

SARA NEWS

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SARA General Meeting, June 5th , 2006 at 7:00PM, Niskayuna High School New Cafeteria

Public Service

submitted by Raleigh Keeter, K2RI

May has seen an increase in public service activities and SARA members recently provided communications in support of the CROP Walk in Schenectady and for the parade on Niska-Day.

The CROP Walk was held on May 7, 2006 and the weather could not have been better for the event. An estimated 800 walkers took part in the 5k walk in the area of Schenectady's Central Park and helped to raise funds to feed the hungry locally and around the world. Everything went smoothly but arrangements were made to have one walker, who became tired and did not wish to finish, picked up and brought back to the starting point. The hams taking part were: Don, W2CJO; Rudy, W2JVF; Clark, KG2AO; Ken, AA2CW and Raleigh, K2RI.

The weather for the Niska-Day parade on May 20 was not as good as it was cool, cloudy and windy. Fortunately, the showers held off until after the parade was finished. No problems were reported over the air and the large crowd enjoyed the parade and other events. The hams involved were: Don, W2CJO; Sid, W2SID; Bill, W2DHT; Millie, KB2SWR; Clark, KG2AO; Ken, AA2CW; George, W2CSN; Bill, KG2AC; Ramsey,

KB2GMW; Hal, AK2E and Raleigh, K2RI.

SARA had a table in the information tent at Niskayuna High School during the afternoon of Niska-Day to provide the public with information about amateur radio. The kids seem to enjoy trying to send their names with a code oscillator and straight key and there were interesting conversations with a number of the adults who stopped by the table. One father was heard to explain to his kids when they saw the straight key, "That is the way people used to communicate with each other."

One gentleman explained how he remembered his father, who was a ham, using a spark gap transmitter on the air. Another interesting conversation about emergency activities was with a gentleman who formerly worked with FEMA, but now is with New York SEMO.

Annual Business Meeting

This month will be the Annual Business Meeting and will include the election of 2006-2007 SARA Officers, an award presentation, and a representative from the ARRL. There will be a discussion of upcoming Field Day operations on the weekend of June 24th. This will be the last meeting before field day so bring your questions for George and you can sign up for your favorite activity.



Board Meeting

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association
Board Meeting April 26, 2006 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President, Dan Whelan, N2UD, at 7:06 PM in the New Cafeteria at Niskayuna High School.

Attendees: President, Dan Whelan, N2UD, Vice-President, Hal Post, AK2E, Treasurer, George Williams, W2CSN, Secretary, Ramsay D. Seielstad, KC2GMW, Director, Joe Clement, K2UF, Director, Bob Saltzman, WB2ARK, Member, Raleigh Keeter, K2R, Member, Paul Siemers, WY2F, Member, Bill Mischler, KG2AC, Member, Tim Long, W2UI

Minutes: George Williams, W2CSN, made the motion to accept the minutes as published, Hal Post, AK2E, seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: George Williams, W2CSN, presented the Treasurer's Report. Ramsay Seielstad, KC2GMW, made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Hal Post, AK2E, and it passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Ramsay D. Seielstad, KC2GMW, reported since the last Board Meeting due to his schedule he had not been to the post office box.

New Members : George Williams, W2CSN, notified the board that Jessica Hayashi, KC2ONC, had paid dues at the last meeting. George Williams, W2CSN made a motion to welcome Jessica to the club, Ramsay Seielstad, KC2GMW, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and we warmly welcome Jessica, KC2ONC, to the SARA family.

Public Service: The Crop Walk is Sunday, May 7th; Niska-Day Parade, Saturday, May 20th and the Scotia Memorial Day Parade, Wednesday, May 24th. To volunteer or for further information contact Kenneth Clikeman, AA2CW, Phone: (518) 861-6825 or via email: free2aa2cw2000@yahoo.com

Programs: Hal Post, AK2E, reports the May program topic will be Power Supplies and be presented by Don Hornbeck, K1EER. Hal also reported that Frank Fallon, N2FF, would not be able to attend the June meeting. However, we will have the pleasure of Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF, Vice Director of the Hudson Division joining us for the meeting.

