

# SARA NEWS

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SARA General Meeting, September 11th , 2006 at 7:00PM, Niskayuna High School Cafeteria

## **Presentation On The New York Marathon By Steve Mendelsohn -W2ML**

This month's meeting will feature a presentation on the New York Marathon by Steve Mendelsohn W2ML. Steve is a well-known long time ham and he is president of the NJ DX Association and has been active in the ARRL. He will have an interesting perspective on this major NYC public service event which presents a significant communications and logistical challenge. The meeting will be at 7 PM at the Niskayuna High School in the new cafeteria toward the rear of the building. Use the parking to the right and toward the rear of the school as you come in from Balltown Road.

## **Sara Election Of Officers And Directors For 2006-2007**

The June Meeting of SARA is our annual business and awards meeting which includes the election of a slate of officers and board members as provided for in our bylaws. A slate of officers is put together by the nominating committee and published in SARA news in May and voted on in the June meeting. Under the bylaws the outgoing past president (Dan Whelan N2UD) becomes a director for the following year, however this year Dan filled the VP vacancy and as such an additional director was elected to keep the

correct compliment of directors. The members of SARA elected the following officers and directors for the 2006-2007 year: President - Hal Post AK2E, Vice President - Dan Whelan N2UD, Treasure - George Williams W2CSN, Secretary - Rudy Dehn W2JVF, Board of Directors: Bill Mischler KG2AC, Bob Saltzman WB2ARK, James Stewart K2PK, Frank Simon WB2PUH

## **Steve Pertgen W2FXJ, SK**

Steve was the Data Acquisition Program Manager for the National Weather Service in Albany NY. He was a volunteer at Schodack Landing Firehouse. Most of us know Steve as trustee of WX2ALY and active MARS and HF ham radio operator. Steve and I have spent many a late night running nets, special event stations and even trapped at the Airport in a snowstorm. Steve was a great person, a great ham and good friend. He will be greatly missed.

## **John Herring, K2TNC SK**

John died Aug. 25 at Baptist Retirement Home in Scotia after being in failing health for several months. When he was hale and hearty he was active in ARES and RACES . At one time, he was radio officer for the ham station at the Schenectady chapter of Red Cross.

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## VHF and UHF Operations Over the Summer

Quite a few of SARA's members kept busy on the VHF through Microwave bands over the summer. Two big contests happened, the June VHF contest and the UHF Contest in early August. Many of our members participate from home stations, big multi operator stations such as W2SZ or traveling on the road to various "Grids" to give points from sparsely populated areas. Some of our members who operated as "UHF/Microwave Rovers" during the August UHF Contest included KB2HQ, N2UD, N2LBT and many others. Pictured here is Phil KB2HQ and Dan N2UD operating as rovers on 10GHz and 24GHz from the roadside in typical rover style..fortunately it was sunny that day and not raining like it sometimes does!



### Reminder September VHF Contest

Just a reminder that the September VHF contest will be the on the weekend before the SARA meeting starting at 2pm on Saturday September 9 and running through 11 pm on Sunday September 10th. Operations will be on all bands and modes from 6 meters up through the microwave bands.

Those with even just an FM mobile rig or home station with a modest antenna can try their hands by going to the FM (simplex only - no repeaters) frequencies in each band. On Two meters the use of 146.52 (the national simplex calling frequency) is excluded, but adjacent frequencies such as 146.55 and 146.58 simplex have a fair amount activity. You will also find VHF contest activity on FM on 52.525, 223.5 and 446.0 as well. Of course those with multi-mode SSB/CW rigs will find activity all around 50.200, 144.200 and 432.100 MHz.

The exchange to make contest contacts will include your

call and "grid square". Local grid squares are "FN32" Schenectady County east of Thruway/I-88 exit 25A, eastern Albany County, and the southern part of Saratoga County south of Ballston Spa; "FN33" in Saratoga north of Ballston Spa, Washington and southern Warren Counties; "FN22" for Western Schenectady County west of Thruway Exit 25A for I88 and Amsterdam area; "FN23" in Parts of Saratoga north and west of Galway as well as Fulton Country.

For more complete details on this and all other ARRL sponsored contests and operating events go the website [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

### 2006 Broughton Award Recipients

Each year SARA recognizes an amateur who has distinguished themselves through service to the Amateur Radio community over a period of time. This award is named for Henry Primm Broughton (Silent Key) who was a pioneer in radio communications as well as a founding member and past president of SARA. His call K2AE later became

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SARA's club callsign. The Broughton award and its selection criteria is established in the SARA bylaws and it has been funded by a grant from the Broughton family. This prestigious award was conferred to two individuals this year since there was not a recipient in 2005. The first recipient this year was Ken Clikeman AA2CW, who has been a long time organizer and supporter of public service events and emergency net operations. Our second recipient was George Williams W2CSN, who has served the SARA club in a variety of capacities, assisted in many club activities and special events through the years.

## Special Recognition Awards Given

This year the SARA board identified four members who were to be recognized for their very special work they have done for the club and amateur radio over the years. Rudy Dehn - W2JVF and Raleigh Keeter - K2RI were both recognized for their long term service to SARA and amateur radio. Both have been active for years in supporting or organizing literally hundreds of SARA activities including public service events, emergency communications, technical presentations and educational activities. Clark Gittinger - KG2AO and Millie Gittinger - KB2SWR were both recognized for their service to SARA in a variety of areas. Especially noted were their efforts in recent years organizing SARA's social activities such as SARA's annual holiday party and SARA's 75th anniversary celebration.



**2006 Broughton Award Recipients**  
George Williams W2CSN, Ken Clikeman AA2CW

## Saratoga Races Hamfest Saturday September 9th

The area's largest local hamfest will be held once again this year by the Saratoga RACES club on Saturday September 9th, 2006 from 7am to 3pm. This hamfest features a radio direction finding "fox hunt", VE ham exams at 9:30 am, vendors and a large area for a flea market both under cover and tailgating. There is also food available on premises and there are always some great door prizes. The hamfest is held at the Saratoga County Fairgrounds which is on Prospect Ave in Ballston Spa NY a few blocks west of downtown. Talk in is usually on the 146.40/147.00 & 147.84/147.24 repeaters. You can check out their website at <http://wa2umx.net>



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Spouse	\$5.00	\$ _____
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Repeater Donation		\$ _____
Initiation Fee	\$5.00*	\$ _____
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## Activity Calendar

### September

9-10 ARRL September VHF QSO Party  
9 Saratoga Hamfest 7am - 3pm  
11 SARA Meeting 7:30pm

### October

2 SARA Meeting

### November

4-6 ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW)  
6 SARA Meeting

### 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