



SARA Meeting September 13th, 2010

SARA Amateur Radio Meeting

The Schenectady Amateur Radio Associations (SARA) will hold its September meeting with a presentation by Fred Lass (K2TR) giving a brief update on Amateur Radio VUAC and EME with the main presentation on high definition digital transition of the studio facilities at WRGB; the strategy, the technology, and Fred's personal transformation.

Fred is the Director of Engineering at WRGB and WCWN. Fred grew up in Niagara Falls and moved to the Capital district after going to school at RPI. Fred and his family reside in Altamont. He has been an amateur radio operator and contester since he was first licensed in 1964.

The SARA meeting will be held Monday, September 13, 2010 at 7 PM in Cafeteria of the Niskayuna High School on Balltown Road... Attendees should enter the school through the cafeteria entrance located on the side of the school, adjacent to the Nott Street Extension school parking lot.

Amateur radio operators and any interested individuals are invited to attend.

Location: SARA meetings are held in Niskayuna High School in the Cafeteria. 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.

SARA President Dan Fiorillo also submitted this Public Service Announcement to the Daily Gazette for publication in their Community Notes/News section.



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: Meeting programs are scheduled in four different areas: 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).

| Meeting | Program |
|----------------|---|
| September 2010 | Fred Lass (K2TR) High Def. transition at WRGB |
| October 2010 | tbd |
| November 2010 | Tbd |
| December 2010 | Holiday Party |

September Board Meeting Announced

SARA President Dan Fiorillo announces the September Board Meeting:

The next Board Meeting will take place at 7 PM Wednesday September 15 at **LT's Restaurant** at Balltown and Nott Street





SARA Board Meeting 16 June 2010

LT's Restaurant

Present:

President Dan Fiorillo KC2MER
Vice President Jim Stewart K2PK
Secretary Hal Post AK2E
Treasurer Tim Long W2UI
Board Member Bill Mischler KG2AC
Board Member Bob Saltzman WA2ARK
Board Member Frank Simon WB2PUH
Board Member Sid Wolin K2LJH
Board Member elect Craig Wood W2XAD
Member Bob W2XM
Member Con N2EKU

Called to order at 7:05 PM by President Fiorillo

Agenda:

Secretary report - report accepted as published
Treasurer report - report given and accepted

Old Business:

220 Repeater – Antenna needs painting with epoxy paint. Hal will do.
Other repeaters – still chasing down noise source on the 2 meter repeater.

Howard Lester Award – Frank WB2PUH is nearing design completion

SARA News Editor – The Board is still searching for someone to take the task on. Anyone wishing to help please contact any SARA Officer.

Field Day. Frank and Tim are coordinating efforts. Let's hope for less rain this year.

New Business:

Meeting Location for 2010 – 2011
Bill KG2AC will submit request to the Niskayuna High School

Meeting adjourned 8:03 PM

Submitted by Hal Post AK2E Secretary



Editor and Authors Needed for SARA News

We found a new editor. Antje, N2OMA, also known as AK2E's better half, took over the position.

Greetings, SARA members! I would love to hear from you. Please send your announcements, stories and news to me at antje1@yahoo.com. I hope to carry on in the fine tradition of all my predecessors. Please note: if you do not send me things to publish, I will have to make it up!

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, its members, and their amateur radio related activities.

SARA Dues Reminder

Have you paid your dues yet? The SARA membership year runs from July to June and the **2010-2011 dues are due**. Please use the form on the last page or see Tim, W2UI, treasurer at the meeting.

Broughton Award Winners

The 2010 Henry Broughton Award Winners are Clark KG2AO and Millie KB2SWR Gittinger

Congratulations!

From left to right:

- Mike Adams KB2AXC
- > Clark Gittinger KG2AO
- > Millie Gittinger KB2SWR
- > Dan Fiorillo KC2MER



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The Henry Broughton, K2AE Memorial Scholarship 2010 Recipients

Awards of \$1000 each

- > Daniel Bradke, W2AU, Niskayuna, New York
- > Alexander Haley, KC2RDK, Stephentown, New York
- > Mark McCurry, KC2UDS, Athens, New York

Congratulations!

Volunteer Examiner Session

SARA conducts VE sessions at 6:00 PM on regular meeting nights, the first non-holiday Monday of each month except July, August, and December. Those interested in taking an exam are encouraged to contact Bill Mischler, KG2AC, several days prior so he can arrange for sufficient VEs to be present. You can find Bill's contact information on the last page. Non-members who successfully complete the exam will be given SARA membership for the fiscal year (June – June.)

SARA News Publicizing VE Session Results

SARA News will follow the ARRL Guidelines.

Reference: ARRL VE Manual - 9th Edition Page 64 (see below).

Publicizing Your Examination Activity Statistics

Your team's test session activities will gradually mount up to some impressive numbers. Many examinees will be grateful for the service your team has provided. Yet, the ARRL/VEC has been asked what parts of this information can be shared?

You and your team can share any numerical statistics that relate to your past test sessions. You should not, however, publicize the names of any persons who were tested by your team--unless these persons have given you their expressed written consent.

Although information from the FCC's records is public information, unless the FCC receives, processes and publicizes applicant data, an examinee's information is not considered public.

If you are concerned with sharing information about one of your past test sessions that includes session information other than numerical statistics, don't share it. It's nobody else's business other than yours, the ARRL/VEC's and the FCC's.



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!

