



SARA Meeting December 7 Holiday Dinner at United Buffet

This year the SARA Holiday Dinner will be at United Buffet at the corner of Route 7 and Watt Street in Schenectady, formerly the Old Country Buffet.

As has been the practice for the past few years, dinner is "Dutch treat" and all you can eat. Please pay for your meal, and that of a guest if you would like to bring one, at the register, reportedly \$10.99 for the buffet, 10% discount for seniors, and there are sometimes coupons in the newspaper.

SARA has reserved the meeting room from 6:00 PM until closing (10 p.m.). Please join the group there for a chance to relax with friends and talk radio.

Notice: All members are requested to attend the December 7th Holiday Meeting as there will be a Special Election at the meeting to fill the vacant position of Director on the SARA Board of Directors.

Location: United Buffet at the corner of Route 7 and Watt Street in Schenectady, formerly the Old Country Buffet.

Cancellations: In case of inclement weather, listen in on the SARA 147.060 repeater for meeting status information and whether it is to be rescheduled.

Programs: For the 2009-2010 meetings, Jim, K2PK, is scheduling programs in four different areas to have something of interest for everyone in the club: General Interest in September and again in December, Operating in October, Technical in November, and Emergency Preparedness in January and February (see table below for details). All schedules are subject to change of course. We're looking for ideas for programs or people who have something they would be willing to present. If you have an idea for a program, something you'd like to learn about or speak about, contact Jim, K2PK. Stay tuned for updates.



Meeting	Program
Dec 2009	Special Election and Holiday Dinner at United Buffet
Jan 2010	Traffic and Emergency Nets by Larry Eaton NT2B
Feb 2010	Mohawk River Flooding by Tim Long W2UI
Mar 2010	TBA
Apr 2010	David Sumner, K1ZZ, ARRL CEO
May 2010	TBA
Jun 2010	Annual Business and Awards Meeting

Board Meeting

November 11, 2009, 7:08 to 8:25 PM

LT's Restaurant at Balltown and Nott Street

Present:

President	Dan Fiorillo KC2MER	Board Members	Bill Mischler KG2AC
Vice President	Jim Stewart K2PK		Bob Saltzman WB2ARK
Secretary	Hal Post AK2E		Frank Simon WB2PUH
Treasurer	Tim Long W2UI	Prospective Board	Sid Wolin K2LJH
		Member	

Agenda:

Secretary's report accepted as published.

Treasurer's report accepted.

2009-10 Budget presented and accepted.

Old Business:

Field Day Generator:

No estimate for repair received. The Board is acquiring quotes for a new generator

Repeater:

N2OJY, K2YCA and AK2E will work on getting the 220 repeater back on the air. Also explore purchasing a new repeater controller. John is gathering parts for the 220 machine and Scott is ordering the new controller.

News Letter:

Need an editor – temporarily being filled by Larry NT2B.

Board members are contacting individuals that receive the news letter by mail to find alternate means of getting the SARA News. **This is the last fiscal year that the SARA Newsletter will be available in printed format.**

Membership:

Tim reports that we have 3 new members since last month.



Prospective Board member:

Sid Wolin K2LJH has stepped forward to fill the position. The position must be voted on by the membership at the next general meeting.

If any other members want to run for this position – please contact the Board ASAP.

W2ODC Plaque

Frank is making progress on the plaque. Design is just about completed, additional wording adjustments are in progress.

New Business:

Next Board meeting 16 Dec 2009

April meeting – K1ZZ will be our guest speaker. The board will invite all adjacent clubs to attend the meeting and help enjoy SARA's 80th year.

Submitted by: Secretary Post AK2E

SARA Committees

Antenna Party Committee: Need help with an antenna? This committee is here to help you with talent, knowledge, and a willingness to assist. Contact Tim Long, W2UI, committee chairman. Advice and labor will be freely given. To join this committee, contact committee chairman, Tim Long, W2UI.

Elmer Committee: The Elmer Committee matches up those with a need to know and those willing to share their knowledge and experience. If you'd like to take advantage of the knowledge and experience of others contact Elmer Committee Chairman Tim Long, W2UI. Amateurs interested in joining this team are asked to contact Tim and let him know.

Scholarships Available

The ARRL Foundation administers 53 different scholarships for post secondary education students. Applicants must hold a valid FCC-granted Amateur Radio license and submit their application by February 1, 2010 for the Fall semester. There may be other requirements for specific scholarships. Amounts vary and range from \$500 to over \$5,000.

