARES (health & welfare)  
 (day)  
 07290.0 LSB Texas ARES (health & welfare)  
 07290.0 LSB Mississippi ARES (health & welfare)  
 14265.0 USB Salvation Army Emergency  
 Radio(SATERN)(H&W)  
 14300.0 USB Intercontinental Traffic  
 14300.0 USB Maritime Mobile Service  
 14303.0 USB International Assistance & Traffic  
 14313.0 USB Intercontinental Traffic (altn)  
 14313.0 USB Maritime Mobile Service (altn)  
 14316.0 USB Health & Welfare  
 14320.0 USB Health & Welfare  
 14325.0 USB Hurricane Watch (Amateur-to-NHC)  
 14340.0 USB Louisiana (1900)

This year's activities were successful and lots of fun. Here are the results. Congratulations to all that participated.

### ARRL Field Day Entry Form

Call Used: K2AE ARRL/RAC Section: ENY Class: 5A

Participants: 60

Power Source: Generator, Battery, Solar, Alcohol Alternator

Power Multiplier: 2X

### Bonus Points:

100% Emergency power	500
Media Publicity	100
Set-up in Public Place	100
Information Booth	100
Natural power QSOs completed	100
Site Visit by invited elected official	100
Site Visit by invited served agency official	100
Submitted via the Web	50
<b>Total Bonus Points</b>	<b>1,150</b>

### Score Summary:

	CW	Phone	Total	
Total QSOs	401	921		
Total Points	802	921	1723	Claimed Score = 3,446

### Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:

	CW		Phone	
	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)
160m				
80m	95	100	333	100
40m	115	100	232	100
20m	170	100	197	100
15m	21	100	42	100
10m				
6m			84	150
2m			32	150
Other			1	10
Satellite				
GOTA				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>401</b>		<b>921</b>	

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"Transportation and logistics, including volunteer groups coming in, must be done in an orderly manner or we may only add to the chaos and confusion." He requested that ARES members and teams work through their Section Emergency Coordinators (SECs).

President Haynie's complete remarks are on the ARRL Web site <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/-2005/09/01/1/>.

Amateur Radio operators from Texas were deployed this week to New Orleans to assist in the trouble-plagued evacuation of flooding refugees from the Louisiana Superdome. Because of additional flooding, damage to the facility and other problems at the Superdome, authorities conveyed the 25,000 flood evacuees in the sports stadium to the Houston Astrodome and other locations in Texas.

Louisiana Section Emergency Coordinator Gary Stratton, K5GLS, says ham radio communication between Houston and the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, emergency operations center (EOC) September 1 was able to clarify some logistical issues involved with the refugee relocation effort.

While Amateur Radio is providing support in Louisiana for various relief organizations, Stratton said most ham radio efforts to date have gone toward assisting with emergency management and search-and-rescue operations. Stratton says he has ARES members ready to roll once authorities reopen the hardest-hit parishes that have been closed off to outsiders.

"We have people on standby from all over northern Louisiana and from the South Texas Section basically champing at the bit trying to find out when they can go," Stratton told ARRL. "It's a very tough wait." Volunteers have been or will be deployed into areas that are not cordoned off, he said.

Mississippi Section Manager Malcolm Keown, W5XX, says ARES members are active in the three hardest-hit counties--Harrison, Hancock and Jackson. Amateurs there have been using HF, VHF and UHF resources to support emergency management as well as the Red Cross, The Salvation Army and the Baptist Men's Kitchen. They've also been handling considerable health-and-welfare traffic, Keown said.

In combination with his role as an ARES member, Alabama SM Greg Sarratt, W4OZK, this week volunteered at a Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Organization

encampment in Mobile on his state's hurricane-stricken Gulf Coast--and he's using his vacation time to do it. He supported communication for the Red Cross, The Salvation Army and Southern Baptist relief organizations helping to feed flood victims and supply them with necessities.

"There's still a lot of power outages, still a lot of damage--trees down, roads blocked, a lot of streets under water in the downtown Mobile area, and a lot of people who don't have food, electricity or phones here," Sarratt told ARRL. "Until I got down here, I didn't know the magnitude of the Mobile situation." He said Amateur Radio volunteers at the encampment are coordinating on HF with Alabama SEC Jay Isbell, KA4KUN, and providing logistical communication support for Red Cross emergency response vehicles on VHF FM simplex.

Sarratt will head to Mississippi and Louisiana's ravaged coastal areas over the holiday weekend to help out ARES volunteers already there. "Those guys down there have found massive devastation--no power, no cell phones."

