

SARA NEWS

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SARA General Meeting, October 3rd, 2005 at 7:00PM, Niskayuna High School New Cafeteria

DXing Penguins!

The October SARA meeting will visit the perverse world of exotic DXpeditions from two of the more far flung and interesting places in the world. Looking at magazine articles it is easy to forget that not all of these DX operations with rare callsigns involve sandy beaches, five star hotels, "boat drinks" and Jimmy Buffet music in the background!

Some DXpeditions harken of real adventure and remind one of travel as it used to be a century ago where life was real and conditions harsh. A few years ago a group of dedicated hams decided to operate from the South Sandwich VP8THU and South Georgia Island VP8GEO giving those of us in less exotic locations a chance at some real DX. But operating through a big DX pile up was certainly not the only challenge to the hardy band of hams who do these kinds of remote operations. The "Micro-lite Penguins DXpeditions Team" shows us how it is done; including the world spanning logistics, travel, exploring long abandoned towns, harsh weather, foreign ships in trouble, equipment selections and close encounters with wildlife on a "different" level than you see on the Discover Channel. While most of us are familiar with our own SARA field day operations, DXpeditions from places on the other end of the world like this are really very different!

Even if you have never been interested in low band DXing in your life, you will find this video presentation an interesting experience.

SARA meetings begin at 7:00 PM in the new cafeteria to the right and in the rear of the Niskayuna High School. You are reminded that there is no smoking in or around any school buildings.

SARA Board Meeting

The SARA Board meeting will be Wednesday, September 28th, 2005 at 7:00p m on the Union College Campus in the EE building, next to the W2UC Room, N-106A. SARA Members and invited guests are welcome to attend, please RSVP to President Dan Whelan n2ud@arrl.net 895-2754

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 3 to help speed up the process for George. If you have any questions contact George Williams, W2CSN @ 377-6188 or williamg@tardis.union.edu



Board Meeting

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association
Board Meeting September 8, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President, Dan Whelan, N2UD at 6:30PM in lab room N106 just outside the W2UC shack on the Union College Campus.

Attendees: President, Dan Whelan, N2UD
Vice-President, Hal Post, AK2E
Treasurer, George Williams, W2CSN
Director, Rudy Dehn, W2JVF
Member, Jay Freud, K2QNU

Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes as published in SARA News. Motion accepted.

Treasurer's Report: George Williams, W2CSN, presented the Treasurer's Report. It was accepted by the board. A draft budget for 2005-2006 was presented with only minor changes from the previous year. The new budget was tabled to discuss at the next board meeting.

Correspondence: None recorded.

New Members: There were no new members but George mentioned there were quiet a few renewals in the last two meetings.

Membership: No Report.

Public Service: No Report

Programs: Upcoming meeting topic and future programs was discussed.

Public Relations: No report.

Newsletter: Dennis and Michelle, N2LBT and KC2NMV reported that they mailed 78 copies of SARA News and Emailed 63.

RFI: No items to report

Repeater Committee: No report.

VE Sessions: No Report

Old Business: Field Day – More items were discussed.

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

There was a discussion of the day, time and location of the board meetings and the day and time will now be the Wednesday before

the regular meeting at 7pm, a location change from Union College will be discussed next board meeting. There was also a discussion of the board of agenda and the SARA standing committees.

Jay Freud raised the issue of financially supporting the Red Cross in disaster relief efforts, there was no board action but Dan Whelan said he would mention individual support of disaster relief at the regular meeting.

The board meeting ended at approximately 7:30 pm.
Submitted by *Dan Whelan*

General Meeting Clarification

For clarification the meeting begins at 7pm. Sometime over the past few years we started giving two times, one when the meeting begins and another when the program begins, which is more than a little confusing to some. Since SARA does not conduct a lot of business at its meetings other than event and club announcements we have a much shorter amount of time between the actual start of the meeting and the main program compared to some other clubs. So unless there is some reason for another start time such as a special long presentation, our "normal" meetings will start at 7 PM as they have traditionally for many years. Depending on the night we will start the main presentation after some brief announcements. So please arrive about on time to avoid disrupting others or even a little bit early to visit with friends.

