

SARA NEWS

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RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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SARA General Meeting, April 3rd , 2006 at 7:00PM, Niskayuna High School New Cafeteria

Spring 2006 SKYWARN Spotter Training

This month's meeting will feature NOAA's National Weather Service Skywarn spotter training. The training is scheduled for 7pm-9:30pm. Please be on time. Pre-registration is requested. Please visit the following page to sign up.

http://cstar.cestm.albany.edu:7775/skywarn/Spring2006/skywarn_entry.htm

If you cannot sign up on the web please call 518-435-9580 and press 7 for SKYWARN Spotter Training

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. Also in the event of bad weather and Niskayuna Schools are closed, the SARA meeting will be cancelled for that night unless otherwise advised. Check the K2AE SARA 147.06 repeater for information.

Broughton Award Nominations

The time is at hand to ask for annual nominations for the Broughton Award. This award was established by

the family of Henry Primm Broughton, K2AE, (silent key) an early electronics pioneer, active ham and past President of SARA. The award is usually given in June to an area ham who has made important contributions to SARA or the entire amateur community as a whole. These awards usually denote a long term commitment to assisting the goals of amateur radio. Recipients are traditionally selected by a committee of former Broughton Award recipients who this year will include Dan Whelan N2UD n2ud@arrl.net, Hal Post AK2E ak2e@arrl.net and Dennis Hudson N2LBT n2lbt@n2lbt.com. If you are aware of someone who you would like to nominate, contact one of these members with the person's name, callsign and a brief description of the contributions made to the club and hobby over their career.

Public Service

Contact Ken Clikeman AA2CW to sign up for these activities at 861-6825 free2aa2cw2000@yahoo.com
May 7th - Crop Walk noon - Meet at McDonald's on Union Street
May 20th - Niskya Day 7:30am - Meet at Friendly's - Balltown Rd
May 24st - Scotia Parade 5:30pm - Meet at Dunkin Donuts in Scotia



Board Meeting

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association
Board Meeting March 1st, 2006 Minutes

Board Meeting called to order by N2UD at 7:05 PM. Note the secretary was unavailable so the notes of Board minutes taken by Hal AK2E and Dan N2UD. Board members present President Dan Whelan N2UD, VP Hal Post AK2E, Treasurer George Williams W2CSN, Rudy Dehn W2JVF and observing Bill Mischler KG2AC, Raleigh Keeter K2RI and Antjo Deeksen-Post KC2DTP.

Motion to accept last month's meeting minutes AK2E 2nd W2CSN.

Correspondence received this month included ARRL ENY Section correspondence about BPL receiving funding from NY State urging to membership to send letters in opposition to this use of state funds.

Treasurers Report was presented by George W2CSN with motion to accept from AK2E and 2nd W2JVF. There were no new members to report this month.

Committees: Reports or minor comments were given by those present for each of the committees. Under the TVI RF Interference Committee, Rudy W2JVF noted a persistent RFI problem in Rotterdam by broadcast AM station WGY getting into the new ham gear of a nearby ham and causing problems that cause it not to transmit properly it appears to be a design problem since there is a high RF field in the area of a mile or so near the AM stations Antenna, Bill Mischler KG2AC reported that the requests for SARA Volunteer Exams had been fairly quiet and that the FCC fee for an exam has been raised to \$14.

Old Business: This included a report to the board by Dan N2UD noting that there was not sufficient interest at the last SARA meeting to have a bus to the Rochester Hamfest. This might be revisited for another activity in future, according to the report. Field Day was discussed and a chair or cochair person is still needed.

There was interest in Field Day by about a dozen people at the February meeting sign up sheet. The Nominating Committee is provided for under the SARA bylaws and this year is headed by Hal AK2E and he noted he is working on a slate of officers for the next year, that will be provided by the May meeting. The topic of refreshments at meetings was brought up and Bob Raffelle W2XM has made an offer to arrange for coffee at some SARA meetings. The board accepted this offer on a temporary basis through the June meeting with the specification that this should be self funding by those who partake.

New Business: New business included the board acting on a Niskaday Committee offer that Raleigh K2RI brought to SARA for a table at the May 20th 10am-4pm day long event. After some discussion of this the board tentatively accepted recognizing there may be some staffing issues depending on how many hams were available. The Broughton Award Committee and status was discussed and Hal AK2E, Dan N2UD and Dennis N2LBT will be part of this year's committee. Additional nominees will be sought for this year's award plus any previously nominated from last year.

The SARA Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

ARRL Field Day June 24-25

SARA has been an active participant in the annual ARRL Field Day every year since the event began in the 1930s. This year will be no exception, so mark your calendar for the weekend of June 24 through 25th. Also if you have been to some field days and have some experience in how things should go, please consider stepping up to the plate and helping organize this year's event. See one of the club officers at the next meeting for details.

Board Meeting

The next meeting of the SARA Board will be Wednesday March 29th, 2006 at the Niskayuna H.S. in one of the classrooms around the corner from where



we regularly meet in the new cafeteria. The time will be 7 P.M. Routine business more or less with SARA Field Day effort organization as the upcoming important item this month. SARA Members and invited guests are welcome to attend, please RSVP to President Dan Whelan n2ud@arrl.net 895-2754.

work with them in times of need. These goals are by no means the only topics allowed for discussion. Anything HAM radio.

Please spread the word! The more people participate, the more you benefit.

Home Page: <http://near.150m.com>

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According To Nasa We May Have Hit The Bottom Of The Cycle *from the March Beacon*

According to NASA Science News for March 6, 2006 something's happening on the sun: all the sunspots have vanished. Solar physicists say this is a sign that solar minimum has arrived.

FULL STORY at http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2006/06mar_solarminimum.htm?list857841

Tower Sections

Used Rohn 25 @ \$40.00 and used Rohn 45 @ \$75.00 365-1384 John, N2OJY john@leonardcommunications.com

Area Club news

Local group starts new email reflector

NORTH EAST AMATEUR RADIO has created a new email reflector on Google.

This reflector has been created for the purpose of promoting HAM radio here in the great NorthEast. Please feel free to post your club news, hamfests and tailgates, special events and club projects. Need an ELMER? Working on a piece of equipment that's giving you a hard time? Time to upgrade your license? Need some help with software on your computer? Finally going to hang that new big dipole? Looking for a little goody to complement your shack?XYL says it's time to clean out the garage? You get the idea.

NEAR hopes to foster cooperation among the HAMS to address some of our regional concerns with respect to emergency communications too. To date no disaster has respected any geo-political boundaries. It's nice to know your neighbors before you have to



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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

3 SARA Meeting
4 144 Mhz Sprint 7pm-11pm
12 222 MHz Sprint 7pm-11pm
20 432 MHz Sprint 7pm-11pm

May

1 SARA Meeting
7 Crop Walk
20 Niskaday Parade
24 Scotia Parade

June

5 SARA Meeting
10-12 ARRL June VHF QSO Party
24-25 ARRL Field Day

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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