



## SARA Meeting January 4

### Traffic and Emergency Nets

Larry Eaton NT2B will talk about the various traffic and emergency nets we hear on the air in the area. He will focus on the organization of the traffic nets and their relationship to one another, covering the National Traffic System (NTS) and independent nets. He will also speak about some of the local emergency nets. His talk will also cover how to get involved and sources of training materials.

Larry is an experienced traffic handler, has handled traffic on Local, Section, and Region nets, and is Net Control on Second Region at 6:30 on Sunday nights and for the Schenectady County Emergency Net 75-Meter Section. He is a frequent participant in Public Service Events and hospital emergency communications drills, has completed the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course (ARECC) Levels I, II, and III, the ARRL Digital Emergency Communications Course, and is a mentor in the ARECC Program.

**Location:** SARA meetings are held in Niskayuna High School in the "Little Theater" Room D-104. Due to construction access is from the rear parking lot, off Nott Street Extension. Turn onto Nott Street Extension from Balltown Road and drive past the shopping mall on the left. The entrance is on the left side of the road and marked.

**Cancellations:** If Niskayuna High School cancels evening classes and activities the SARA meeting will normally also be cancelled and possibly rescheduled. Listen in on the SARA 147.060 repeater for meeting status information and whether it is to be rescheduled.

**Programs:** Jim, K2PK, has scheduled programs in four different areas for the 2009-2010 meetings to have something of interest for everyone in the club: General Interest, Operating, Technical, and Emergency Preparedness. While this year's calendar is set, we're always looking for ideas for programs or people who have something they would be willing to present. If you have a suggestion for a program, something you'd like to learn about or speak about, please contact Jim, K2PK (see contact information on the last page).

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Meeting	Program
Jan 2010	Traffic and Emergency Nets by Larry Eaton NT2B
Feb 2010	Mohawk River Flooding by Tim Long W2UI
Mar 2010	Restoring Old Radio Equipment by Jim Silva
Apr 2010	80th Anniversary of SARA - David Sumner, K1ZZ, ARRL CEO *** This meeting will be in the Price Chopper Community Room ***
May 2010	Broadcast Transmitter Design by Jack Shafer KC2XC
Jun 2010	Early Voice/Music Transmission by Radio by Ed Owen Annual Business and Awards Meeting

## Board Meeting

**December 16, 2009, 7:00 to 8:00 PM**  
**LT's Restaurant at Balltown and Nott Street**

As there wasn't a quorum present to conduct business there was no Board meeting. The next board meeting is scheduled for January 13.

Submitted by: Secretary Post AK2E

## SARA Committees

**Antenna Party Committee:** Need help with an antenna? This committee is here to help you a 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.

## SARA Holiday Dinner Meeting



Pictured at left, from left to right

Raleigh Keeter, K2RI, and Ken Clikeman, AA2CW,  
Public Service Committee

Facing the camera, Tim Long, W2UI, Treasurer, Antenna  
and Elmer Committees, George Williams, W2CSN, and  
Dan Fiorillo, KC2MER, President

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Pictured at right, from left to right

Joan Grucella, Betty Raffaele, Marge Burbine,  
Con Ciancetta, N2EKU, Bob Raffaele, W2XM, and  
Kevin Grucella, KC2GCY



Hal Post, AK2E,  
Secretary



Frank Simon, WB2PUH, Director,  
and Alice Stewart



Jim Stewart, K2PK, Vice President  
and Dave Bush, KB2WUH



Pictured at left, from left to right

Diane Patmos,  
Sid Wolin, K2LJH  
Rob Fox, KA2NKO  
2 hidden from view and unidentified  
Bill Mischler, KG2AC, VE Team  
and Bill Patmos, W2DHT

Pictured at right, from left to right

With backs to camera, Rudy Dehn W2JVF,  
RFI/TVI Committee, and Sid Cramer, W2SID

In the background, is the real WR2L  
Bill Schwartling, Jr

In the foreground, Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR  
Raleigh Keeter, K2RI is also in the background,  
to the right of Millie





### Special Election Outcome

At the special Election held at the SARA Holiday Dinner on December 7, Sid Wolin, K2LJH, was elected to fill the vacant position of Director on the SARA Board of Directors. Congratulations and thanks for serving Sid.

### 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!

### Scholarships Available

The ARRL Foundation administers 53 different scholarships ranging from \$500 to over \$5,000 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. For more information on specific requirements see the ARRL Foundation website at <http://www.arrl.org/programs/scholarships>.

### Henry Broughton, K2AE Memorial Scholarship.

The SARA sponsored Henry Broughton, K2AE Memorial Scholarship is amongst those available through the ARRL. 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.

### 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.

There is room in the SARA News for articles and stories of interest to members. If you have a story idea, an article ready for submission, or would like to write for the SARA News, please 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

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.

### Coming Events

Contest / Hamfest / Event	Location / Website	Date	Time
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

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

### Winterfest 2010

Members of local clubs and the Capital District Traffic Net will be participating in an amateur radio demonstration at Winterfest 2010, scheduled for February 6, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Indian Meadows Park in the Town of Glenville.

We'll be providing an opportunity for event attendees to learn about amateur radio, see it in operation, get on the air, and to send Radiograms from the event. Again this year we're looking forward to having the C-100 (if available) and viewing the outdoor events from our cozy shack while we get in some operating time.

All amateurs are welcome to participate either at the event or from home. We're looking for operators who would be willing to work some DX and talk about it with visitors. We also need a traffic handler or two to send and receive Radiograms. If you're interested, please contact Jim Stewart, K2PK, Tim Long,, W2UI, or Larry Eaton, NT2B, and let them know. They'll get you involved.

### Schenectady County Emergency Net

SARA members act as Net Control Stations for the Schenectady County Emergency Net (SCEN) on Sunday afternoons. The nets are open to all amateurs; ARES RACES membership is not required to participate. The purpose of the nets is to train, pass any traffic that you might have and any announcements of general interest.

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



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Regular Dues	\$20.00	\$ _____
Spouse	\$5.00	\$ _____
Student	\$5.00	\$ _____
Repeater Donation		\$ _____
Initiation Fee	\$5.00 (New Members)	\$ _____

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