A list of scholarships, including amount and number of awards, requirements and preferences, as well as applications and instructions is on the ARRL Foundation website at

<http://www.arrl.org/programs/scholarships>.

Henry Broughton, K2AE Memorial Scholarship.

Amongst the scholarships available through the ARRL is the SARA sponsored Henry Broughton, K2AE Memorial Scholarship. One or more (as income permits) awards of \$1,000 may be made each year to General Class amateurs pursuing a baccalaureate or higher course of study in engineering, sciences or similar field at an accredited four-year college or university. A preference is given to those with a home residence within 70 miles of Schenectady, NY.



SARA Facebook Page

Join the SARA members on the Schenectady Amateur Radio Association Facebook page. To join the SARA Facebook group, navigate to facebook.com, enter “Schenectady Amateur Radio Association” in the Search box, and click on Join Group. Quick and easy!

ELECTION NOTICE

A special Election will be held on December 7, 2009 to fill the vacant position of Director on the SARA Board of Directors. Sid Wolin, K2LJH, has decided to run for the vacant position of Director of the SARA Board of Directors.

All members are requested to attend the December 7th Holiday Meeting for the Special Election. The Holiday Meeting will be held at the United Buffet, located at the intersection of Rte. 7 and Watt Street, Schenectady.

Editor and Authors Needed for SARA News

SARA is looking for an editor for the SARA News. If you are interested in being editor of the SARA News please contact any SARA Officer or Director and let them know.

If you would like to write for the SARA News, have an article ready for submission, or have a story idea, contact a club officer, director, or the interim editor. We’re particularly interested in stories about the club, it’s members, and their amateur radio related activities.

SARA Repeaters

Status	ON AIR	ON AIR	OFF THE AIR	ON AIR
Band	6-Meters	2-Meters	1.25-Meters	70-Centimeters
User TX	52.570 MHz	147.660 MHz	222.460 MHz	449.200 MHz
User RX	53.570 MHz	147.060 MHz	224.060 MHz	444.200 MHz

SARA Public Service Events

Thanks to the following amateurs who helped with the **Stockade-athon**, Sunday, November 8, 2009: Ken, AA2CW, Raleigh, K2RI, Bill, KC2NXC, Norm, KG2AO, Kelly, KJ4FAH, Larry, NT2B, Bill, W2DHT, and Sid, W2SID.

SARA provides communications support for a number of events throughout the year. If you’re interested in participating in any of the PSEs, contact Ken, AA2CW. His contact information is on the last page or see him at a Club meeting.



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Coming Events

Contest / Hamfest / Event	Location / Website	Date	Time
SARA Holiday Dinner	United Buffet	Dec 7	6:00 PM
SARA Board Meeting	LT's in Niskayuna	Dec 16	7:00 PM
SARA Meeting	Niskayuna High School	Jan 4	7:00 PM
SARA Board Meeting	LT's in Niskayuna	Jan 13	7:00 PM

SARA Dues Reminder

The SARA membership year runs from July to June and the 2009-2010 dues are due. Have you paid yours? Please use the form on the last page or see Tim, W2UI, Treasurer at the meeting.

Notice - Check the date on the mailing label. If your dues are not paid through 6/30/2010, this is your last issue. Email receivers should ask Tim if you're in doubt.

Correction

Bill Mischler's email address has been listed incorrectly in recent issues of the SARA News. Bill's correct email address (now shown in the directory below) is KG2AC@juno.com. Thanks to Bob Raffaele, W2XM for the correction.

Schenectady County Emergency Net

The Schenectady County Emergency Net (SCEN) meets on Sunday afternoons to train, pass traffic, and any announcements of general interest. The nets are open to all amateurs; ARES/RACES membership is not required to participate.

Section	Frequency	Time (Local)	Net Control
440	444.200 Repeater	1:00 PM	Raleigh K2RI
2-Meter	147.060 Repeater	1:30 PM	Raleigh K2RI
HF	3953 KHz	2:00 PM	Larry NT2B

Sell or Swap

For sale: Yaesu FT-101B transceiver hardly used, \$300. Includes microphone, AC cord, 12 v DC cord, and manual. Freq. range: 1.8 - 30 MHz (160 thru 10 m), 26.9 -27.5 MHz (CB), 10 - 10.5 MHz (WWV). CW power 180 watts. AM power 80 watts.

Contact: Paul LaViolette (gravitics@earthlink.net)

Location: Niskayuna, NY



SARA's Board of Directors 2009-2010

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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 (New Members)	\$ _____

Name _____ Call _____

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July, 2009 through June, 2010