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SARA General Meeting, Monday April 6nd , 2009 at 7:00PM  
in "the Little Theater" Room D-104 at Niskayuna High School

## SKYWARN TRAINING & RECENT MOHAWK RIVER FLOODING

The April SARA Meeting will have a two part program which will feature the National Weather Service conducting a Skywarn Training Program which will be presented by NWS Albany Office representative Steve DiRienzo. The second part of the program will feature Tim Long W2UI Schenectady County RACES Coordinator showing pictures of March flooding on the Mohawk River. The Mohawk River from the Schoharie Creek to the Hudson River is historically a troublesome section of the river subject to annual flooding and which has been a source of much flood damage and even loss of life in the last two decades.

All hams should be aware of the special relationship between the Weather Service and amateur radio throughout the nation and we are pleased that the Schenectady Amateur Radio Association can once again this year sponsor this important training for local hams as well as other non-hams who may wish to attend from around the area. National Weather Service Skywarn "weather spotter" qualification credit will be granted for attending this session. Please bring a pen, pencil and perhaps a notebook. To save time at the meeting you may pre-register for this credit by going to the Albany NWS office website at the following website:

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

### About The SARA Meeting Location

The normal SARA meeting location for 2008-09 is in Niskayuna High School's "Little Theater" Room D-104 which is on a cross hallway between the two wings in the rear of the school. Due to major school construction at the front main entrance of the school there are changes once again this year in parking and the traffic pattern for access to the rear parking lot. Access to the school's rear parking lot can be gained by entering from Nott Street which crosses Balltown just south of the school at the light. Go past shopping mall where Friendly's is a few hundred yards on Nott Street and go into the Niskayuna High School rear entrance which is marked on the left. This entrance leads to the parking lot on the side/rear of the school.

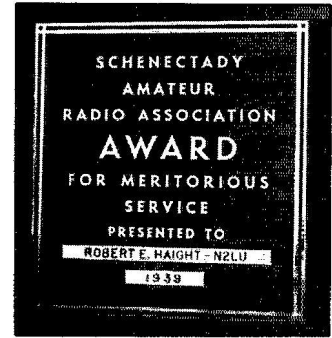
In the event of a major snow storm or another serious condition that cancels Niskayuna High School for evening classes and activities, the SARA meeting will normally be cancelled for that evening. Tune to the SARA K2AE 147.06 repeater for further information about the status of the meeting and if it is to be rescheduled from one of the SARA Officers: Jim - K2PK, Frank - WB2PUH, Hal - AK2E or George - W2CSN or SARA board members: Dan - KC2MER, Bill - KG2AC, Bob - WB2ARK or Bill - KC2NXC.

### UPCOMING FOR MAY SARA MEETING

For the May meeting we tentatively have scheduled Clayton Roberts W1MVV for a talk on how he and Howard Lester W2ODC (SK) found a lost satellite using effects of ionospheric disturbances.

## **2009 BROUGHTON AWARD**

The Schenectady Amateur Radio Association has a long history of assisting the community and recognizing those within our ranks who have served amateur radio in exemplary ways. That history of recognizing those in our midst extends back to early in the SARA club history as is evidenced by the 1939 award which was noted in a 1939 edition of ARRL's QST and which served as a model for other clubs to consider. Along those early lines the Henry Prim Broughton (formerly K2AE) Memorial Award was created after this founding SARA members passing to help recognize those who have served our Amateur radio community, our club and our community. The first award was made in 1960 and since then there have been 51 hams recognized for their service within SARA. The time is approaching once again this year for nominations for this years Broughton Award which is usually awarded at our annual year end June Meeting. This year the Broughton committee is chaired by Paul Siemers W2ZF, Tim Long W2UI, and George Williams W2CRS. Please contact any one of them or Paul at [siemers@crd.ge.com](mailto:siemers@crd.ge.com) make your suggestion for who may be a long time deserving ham to be considered. Below is a listing of the recipients of the Broughton Award from years past.



### *S.A.R.A. Honors Hams*

Robert E. Haight, W2LU, of Schenectady, N. Y., and A.R.R.L. Section Communications Manager, Eastern New York, was awarded on February 6, 1939, the first of a new series of Schenectady Amateur Radio Association awards for meritorious service to amateur radio. The trophy, pictured here, is a handsome silver and black metal shield mounted on mahogany, engraved with the recipient's name, call, and the year in which given.

The idea behind these citations is part of a program proposed by Roy Jordan, W2KUD, to increase greater interest in local ham radio and to engender a greater spirit of enthusiasm and cooperation among S.A.R.A. members. Qualifications include such carefully considered factors as service to the community in time of need — emergency organization and functions; service to the S.A.R.A.; service to ham radio in the community through cooperation with other operators, assistance to younger men just breaking in and enthusiasm and leadership in radio matters. Clubs interested in further details should address inquiries to W2KUD.

