



SARA Meeting December 6th, 2010

SARA Amateur Radio Meeting

The Schenectady Amateur Radio Association (SARA) will hold its Annual Holiday Dinner meeting 6:30 PM on December 6, at the United Buffet (former Old Country Buffet) at the corner of Route 7 and Watt Street in Schenectady, at the Crosstown Plaza.

SARA has reserved the United Buffet meeting room from 6:00 PM until closing (10 p.m.). Please join the group for a chance to relax with friends and talk radio. Dinner is "Dutch treat" and all you can eat.

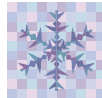
Amateur radio operators and interested individuals are invited to attend.

SARA President Dan Fiorello 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.



Worth Noting:

Field day results

Cat 5A K2AE
14th overall all divisions
1st in Hudson Division
1st in Eastern New York Section
Great effort for all who helped!
73
Hal

http://www.arrl.org/results-database?event_id=13655&fd_category=5A&ofst=0

AND...if you look at ALL classes
7th in the Hudson Division
3rd in Eastern New York.
Well done indeed!
73, Tim

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
December 2010	Holiday Party
January 2011	Andrew Ferraro AC@BC Power supplies and Radios
February 2011	Sid Wolin K2LJH: New Equipment available.





SARA Board Meeting 10 November 2010 LT's Restaurant

Attending:

President	Dan Fiorillo KC2MER	Board Member	Bill Mischler KG2AC
Vice President	Jim Stewart K2PK	Board Member	Frank Simon WB2PUH
Secretary	Hal Post AK2E	Board Member	Craig Wood W2XAD
Treasurer	Tim Long W2UI	Repeater Committee Chief	Scott Krone N2YCA

Called to order at 7:05 PM by President Fiorillo

Agenda:

Secretary's report - Given and accepted as published.

Treasurer's report - Given and accepted.

New Members – no new members

Several members are not current with their dues and will soon be dropped for the SARA News list. Please support SARA with your dues if they are due or overdue !

Old Business:

Repeater: Scott presented task necessary for controller upgrade and 220 rebuild. Scott now has possession of all found parts for the 220 machine.

Howard Lester Award – Frank reported no progress.





Programs: Jim K2PK - December 6th – Holiday party at the United Buffett 6PM Bring your appetite and a smile! Directions http://local.botw.org/New_York/Schenectady/United_Buffet/694398789.htm

New Business:

Donated Amateur Radio Equipment to SARA:

Hal has picked up the donated radio gear from WO2V. The equipment must be inventoried and transported to Sid's location.

The equipment will be listed in the SARA news. Contact Hal AK2E at ak2e@arrl.net if you are interested in purchasing any of the equipment. Checks payable to: Schenectady Amateur Radio Association. The SARA Board thanks Bill Fairchild WO2V for his generous donation.

W2SZ is seeking support for design and rebuilding the shack at RPI. If you can help with any phase or suggestions please contact Brandon Graham KB3IGC via email: grahab@rpi.edu

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Submitted by: Hal Post AK2E Secretary





SARA Donated Equipment for sale				offers to ak2e@arrl.net	
item #	MFG	Discription	Model	shipping cost by buyer	
1	AcousticResearch	Sterio Amp			
2	ArthurThomas	Synchronizer	54		
3	Collins	Receiver	75A-4	3 installed mechanical filters	\$1k Minimum
		(J31,J20,J.05) and 6kc filter in separate box			
4	Dyna kit	Pre Amp	PAC		
5	Dynaco	FM Tuner	FM5		
6	Eico	HF Tranciver SSB	753	with mic.	
7	Eico	Power supply	751		
8	GE	CB Radio 40 Ch	3-5812A		
9	Goldstar	Portable Radio	TCR131		
10	Grass Instruments	A.C.Preamplifer	P5R		
11	Grass Instruments	Stimulator	54		
12	Grass Instruments	Stimulation Isolation	SIU4B		
13	Hallicrafters	Speaker	R46		
14	Heathkit	Transciver CW QRP	HW-16	asking	\$87
15	Heathkit	VFO	HG-10B	asking	\$78
16	Heathkit	Audio Generator	AG-9A		
17	HewlitPackard	Test Oscillator	650A	With manual and case	
18	KLH	Sterio Receiver AM/FM	27		
19	Leeds&Northorp	Inductance Substitution box	4747		
20	Midgard	Charting System			
21	miscalenious	chassis		transformer and choke	
22	miscalenious	modified receiver			
23	miscalenious	realtoreal tape deck		no case	
24	Mitsubishi	VCR	HS330UR	with remote	
25	Mitsubishi	CRT Color Monitor	1901		
26	Motorola	8 Track Player			
27	Precision	Tube Tester	Serial 910	(K8MPK checking operability)	
28	Topico	35mm Camera	SC916	new in box	
29	Zenith	AM Radio	Z848277	Plastic case.	
30	Zenith	AM FM Radio	N 731	nice case	

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@yahoogroups.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 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.