The West Gulf ARES Emergency Net remains active on 7.285 MHz days and 3.873 MHz nights, handling emergency and priority traffic only. Health-and-welfare traffic is being handled on 7.290 MHz days and 3.935 MHz nights. The Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN) on 14.265 MHz has begun concentrating on emergency and priority traffic and shuttling health-and-welfare requests to its Web site <http://www.saturn.org>. The Salvation Army also is using Amateur Radio for its tactical communications.

Radio amateurs not involved in emergency communication are being asked to keep the West Gulf Emergency Net and SATERN frequencies clear, plus or minus 5 kHz. ARRL advises that stations not initiate any additional traffic into the storm-affected areas at this time.

The ARRL ARES E-Letter <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/ares-el/> has posted a special edition that contains additional details on Amateur Radio's Katrina response efforts. For more information, including links to report or locate missing individuals, visit the FirstGov.gov Hurricane Katrina Recovery Web page [http://www.firstgov.gov/Citizen/Topics/PublicSafety/Hurricane\\_Katrina\\_Recovery.shtml](http://www.firstgov.gov/Citizen/Topics/PublicSafety/Hurricane_Katrina_Recovery.shtml)

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## ARRL September VHF QSO Party

Everyone is reminded that the September VHF Contest will be held from 2 PM on Saturday September 10th through Sunday 11 PM night. Operations will be on all modes and bands above 50 MHz. On FM no repeater operation is allowed, however contacts can be made on normal FM simplex channels such as 52.525, 146.49, 146.55, 223.50, 446.00 etc. are used with the exception of the 146.52 national 2 meter simplex channel which is not allowed. If this is your first contest try 146.55 FM simplex using the best antenna you can outside or a mobile antenna during the early evening hours or Sunday afternoon between 1-3 PM.

SSB operation is all USB and is around 50.125, 144.200, and 432.100. The QSO exchange is your callsign and your VHF Grid. If you are driving around you are a "Rover" and should use the grid you are currently in. The grids are aligned on one degree of latitude and two degrees of longitude and is typically FN-32, FN33, FN22 or FN23 in this area depending where you live. The vertical east-west dividing line (74 degrees Longitude) goes between FN22 and FN32 goes due north and south of roughly Thruway Exit 25A (I-88) and the North-South dividing line (43 degrees latitude) goes between FN33 and FN 32 runs through the middle of the village of Ballston Spa. The grids further west of there (west of 74 degrees longitude) and north of Galway lake are FN23 and south (of the 43 degree line) are FN-22 and they go down into the Helderbergs. See the May issue of QST or the <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2005/sepvhf.html> for contest details. Consult a topographic map or a GPS for your coordinates. -Dan, [N2UD@arrl.net](mailto:N2UD@arrl.net)

## W2XM looking for information

While looking for information regarding 2AWF's participation in the transatlantic tests, I discovered some facts about other radio pioneers in the Capital District, including a few from the Electric City.

March, 1923, QST carried the results of "the eastbound Transatlantic transmission tests" of Dec. 12-21, 1922. My friend Elmer, 2AWF, was indeed listed as having made it across the pond. I also found entries for 2CKN, 2CKR, and 2GK, all from Schenectady; 2RP, Nassau; and 2XAP, Troy.

Looking in a later issue, QST for May, 1924, one can read "Daylight Transcon at Last." The successful participants were 6XAD and 2ADM. 2ADM was Ernest Hobbs of 757 Chrysler Avenue, Schenectady.

Is there anyone reading this who knew any of these operators?  
Bob Raffaele, 459-8435 [raffaele@nycap.rr.com](mailto:raffaele@nycap.rr.com)

## SWAP

FS: YAESU FT – 757GX II (w/manual, cables and pwr supply) asking \$350.00 YAESU FT – 100 (w/ manual) asking \$300.00 Will bring to September meeting.  
Call Joe K2UF 237-4999 (leave message) cell 852-2345

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## Dues are Due

Please bring your 2006 dues to the next meeting, or send to the address listed on the return label. Your due date is printed on the newsletter label, or in the email that contains the Full Color SARA news electronic edition. Please use the coupon below to help speed up the process for George. If you have any questions contact George Williams, W2CSN @ 377-6188 or [williamg@tardis.union.edu](mailto:williamg@tardis.union.edu)



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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 _____
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Phone _____	Signature _____	
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**VE Registration (518) 370-1350**

## Activity Calendar

### September

10-11 [ARRL September VHF QSO Party](#)  
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12 [SARA Meeting](#) ARRL OO Program  
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### October

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### November

5-7 [ARRL November Sweepstakes \(CW\)](#)  
7 [SARA Meeting](#)  
19-21 [ARRL November Sweepstakes \(Phone\)](#)

### 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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