

SARA NEWS

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SARA General Meeting, Monday May 7th , 2007 at 7:00PM, Niskayuna High School Cafeteria

Official NWS Skywarn Training

Presented by John Quinlan

John Quinlan is a Meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Albany, NY. He received his B.S. in Meteorology in 1984 from Lyndon State College and his M.S. in Meteorology in 1987 from Rutgers University. He has been involved in many areas of operational research including severe local storms, hydrology and winter weather. He has also helped develop the Snow Accumulation Algorithm for National Weather Service Doppler Radar (WSR-88D) and helped communities prevent flooding by conducting ice jam mitigation training. He has also conducted numerous Storm Damage Surveys including damage surveys of the Great Barrington and Mechanicville tornadoes and as SKYWARN Coordinator for the National Weather Service in Albany has given over 200 SKYWARN Spotter Training Sessions and overseen the training of over 6000 SKYWARN Spotters.

<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/aly/Skywarn.htm>

This training requires pre registration, please visit the registration page:

<http://cstar.cestm.albany.edu:7775/skywarn/Register.htm>

The meeting will begin promptly 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.

Public Service

Volunteers are needed for the following events. Please contact Ken Clikeman, AA2CW by phone at 861-6825 or free2aa2cw2000@yahoo.com to register.

- May 6th 2007 Crop Walk Meet at 11:30 AM at the McDonald's on Union Street
- May 19th 2007 Niska-Day Meet at 7:30 AM at Friendly's on Balltown Road
- May 23rd 2007 Scotia Parade Meet at 5:30 PM at the Dunkin' Donuts in Scotia

Broughton Memorial Award

The Broughton Award Committee, (George W2CSN, Dan N2UD, Hal AK2E), is accepting written nominations for this years Broughton Award. Nominations should contain candidates name, a brief biography and reasons why the nominee should receive the award.

The Broughton Memorial Award is presented to a Person for exemplary service to Amateur Radio, To the Public, and to SARA.



Board Meeting

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association
Board Meeting, April 11th 2007

Attendees:

President, Hal Post, AK2E
Vice President, Dan Whelan, N2UD
Treasurer, George Williams, W2CSN
Secretary, Rudy Dehn, W2JVF
Director, Bob Sattzman, WB2ARK
Director,, Frank Simon, WB2PUH
Director, Jim Stewart, K2PK

President Post called the meeting to order at 7:15PM

Secretary's Report: SARA is signed up to have a table at Niskaday, May 29. DVD of activities of N.Cal. DX Assoc. received. Inventory of WB2OCZ (sk) gear completed.

Treasurer's Report: Income and expenditures continue to track the budget.

Old Business :

Broughton Scholarship: Letter to ARRL delineating change of categories of qualified institutions is still in the works.

Broughton Award: The committee received several nominations.

Programs: Bob Raffaele, W2XM spoke an audience of 40 on antenna matching using coax stub and line length. He explained use of Smith chart. May meeting will be a SKYWARN training session. John Quinlen from Albany NWS will present the program. All members that will attend, please register at <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/aly/Skywarn.htm>

SARA 77TH Anniversary Event Station: The special event is now scheduled for Sunday, April 22, 2007, 7AM to 5 PM, (EST), 80 & 20 M, CW and SSB. SARA members to operate from home QTH . Sign ups for operations continue to be solicited. Operators without HF station capability may wish to man W2UC at Union College.

Field Day: Preliminary plans are under way in order to avoid last minute crunch. The board is seeking a member volunteer to coordinate the activities.

SARA News Editor: Dennis, N2LBT our stalwart editor wishes to be relieved of that duty next year. He will coach anyone interested in the mechanics of that operation.

Niskaday, May 29: Hal will get material from ARRL to pass out. We need volunteers to man the table. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

New Business :

Discussion with Niskayuna HS will be undertaken to insure a meeting room for next year.

Possibility of publishing a new roster of membership was discussed but not action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by Rudy Dehn, W2JVC

Memorial for John Herring, K2TNC, SK

Will be held at First Reformed Church, Schenectady 2PM Sat. June 9. John was a long time member of SARA, ARES and RACES. John passed last August.

SWAP

Tower - 35 ft. fold-over. **Free.** You take down. Location Bolton Landing. Rudy, W2JVF 372-6139 or W2JVF@juno.com for details.

FREE: To anyone who will remove from my home over 50 years of continuous issues of QST, all in good condition. 1-518-399-3112 wcoffey1@nycap.rr.com

For sale: KDK 440 MHz fm mobile xcvr. PL board. For details and/or digital pix contact ng2t.jeff@yahoo.com or phone 518.993.5207. Price: \$100

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A great loss, Howard L. Lester, W2ODC SK

From Times-Union April 20th 2007

Lester, Howard Leroy ALPLAUS Howard Lester passed away on April 16, 2007. He was born in Troy, N.Y. in 1923, to Leroy and Elizabeth Lester. He graduated from Lansingburgh High School in February 21, 1942 he married Ruth Lampman, also of Lansingburgh. With the onset of World War II, Howard joined the United States Navy. He was a resident of Alplaus, N.Y. for over 50 years. After the war, Howard Lester graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, and began a career in Electric Engineering that spanned six decades. He was one of the inventors of color television (at RCA) and tracking radar that locks onto moving targets. He retired from the General Electric Company in 1993 with credit for many patents. He is well known by engineers all over the USA and Europe with whom he has worked on various projects, including a collaboration between General Electric and Ericson of Sweden that was the basis of much of today's cellular telephone networking technology.

Howard's lifetime avocation was Amateur Radio. He was known to many "hams" around the world as W2ODC, and operated a station from his home in Alplaus to the end of his life. His father, brother, and three of his sons have held Amateur Radio licences. He was well known as a knowledgeable, friendly fellow, always ready to lend a helping hand to others both in and out of the world of Amateur Radio. He gave many hours of time helping local, State, and Federal officials solve radio communication problems including the Schenectady Police Department and the Schenectady County Emergency Operations Center. His expertise was valued, and always freely given to the community. He was a member of the Schenectady Amateur Radio Association (SARA), the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), and held both an Amateur Extra Class license and a First-Class Radiotelephone license from the FCC.

Howard Lester was a 51 year member of the Alplaus Volunteer Fire Company. He served for many years as a fire fighter, on the Fire District Board of Commissioners, and in the Fire Police. Howard frequently consulted on radio communications for the fire service in and around Schenectady County. Howard was a communicant of

Calvary Episcopal Church in Burnt Hills. He served as a lay reader and was a member of the church choir. He is survived by his wife Ruth; his brother and sister, Donald Lester (Estelle, dec.) and Margaret Dalheim (James); sons, Carl (Amanda), David (Susan), Donald (Laurie) and Eric (Maureen); eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Howard will be missed by his neighbors and many friends and relatives, close and distant.





Schenectady Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

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

May

6 Crop Walk
7 [SARA Meeting](#)
19 Niskyaday
23 Scotia Parade

June

4 [SARA Meeting](#)
9-11 [June VHF QSO Party](#)
23-24 [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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