One important thought is to not sit near the doors and next to the vending machines, our presentations are almost always way on the other side of the room near the screen. It is not fair to expect our speakers to shout to you from 40 feet away and be heard over the vending machine refrigeration unit right next to you with over 50 vacant chairs much, much closer. Also, unless you have "superman's eyes" it is difficult to see the projector screen that far away. The reason we are in the large room we are in is because we MIGHT have 100+ people attend our meeting, however 30 to 60 is typical and seeing and hearing is absolutely no problem if you sit reasonably close to the screen and speaker. So to enjoy the program use the six or so tables close to the speaker in the middle of the room, not the ones near the machines. The last thought is a rule of thumb if you can't reliably hit the president or VP with a piece of fruit when we get too long winded, you are sitting too far back. I am speaking figuratively of course.

Thanks, *Dan Whelan* - N2UD, SARA President



HURRICANE KATRINA NEWS:

from the Hudson Division "Beacon"

Once again ham radio operators were there to help when disaster struck. Some of us had a chance to show that ham radio is the only hobby that can save lives. Below is a list of sites that contain articles about the part ham radio played in helping people. ARRL HQ had a number of staff working over the Labor Day weekend manning the phones at Newington and filling emergency requests. They coordinated sending radio equipment into the area and our web site was used to find and coordinate volunteer response. While FEMA may have been a mess ARRL certainly was not. Check out the sites listed below for more information and visit www.arrl.org for the latest news. There is a special Katrina News section.

Great Local TV Coverage:

http://easylink.playstream.com/katu/050831ham_operator_530pm.wvx

Christian Science Monitor article:

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2005/0915/p12s02-stss.html>

2005 Hudson Division Award Winners Selected

from the Hudson Division "Beacon"

Be there with us on Saturday night, November 12th, at the Elk's Lodge in Park Ridge, New Jersey to honor our recipients. It promises to again be a fun event with loads of door prizes. Dinner tickets are \$45 a plate. We are also accepting ads for the journal. Information will be available shortly on the division web site.

<http://hudson.arrl.org/>

Here is a list of those getting awards this year: Amateur of the Year, Tom Raffaelli - WB2NHC (nominated by Lyle Anderson, KC2LCA and Rich Sandell, WK6R) Technical Achievement, Ulrich Rohde - N1UL (nominated by Mario Karcich, K2ZD (2004) Grand Ole' Ham, Frank Fix - K2AW (Nominated by Bill Hellman - NA2M) Lew Malchick, N2RQ (Nominated by Martin Smith - KA2NRR) The committee decided to grant two Grande Ole' Ham awards this year. The Committee was unanimous about awarding both Frank Fix and Lou Malchick the Grand Ole Ham award.

SWAP

Yaesu FT-757GXII

FS: YAESU FT – 757GX II (w/manual, cables and power supply) asking \$350.00 Call joe@k2uf.com 237-4999 (leave message) or cell 852-2345

Tower Sections

Used Rohn 25 @ \$40.00 and used Rohn 45 @ \$75.00
365-1384 John, N20JY john@leonardcommunications.com

Station For Sale

Kenwood TS-450S Transceiver-Mint condition
Astron RS-35M Power Supply-Mint condition
Cushcraft R-7 Vertical
Yaesu FT-530 Handy Talkie w/ Sp. Mike & Accessories
Hustler Mobile Antenna System
All this and more for \$600 call Sid Zack N2ZKU @346-5433 or 461-5922



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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 _____	
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Activity Calendar

October

3 [SARA Meeting - DXing Penguins!](#)
31 Halloween-Pumpkin Patrol

November

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

December

2-4 [ARRL 160 Meter Contest](#)
5 [SARA Meeting - Holiday Party](#)
10-11 [ARRL 10 Meter Contest](#)

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