

SARA NEWS

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February, 2011

General Meeting, February 7th, 2011 at 7 PM, Niskayuna High School Little Theatre

Modern Amateur Equipment

by Sid Wolin K2LJH

The Schenectady Amateur Radio Association (SARA) will hold its February meeting with a presentation by SARA member and Board member Sid Wolin K2LJH on what's new in amateur radio equipment. Sid has been a ham for over 55 years. He is an electronics engineer specializing in rf and microwave design, having worked mostly on surveillance, electronics warfare, receiving and transmitting equipment. On the military/commercial side he worked 24 years for a 300 employee company, becoming executive vice president. Based on Sid's years of experience in the electronic industry and as a amateur radio operator, and his continuing contacts with the industry has keep him abreast of developments in amateur radio equipment.

The SARA meeting will be held Monday, February 7, 2011 at 7 PM in the Little Theatre 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 interested individuals are invited to attend.

Winterfest 2011

Members of local Amateur Radio clubs, unaffiliated amateurs, and the Capital District Traffic Net will be promoting amateur radio in a demonstration at Winterfest 2011 at Indian Meadows Park in the Town of Glenville. This year Winterfest is scheduled for February 5, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Assuming no emergencies, we'll again be using the Schenectady County Emergency Command Vehicle, also known as the C100. This provides us with a comfortable, heated operating location that's hard to miss.

We'll have both 2-Meter and 20-Meter rigs in operation. On 2-Meters, we'll be using SARA's 147.060 repeater with the 147.300 repeater as backup. On 20-Meters, we're planning on being at 14.270 or thereabouts.

Our primary goal is to provide an opportunity for event attendees to learn about amateur radio, see it in operation, get on the air and participate in making contacts. They can also send Radiograms from the event. In past years, experienced amateurs have introduced non-amateur attendees as well as Elmering amateurs looking to get some DX experience.

All amateurs are welcome to participate either at the event or from another location, be it from home, mobile, or someplace else. At Indian Meadows, we're looking

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Board Meeting

SARA Board Meeting, January 19th 2011

Volunteer Examiner Session**Attendees:**

President, Dan Fiorillo, KC2MER
 Vice President, Jim Stewart, K2PK
 Treasurer, Tim Long, W2UI
 Secretary, Hal Post, AK2E

Called to order at 7:05 PM by President Fiorillo

Secretary's Report: Given and accepted as published. Received a letter from Ms Earl Bull. Please read attachment in news letter..

Treasurer's Report: Given and accepted

New Members: no new members

Old Business:

Members not paid up will not receive SARA News.

Repeater: Scott has received the new controller. The board approved the borrowing of a backup repeater system at no cost.

Howard Lester Award: No Report

Programs: Jim, K2PK has confirmed the February Meeting speaker.

New Business:

The Board extends condolences to Richard Apple K2UTI and family on loss of his Mother, Iva Apple WA2RLV. Hal noted that he had spoken several times with Iva over years on the Carrier Net. She was a fine radio operator and always a delightful person to take with.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

Submitted by: Hal Post AK2E Secretary

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 physical year (June – June.)

Technician Course Offered

The East Greenbush Amateur Radio Association, W2EGB, is again offering a one weekend Technician Course. It will take place on Saturday, March 5, 2011 and Sunday, March 6, 2011 starting at 8:00 A.M. at the East Greenbush Masonic Temple (710 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush, NY 12061). Pre-registration is required.

There will be a full day of classes and live radio demonstrations on Saturday followed by a review and exam on Sunday. The cost is \$35 which includes exam fee, lunch, snacks, and beverages. They will be using the Gordon West, Technician Class Text Book, covering the 2010 to 2014 test pool, readily available online from several sources.

For more information or to register see <http://www.ham-class.com/> or

email: WB2FOB@ARRL.net or K2CK@ARRL.net.

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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 and we could also use someone for the talk-in on 2-Meters. If you would like to drop by for a visit, please feel free to do so. Stay as long as you'd like. It makes for a nice mid-winter get together. Set up and tear down is quick and easy and we've got it covered. We throw a line over a tree, hang a 20-Meter dipole, and run the feedline through a window. So there's little to do but show up and have fun.

In past years we've had plenty of operators to cover the event. If you can't make it to Indian Meadows but would still like to participate, give us a call on the of the frequencies shown above. You can also send traffic to and from the event.

Last year we had plenty of cold but very little snow. Not a good thing for an event whose primary purpose is encouraging winter sports. So this year there's a no snow-no go policy. If conditions aren't suitable the event will be cancelled. If that happens, we'll announce it on the 147.060 repeater and send an email notice. If you would like to have your name on the email list to receive event announcements, please contact NT2B@arrl.net.

If you're interested, you can contact Jim Stewart, K2PK, Tim Long, W2UI, or Larry Eaton, NT2B, and let them know. They'll get you involved. Or just drop by.

Local Hams face Tragedy

This is to inform you that a very bad fire has devastated a very well liked TARA family. Margaret, N2PEK, Roy, N2OWC and Kathy Warner, N2XLD home was completely burned down by fire this past Monday. They have lost everything. TARA will be having a type of fund raiser for the Warner family and I will keep you informed on the TARA Yahoo group when and what we will be doing. Please keep them in your prayers.