## **Henry Primm Broughton Memorial Award Past Recipients**

*Original call shown as awarded with most recent call shown as (newcall)*

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1 1960 Warren Ford, W2GTB sk      | 27 1985 George Chapek, N2AIG                |
| 2 1961 George Tracy, W2EFU sk     | 28 1986 Rudy Dehn, W2JVF                    |
| 3 1962 Earl Houck, W2GTC sk       | 29 1987 Rich Darrah, KA2OPG                 |
| 4 1963 Howard Lester, W2ODC sk    | 30 1988 Hal Post, AK2E                      |
| 5 1963 Sam Johnson, W6BS          | 31 1989 Phil Bradway, KB2HQ                 |
| 6 1964 Ted Goble, K2HNV sk        | 32 1990 Joe Hoffman, KA2AXN                 |
| 7 1965 Hunt Huntington, K2ONF sk  | 33 1991 Bob Janack, WA2DWU sk               |
| 8 1966 Bob Hall, W1DQO            | 34 1992 Dan Whelan, WB2WHD (N2UD)           |
| 9 1967 Frank Douglas, W2AZH sk    | 35 1993 Ray Wemple, KA2DVM                  |
| 10 1968 Charlie Muir, WA2CGD sk   | 36 1994 Tim Long, WB2SPN (W2UI)             |
| 11 1969 Paul Jorgensen, WA2TAG    | 37 1995 Paul Mataruga, WB2MCO *posthumously |
| 12 1970 Paul Tyner, WB2BDB        | 38 1995 Richard Arthur, WV2F                |
| 13 1971 Augie Weiss, WB2NYM       | 39 1996 Don Walsh, WA2TSW                   |
| 14 1972 Harold Hornbeck, K2DLD sk | 40 1997 Mike Gardina, W2ARQ                 |
| 15 1973 Jim Lawson, W2PV sk       | 41 1998 Charlie Haynes, K2VNP sk            |
| 16 1974 Doc Korn, N2XU sk         | 42 1999 Joe Clement, K2UF                   |
| 17 1975 Henry Mitchell, W2CAZ     | 43 2000 Bill Patmos, W2DHT                  |
| 18 1976 Walt Schick, W2KE         | 44 2001 Rob Leiden, KR2L (K1UI)             |
| 19 1977 Raleigh Keeter, K2RI      | 45 2002 John Doblewski, N2OJY               |
| 20 1978 Jim Pontius, W2CPB        | 46 2003 Bob Raffelle, W2XM                  |
| 21 1979 Jack Nelson, W2FW sk      | 47 2004 Dennis Hudson, N2LBT                |
| 22 1980 Bill Schwarting, WR2L     | 48 2005 Ken Clickman, AA2CW                 |
| 23 1981 Dan Murray, W2PKY sk      | 49 2006 George Williams W2CRS               |
| 24 1982 Don Bulger, WB2VJC        | 50 2007 Bill Mischler KG2AC                 |
| 25 1983 Dick Frey, WA2AAU         | 51 2008 Paul Siemers WY2F                   |
| 26 1984 Paul Bachorz, KB2T        | 52 2009 ?                                   |

## SARA BOARD MEETING MINUTES: 11 March 2009

Attending: K2PK, KG2AC, WB2ARK, AK2E

Called to Order 7:10PM by President Stewart

(Note: a quorum was not present.)

### **Secretary's report:**

All in attendance approved as published.

**Treasures' report** – George is in warm and sunny California, no report given.

### **Old business:**

Broughton business was discussed.

Treasures position: The Board is seeking candidates to take the Treasurers position when George (W2CSN) resigns.

Field Day: Unused Field Day equipment was discussed. The 40 foot towers will be open for bidding by the SARA membership. Bids

will be opened at the May board meeting, and the winner or winners will be contacted. Payment will be due by the June membership meeting. The tower or towers will be picked up by the last day of June. If no bids are received the towers will change ownership to the property owner of where the towers are being stored. (This still needs final approval by the majority of the SARA Board)

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:30 PM

Submitted by Hal AK2E  
Secretary

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates	Contest / Hamfest / Event	Location / Website
6 April 2009	SARA Meeting – 7 PM - NWS SKYWARN	Rm.D-104 Niskayuna High School
17-19 April 2009	Eastern VHF/UHF Conference (North East Weak Signal)	Enfield, CT <a href="http://www.newsvhf.com/">http://www.newsvhf.com/</a>
26 April 2009	Mount Beacon ARC <a href="http://www.wr2abb.org">http://www.wr2abb.org</a>	Lagrangeville, NY
9 May 2009	East Greenbush ARA Hamfest (W2EGB)	East Greenbush <a href="http://www.w2egb.org">http://www.w2egb.org</a>
17-19 April 2009	Eastern VHF/UHF Conference (North East Weak Signal)	Enfield, CT <a href="http://www.newsvhf.com/">http://www.newsvhf.com/</a>
1-2 May 2009	Near-Fest Hamfest Deerfield Fairgrounds, NH	Deerfield, NH <a href="http://near-fest.com/">http://near-fest.com/</a>
15-17 May 2009	ARRL National Convention (Dayton Hamvention)	Dayton,OH <a href="http://www.hamvention.org">http://www.hamvention.org</a>
30 May 2009	75 <sup>th</sup> Rochester Hamfest <a href="http://www.rochesterham.org">www.rochesterham.org</a> "	New site: Barnard Carnival Grounds
13-14 June 2009	ARRL June VHF QSO Party	2pm Sat.-11pm Sun.
20 June 2009	ARRL Kids Day	Find a kid and get them on the air!
27-28 June 2009	ARRL Field Day / SARA Field Day	TBA (Probably Glenville?)
11-12 July 2009	IARU HF World Championships	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests/calendar.html">http://www.arrl.org/contests/calendar.html</a>
1-2 Aug 2009	ARRL UHF Contest	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests/calendar.html">http://www.arrl.org/contests/calendar.html</a>

Be sure to check out the ARRL Hamfest calendar for more detailed informations. Go to <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html>

## Ham Equipment Available

**TOWER SECTIONS** - SARA has some field day towers which are now available to our members. The steel tower sections are nominally 10 foot long and 12 inch wide made by American Standard Tower. They have been configured as 40 foot towers for field day for a number of years and are in fairly good condition. They were repainted with anti corrosion tower paint just a few years ago. The towers are disassembled and will require pickup from the Glenville location where they are stored. Those who are interested submit a bid to the SARA board as soon as possible which will evaluate the bids beginning at the May SARA Board meeting.



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