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!





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 antjel@yahoo.com or 518-306-6817.





SARA News is not mailed via the USPS anymore. If you know a member who does not have email (there are a few), print a copy and deliver it to them. Take care of your buddies.

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.



PUBLIC SERVICE: SKYWARN RECOGNITION DAY SET FOR DECEMBER 4

The 12th Annual SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) Special Event will take place Saturday, December 4, 2010. SRD is co-sponsored by the ARRL and the National Weather Service as a way to recognize the commitment made by Amateur Radio operators in helping to keep their communities safe. According to SRD Coordinator David Floyd, N5DBZ, Amateur Radio operators can visit their local participating NWS office, working as a team to contact other hams across the world throughout the 24 hour event.

Floyd said that as SKYWARN Recognition Day has grown throughout the years, he has seen a greater use of digital communications in addition to SSB, CW, RTTY and packet radio: "Each year, more and more contacts are being made using EchoLink, Winlink and the use of e-mail reflectors." In keeping with the NWS setting, stations are asked to include a weather report for their location in their exchange. The 2010 SKYWARN Recognition Day will be held on December 4 from 0000 UTC-2400 UTC.



Read more here

<<http://www.arrl.org/news/skywarn-recognition-day-set-for-december-4>>.



Winter season - repeater operating tips by AK2E

Once again the winter season is upon us.

Take a little time to review your operating practices while using the local repeater.

Picture yourself sitting by the warm fireplace drinking a nice hot cup of coffee and watching the snow falling from the latest storm. You are listening and or talking to your buddies on the local repeater, the ones at home and some on the commute to or from work.

Did you hear the weak station trying to get into the repeater or was his attempt covered by the big 50 watt signals or the constant chatter? Did he need emergency assistance? Car off the road, accident, and medical attention needed? Well maybe he has a cell phone, with no service available or a dead battery. The local repeater is his only chance for help and he can't break in.





Steps that might give the guy a chance, (particularly *with bad weather conditions*):

- 1 Use the **minimum amount of power necessary** to have a conversation.
- 2 Keep transmissions **short** and to the point.
- 3 After the courtesy beep Give a long **pause** before keying
- 4 Save the long winded rag chews for better weather conditions or use a simplex frequency.
- 5 If a weak station tries to break in. Please immediately let him in.

Whatever time of day or night, if the weather is bad try keeping repeater use to a minimum.

Do keep a list of emergency phone numbers handy if you are sitting at home listening.





Coming Events

Ham fest and Flea Markets	Location / Website	Date	Time
N/A			
N/A			

Of interest to SARA Reader

Hello all,

On January 6th, 1838 an event occurred that would change the world as we know it today. On January 6th, 1838, Alfred Vail, Samuel Morse and a boy named William Baxter gave the first successful demonstration of a working telegraph in the United States of America. On this day this small group sent the first demo message on a working telegraph at the Speedwell Iron Works located in the State of New Jersey.

This revolutionary device sent the message, " a patient waiter is no loser " over two miles of cotton-covered hat wire coiled around the room. The demonstration was given to Judge Stephen Vail, the father and financial backer of Alfred Vail.

To honor this special event in history the Great Outdoor Radio Club or GORC



will operate the special event station W3M on January 6th - 7th, 2011. Look for W3M on CW and PSK31. Listen for W3M to use a straight key for this event!

Please take a look at the very unique certificate that has been made to honor this event in history.

Click on the link below to read about the certificate and more.

[http://www.wa3wsj.org/Morse Telegraph Event.html](http://www.wa3wsj.org/Morse_Telegraph_Event.html)

73,
Ed, WA3WSJ



GORC # 001





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.

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

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 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

No SK report this month!



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

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

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