As always, Karen KS20

**Iva M. Apple***Schenectady, NY*

Iva Rose Murphy Apple 97 died December 28th at Kingsway Arms Nursing Center in Schenectady, NY. Born July 11, 1913 in the town of Rossie, NY, the daughter of

the late William N Murphy and Hattie (Harrington) Murphy.

She graduated from Watertown High School in 1932. Iva was married to Maurice Henry Apple on February 1, 1933 and moved to Wanakena, NY. A homemaker, Iva operated her Amateur Radio Station WA2RLV beginning in 1961, and maintained close contact with her son Richard K2UTI. She was a member of the Clifton-Fine Senior Citizen Club and enjoyed dances with the North Country Fiddlers. She attended the Presbyterian Church in Wanakena.

She is survived by her son, Richard M Apple and wife Carol of Princetown, 4 grandchildren, Jeanie M Toepfer (Tim) of Rotterdam, Nancy L Damato (Ken) and James R Apple of Duanesburg and Kathryn J Apple of Austin, Texas, 6 great grandchildren, Clara and Ben Toepfer, Zachary and Tucker Damato and Sarah and David Apple. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, Iva was predeceased by her husband Maurice (1979), grandsons Joseph P and Daniel M Apple, brothers Earl and Claude Murphy and sisters, Irena Burrows and Izetta Youngs.

Funeral services for Iva will be held in the spring of 2011 in Gouverneur, NY. Contributions in her memory may be made to The Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center, 47 New Scotland Avenue #ms88, Albany, NY 12208. Online condolences may be made at www.bondfuneralhome.com

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KB2T equipment for sale

Buyer pays for shipping - you pick up for free. contact ak2e@arrl.net equipment ships when your check clears. Have manuals for most.

Make	Model	Description	Notes	Asking
Amp Supply	LK550	Linear Amp	3x 500z	\$2,000
Astron	RS35M	35 Amp PwrSp	25cont	\$125
Drake	MS7	Speaker		\$80
Drake	TR7	Transceiver		\$690
Drake	WH7	Watt Meter		\$90
Drake	RV7	Remote VFO		\$130
Morsematic	MM2	Memory keyer		\$75
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Yaesu	FT23R	2M hand held		\$85
Yaesu	YO 100	Monitor Scope		\$165
Rohn Twr	100 ft with 3 Telax antennas, Rotor and control box and all associated cables and coax		You remove	Free

Auto tuner, Icom Linear amplifier Model PW1 covers 160 to 6 Meters. Auto tuner, 1KW Solid State. Weighs 55lbs.

Asking \$3300 Contact N2JJE at 518 887 5019

**The Orange County Amateur Radio Club
Proudly Presents Its Spring**




**Saturday, March 26, 2011
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Town of Walkill Community Center
2 Wes Warren Drive
Middletown, NY**

Featuring:

- ✓ FCC Exams
- ✓ Free Parking
- ✓ Premier Vendors

Admission:

Buyers - \$6.00 (includes XYL)
 Tailgating - \$10.00 (8 ft. space)
 Indoor Tables - \$12.00 (Advance Registration by March 18 only) \$10.00 (You supply table)
 (Seller receives one FREE admission per table / tailgate space)

- ✓ New and Used Rigs
- ✓ Components and Parts
- ✓ Door Prizes
- ✓ Refreshments

**Premier
Mid-Hudson
Valley Hamfest**
Location map on back

Talk-In: 146.76 PL (100) Repeater
 For More Information & Reservations, Please Contact:
 Neil Shubert, AC2O, 16 Pioneer Trail, Monroe, NY 10950, Cell 914-490-2001 after 6 PM
 carmic7@gmail.com
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DEAR MEMBERS:

IT IS WITH REGRET THAT I ADVISE YOU OF THE DEATH OF MY HUSBAND AND YOUR MEMBER, EARL A. BULL (KB2SLE), ON JULY 30 AFTER A LONG ILLNESS.

HE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED HIS MEMBERSHIP IN YOUR ORGANIZATION AND THE FRIENDSHIPS HE MADE THERE AND REGRETTED THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS IN THE PAST FEW YEARS BECAUSE OF HIS ILLNESS.

BEST WISHES TO THE CLUB FOR ITS CONTINUED SUCCESS.

SINCERELY,
 Emma L. Bull
 (Mrs. Earl A. Bull)

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MEMBERSHIP
 APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

Regular Dues	\$20.00	\$ _____
Spouse	\$5.00	\$ _____
Student	\$5.00	\$ _____
Repeater Donation		\$ _____
Initiation Fee	\$5.00*	\$ _____
Name _____		Call _____
E-mail _____		
Street _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Phone _____		
ARRL _____	RACES _____	ARES _____ MARS _____

Send to SARA, PO Box 449, Schenectady, NY 12301
 July, 2010 through June, 2011

SARA/K2AE Repeaters

Status	ON AIR	ON AIR	OFF 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

Schenectady County Emergency Net

Band	Repeater	Time	NCS
70cm	444.200Mhz+	1:00 PM	Raleigh K2RI
2m	147.060Mhz+	1:30 PM	Raleigh K2RI
75m	3953KHz	2:00 PM	TBA

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.

A Correction: Note from *Larry Eaton NT2B*

I took a look at the SARA News for January 2011 and noted an item that should be corrected. I no longer act as NCS for the Schenectady County Emergency Net on 3953 at 2:00 PM and haven't been for some time. I don't know who, if anyone, is doing this net as my antennas have been down since July.