Buy, Sell or Swap

If you have items you would like to sell or trade, or are looking for something, we'd be glad to list them in the SARA News (non-commercial only, subject to space limitations). To do so, please contact the SARA News editor. If you prefer, you could also post them on the SARA Yahoo Reflector at sara@yahogroups.com. To post on the reflector you'll have to join the e-group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sara/>. It's easy and it's free.

SARA News Archive Project

Last month we initiated a project to complete the online SARA News archive from year 2001 forward as we were missing 25 issues. Paul Siemers, WY2F, was able to provide all but one of the missing issues and Tim Long, W2UI, was able to provide the last issue. Dennis Hudson, N2LBT, updated the website and that part of the project is now complete.

We're still looking for past issues of SARA News (prior to 2001) so that we can add to the online archive. Ideally this would be with electronic files. However, if we can't obtain electronic files, we can scan paper issues to create PDF files.

If you have any issues of SARA News older than those noted above (2000 or earlier), and would be willing to either loan or donate them for this project, or, if you own or have access to a scanner that can scan to PDFs, and would like to assist with this project, please contact the SARA News Editor. Loaned copies will be borrowed when the project is ready and returned as soon as they have been scanned and the file is reviewed.

Contact the SARA News Editor at antje1@yahoo.com or 518-306-6817.





SARA Public Service Events

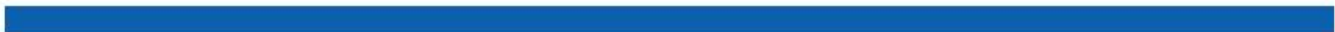
SARA provides communications support for a number of events throughout the year. If you're interested in participating in any of the PSEs, contact Ken, AA2CW. His contact information is on the last page or see him at a Club meeting.

Alplaus Parade

SARA members Rudi W2JVF; Norm KG2AO; Ken AA2CW; Bill KG2AC; Millie KB2SWR; Raleigh K2RI and Bill KC2NXC provided communication support at the annual Alplaus Fourth of July Parade.

Coming Events

| Ham fest and Flea Markets: Sep / Oct 2010 | Location / Website | Date | Time |
|---|--|-----------|---|
| Saratoga County Radio Club Hamfest | www.k2dll.net Saratoga County Fairgrounds Ballston Spa, NY | 11 Sep | 7 AM - 3 PM |
| RAGS (Syracuse) | www.ragsinreview.com Pompey Hills, NY | 18 Sep | 8 AM.-2 PM |
| The Amateur Radio Association of the Southern Tier, ARAST Hamfest | http://arast.org , Horseheads | 25 Sep | 6AM – 2 PM |
| Nutmeg Hamfest (CT) | www.nutmeghamfest.com Mountain Ridge Resort 300 High Hill Road, Wallingford, Conn. | 10 Oct | 8AM - 2PM |
| Nearfest | Deerfield Fairgrounds, Deerfield NH www.near-fest.com | 15-16 Oct | 9 AM Friday through 3 PM Saturday |

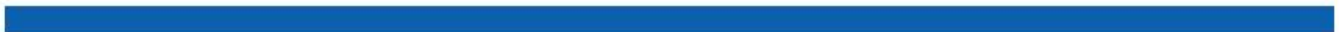




Schenectady County Emergency Net

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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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 |

2010K2AE Repeater Report

By Hal Post, trustee, AK2E

Hope everyone has had a good summer.
Things have been busy at the repeater site.

220 Repeater

The 220 MHz antenna has had 2 coats of epoxy paint applied and is ready to be reinstalled on the tower. New feed line will be used.

New and old parts will be used in getting the 220 Machine back on the air.
Target date: before the snow flies.

2M Repeater:

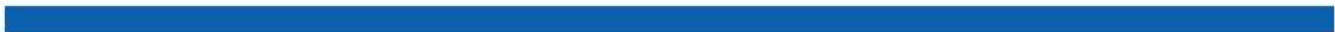
Scott N2YCA has been busy. He took down the antenna and inspected it. The feed line had several suspected cracks due to work hardening caused by flexing.

The antenna was lowered 20 ft. from the original position, because the top section was looking into two dish antennas. A new feed line was used and the receiver was replaced.
Thanks to Scott, the scratches are gone.

New Controller:

We are in process of buying a new controller that is capable of controlling all three repeaters. The new controller has several features that are not available to the old individual controllers.

SARA's Treasurer will gladly accept donations to the repeater fund. You need not be a member of SARA to submit a donation.





SARA Website Changes

We've continued making changes to the SARA Website. The calendar on the Home page now shows General and Board meetings, Public Service and other events, SARA Licensing Exam sessions, and the publication dates for SARA News. The SARA News archive has been completed from 2001 to present and is updated monthly. The Licensing Exams page has been changed to reflect SARA Licensing Exam sessions as well as linking to the ARRL Licensing Exam page. The People & Contact information is current and updated as needed, the Monthly Meeting Info is routinely updated, and the Public Service Event and Field Day information is updated as needed. Let us know if you see something that needs to be updated. If you think something should be added to the SARA website contact an Officer or Director. All suggestions will be given due consideration.

SK Reports

W2USN Paul Bachortz, SK, died September 1, 2010

W2YB RICHARD MALCOLM (DICK) SILLS Jr. SK died August 1, 2010

KB2SLE Earl Bull, SK died Friday, July 30, 2010

WB2JDT CHARLES W. HAAS, SK died July 14, 2010

W2LWQ Leo Hanrahan, SK

W2LCB Irving B. Mickey, SK died July 7, 2010



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Schenectady Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

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

Name _____ Call _____

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