Public Relations: Ramsay Seielstad, KC2GMW, volunteered to craft the Filed Day 2006 Press Release and deliver it to the local news outlets in the Capital Region

Newsletter: As another year comes to a close and this being the last newsletter published until late August, the Board sincerely thanks Dennis Hudson, N2LBT, for going above and beyond in editing, publishing and getting the newsletter delivered every month.

We also would like to encourage members to take some time over the summer and write an article on an area of interest in radio communications. for next years newsletters. Maybe you can add to an article you recently saw in the newsletter, share a story of a moment of operations you really enjoyed or submit something you haven't seen published that would be new and interesting to your fellow club members.

VE Sessions: Bill Mischler, KG2AC, reports that for there will be a session held Monday night.

Old Business: Nominating Committee – Hal Post, AK2E, reports the candidates nominated for the 2006-2007 Board of Directors are as follows: President, Hal Post AK2E; Vice President, no candidate; Treasurer, George Williams W2CSN; Secretary, Rudy Dehn, W2JVF; Directors, Bill Mischler, KG2AC, Bob Saltzman, WB2ARK, James Stewart, K2PK, Frank Simon, WB2PUH and Dan Whelan, N2UD.

George Williams, W2CSN, has volunteered to chair the Field Day 2006 committee. Please check the SARA website <http://www.k2ae.org/> and review the tasks available. Sign up for one you are interested in filling and while you're there, sign up for an operating slot. You can email George, W2CSN, with your preferred tasks and operating time at williamg@tardis.union.edu

New Business: Dan Whelan, N2UD, reported he has formally appointed the Chairperson of the Broughton Award Committee for this year, the committee members have been selected and the committee is progressing in the selection process.\

Bob Saltzman, WB2ARK, made a motion to adjourned the meeting at 8:31 PM, Hal Post, AK2E, seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted, Ramsay D. Seielstad, KC2GMW,
Secretary



ARRL Field Day June 24-25

This year, Field Day will be on the weekend of June 24 & 25 so mark your calendar. This has been the major operating event for SARA for many years and it is a great way to acquaint prospective hams with a chance to see amateur radio in operation. It is also a great chance to get in some operating on all of the bands, no matter what your license class. As always this is an activity that requires a lot of help to put together so consider pitching in if you haven't before and of course if you are an old hand at this....we need you! More details at this upcoming meeting.....

Board Meeting

The next meeting of the SARA Board will be at the usual time and usual place. That is Wednesday before the regular meeting which falls on May 31, 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.SARA Members and invited guests are welcome to attend, please RSVP to President Dan Whelan n2ud@arrl.net 895-2754.

SWAP

Antenna, rotor, and tower for sale

Approximately 55 feet. Rotator with control box and cable, tilt over base, Tri bander TA33JR beam. You can also have all the cables, All the steel guide cables I have, Cable is plastic coated, all turn buckles It has to be taken down no later than the end of June. All for \$125.00, very cheap at this price Jack WA2YBM 869-1074 or villager@nycap.rr.com

Antennas Available

3 El. 20 M Yagi, W2PV design, 26 ft. boom, separate 2 in. x 22 ft. boom, 5/8 wave 2 M vertical call Jim, N2BGK (518) 654-6806

Yaesu FT-757GXII

FS: YAESU FT – 757GX II (w/manual, cables and

power supply) Reduced \$250.00 Call joe@k2uf.com 237-4999 (leave message) or cell 852-2345

Kenwood 530 Manual

Kenwood TS-530SP HF Transceiver Manual in Very Good condition. There is no writing on it, also the full schematic is completely intact. I'm asking \$10, obo or trade. Contact Kevin @ 518-899-4238 (h) 473-7807 (w) 258-7532 (cell) or e-mail KGruc@dmv.state.ny.us

Tower Sections

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

Free QST collection

FREE to anyone who will take my entire collection of QST issues from 1962 to the present. Bill, W2PX, 399-3112, wcoffey1@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*	\$ _____
*New Members Only		
Name _____	Call _____	
Nickname _____	Class _____	
Street _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip _____
E-mail _____		
Phone _____	Signature _____	
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Activity Calendar

June

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

July

8-9 IARU HF World Championships Rules

August

5-6 ARRL UHF Contest
19-20 ARRL 10 GHz and Up 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

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