

SARA NEWS

**SCHENECTADY AMATEUR
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SARA General Meeting, Monday June 4th, 2007 at 7:00PM, Niskayuna High School Cafeteria

June Business Meeting

The upcoming SARA Meeting will be our annual June business and awards meeting. The meeting will feature our annual report to membership and our annual elections. In addition the meeting will feature our annual Broughton Award and other recognition of members who have assisted the club in various ways throughout the year. In addition there will be an update of SARA Field Day activities coming up on June 22-24. Also depending on the schedule there may also be a visit by the new Schenectady County emergency communications van which may also be available for Field Day.

The meeting will begin 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 Nominating Committee

The SARA Nominating Committee has met and selected a slate of members as nominees that it recommends for the 2007-2008 term. The committee nominates the following:

President: Frank Simon WB2PUH simonf072@strose.edu 477-5255
V. President: James Stewart K2PK k2pk@arrl.net 399-1867
Secretary: Hal Post AK2E ak2e@arrl.net 584-6441
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Director: Bob Saltzman WB2ARK saltzman@nycap.rr.com 370-2222
Director: Dan Whelan N2UD n2ud@arrl.net 895-2754

Note: As required under SARA bylaws the outgoing President shall remain on as a member of board. This year the outgoing President AK2E, has accepted the position of Secretary so four Director candidates have been selected by the Nominating committee. This retains the normal compliment of SARA board members required under the bylaws consisting of four officers and four directors.

Respectfully Submitted:

2007-08 Nominating Committee: N2UD, W2JVF & K2PK

Public Service

Ken reports that K2RI, AA2CW, KC2BLC, KB2SWR, KG2AO, KC2NXC and K2TSA were communication volunteers in the Scotia Parade.

Ken also reports W2SID, W2CSN, K2RI, KG2AC, KB2SWR, KG2AO, KB2TSA, AA2CW, KC2NXC and W2CJO were communication volunteers at Niskaday. Thanks to all for your participation. These events wouldn't run as smooth as they do without us.

Ken AA2CW



Board Meeting

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association
Board Meeting, May 16th 2007

Attendees:

President, Hal Post, AK2E
Vice President, Dan Whelan, N2UD
Treasurer, George Williams, W2CSN
Secretary, Rudy Dehn, W2JVF
Director, Bill Mischler, KG2AC
Director, Bob Sattzman, WB2ARK
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President Post called the meeting to order at 7:15PM

Secretary's Report: Access passes for NISKAYDAY have been received. Also a thank you letter from SICM for communications support for the Crop Walk. Invoice received for increased fee to rent P.O. box 6 at Alplaus was received.

Treasurer's Report: Income and expenditures continue to be well within budget.

Old Business :

June Meeting: Annual business and awards will be the agenda. The EOC C5 van will be on display for members to tour

Special Operating Event: The event was held Apr. 22. AK2E has log of 32 stations. Certificates of participation by stations sending SASE will be prepared.

Newsletter Editor: Dan, N2UD will serve as interim editor until a permanent replacement for Dennis, N2LBT is named.

Nominating Committee: TN2UD reported the committee would complete the slate of candidates in time for publication in June SARA NEWS.

Projection Screen: Bob, WB2ARK, has presented several options for screens that would be portable enough for travel. Decision on action was put on hold until location of meeting venue for 2007-08 is established.

Meeting Location: N2UD will contact Niskayuna H S as well as possible other locations to arrange for meeting space for next year.

K2AE FCC License Trustee: With death of long time trustee, Howard Lester, W2ODC, N2UD will be the Trustee by unanimous vote of the board.

Letter to delinquent members: W2PUH was authorized to mail the letter previously approved.

NiskaDay: W2CSN has sufficient operators to cover the parade. AK2E has brochures from ARRL for distribution at the SARA table at the fair.

New Business :

Identification at Public Events: Options for jackets or vests to identify volunteers at public events were discussed, No action taken.

Presidents' Meeting: AK2E will not be able to attend the next meeting June 2 at Paramus. A substitute is needed.

Microfiche Collection: A collection of microfiches' of past QSTs and other publications has been offered to SARA by KG2GMW. W2PUH will review what is there and report on recommended disposition.

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

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 Note from the President

Hal Post AK2E

Another year quietly slips on by and taking time to reflect back. There have been some changes with the Schenectady Amateur Radio Association.

The big change is that everyone is a year older and so goes the mean age of association membership. This brings several things – more of us have left the work force. There are less people willing to do the necessary functions of the association. Keep in mind that many hands make light work. The Association needs your help no mater how senior your years are.

We all try and bring in newer and younger Armatures into the club. The availability of this resource is getting smaller and smaller year-by-year.

The Internet, cell phones, and texting are the modern way of communications. Personally I do not consider this a hobby, just a new way of communications and a terrific venue for global knowledge resource. It is not a hobby.

I am very active on the Internet; have several favorite websites dealing with propagation, astronomy, physics and meteorology. I have never gained any friendships on these sights. Emails are great, but are we lost if the power goes out or the telephone goes down?

Amateur radio affords us communications during these events, providing emergency communications. How may of us are familiar with formal traffic handling? There are several local and statewide nets available, be it HF or VHF. From past experience I know it is very critical in understanding your own capabilities and the person you are trying to communicate with. This can only come through practice. Emergency Com courses are a basic beginning, but if you have no real-time traffic handling, it's just about useless.

The club has lost several valued members due to their deaths. Howard Lester, John Herring, Chet Ludwin and others. They will all be missed. It's disheartening to lose friends but life goes on.

I would like to thank all the Association officers, board members, and all the members who have helped keep SARA going now for 77 years. Lets keep it going for many more years of friendship.

C U at field day June (22), 23 and 24. Operating is the fun part, set up and tear down is the work part. Please help where you can.

73 de Hal AK2E

From SARA Members at Large

Sid, W2SID reports that Jack (WY2T) and Maryann (N2RPW) have moved lock stock and barrel to Brandon Florida. Jack and Maryann are a long time team that supported local public service communications. We wish them the best and hope the DX is good from there.





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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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July, 2007 through June, 2008

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Standing Committees

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Activity Calendar

June

4 SARA Meeting
9-11 June VHF QSO Party
23-24 ARRL Field Day

July

14-15 IARU HF World Championships

August

4-5 ARRL UHF Contest
18-19 ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest

September

8-10 ARRL September VHF QSO Party
10 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

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