

SARA NEWS

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March, 2011

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

Modest HF Contesting

by Al Kozakiewicz AB2ZY

The Schenectady Amateur Radio Association (SARA) will hold its March meeting with a presentation by SARA member Al Kozakiewicz AB2ZY discussing how to be effective and yet operate a modest amateur radio station while in High Frequency Communications (DX-ing). His presentation will emphasize antennas and operating practices.

The SARA meeting will be held Monday, March 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 A Success

On what could only be called a perfect day for an outdoor winter sports event, local amateurs took part in Winterfest 2011 at Indian Meadows Park in Glenville on Saturday, February 5. This is the third year in a row that amateurs have participated and clearly the best in terms

of attendance. Amateurs have been asked to have a presence at Winterfest to introduce amateur radio to event attendees by Armand Canastraro, WA2EQW, Chairman of the Town of Glenville Park Planning Commission.

Schenectady County again made the C100 County Emergency Communications Vehicle available for use as an operating location. The C100 comes equipped with a 2-Meter rig that is ready to go. Participants provided HF capability. Tim, W2UI, brought a Yaesu 857D, a dual band, 20- and 40-Meter dipole antenna, and a set of homebrew paddles. Jim, K2PK, brought an ICOM 706 Mk II, ICOM AT-180 antenna tuner, and Bencher paddle for CW. Some of the visitors were intrigued by CW operation.

Setup and tear down for this event is quick and easy as the antenna is hung in trees near the C100, a feedline run through a window, and the radio(s) are connected. Tim, W2UI, and Jim, K2PK, hung the antenna on Friday afternoon so everything was ready on Saturday morning after a little more antenna tweaking.

Gary, N2KUN, and others worked the crowd, encouraging attendees to visit the C100, see the demonstrations, and to send Radiograms to friends and relatives. Several amateurs in the group demonstrated HF operating

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Board Meeting



SARA Board Meeting, February 9th 2011

Attendees:

President, Dan Fiorillo, KC2MER
 Vice President, Jim Stewart, K2PK
 Treasurer, Tim Long, W2UI
 Secretary, Hal Post, AK2E
 Board - Craig Wood, W2XAD, Sid Wolin, K2LJH

Called to order at 7:05 PM by President Fiorillo

Secretary's Report: Given and accepted as published. Many delinquent members are sending in their dues.

Treasurer's Report: Given and accepted

New Members: no new members

Old Business:

Repeater: The free use of a backup repeater paperwork is signed. Scott will pick up system for the repeater site. We are also in process of moving the 6 Meter repeater to the site. Don Miller is pursuing obtaining cavity filters needed for the installation.

Repeater Trustee: Explained to the board the recent letters sent to 3 individuals revoking their operating privileges. Names and calls will not be published to save them embarrassment. Continued disregard to FCC Part 97 Rules was the primary reason for the letters.

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

New Business: Sid Wolin, K2LJH resigned from the board after the regular meeting in February. The board applauds Sid's positive effect with helping our local hams with their technical questions and equipment malfunctions. Ken Day, K2DAY has volunteered to fill the Board Member vacancy. He will be voted on by the membership at the next regular meeting.

Board Member Address Change:

Bill Mischler, KG2AC
 18 Oregon Trail, Waterford, NY 12188

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

Submitted by: Hal Post AK2E Secretary

Volunteer Examiner Session

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 (July – June)

Vermont ARRL Convention

HAM-CON - The Vermont ARRL Convention will be Saturday February 26th, 8AM-2PM at the Hampton Inn Convention Center, I-89 at Exit 16, Colchester, VT. This is a lovely 2 1/2 hour ride up the Northway and Rt 22A through the Champlain Valley.

HAM-CON will feature dealers (KJI, Quicksilver, Webster, Schneider, Wulfdon) and Flea Market inside the ballroom. Forums will run all morning and will feature Joel Hallas W1ZR (QST- The Doctor is In), Paul Wade W1GHZ (Microwave), Software Defined Receivers, VHF Mountaintopping, Antenna Launching, Contesting, ARRL, ARES and the K4M DXpedition Video. Special Event Station W1V will be on the air all morning. The Grand Prize in the drawing will be a Vizio 26 inch Razor LED/LCD High Definition LCD Television.

Web site: <http://www.ranv.org/hamcon.html>

On air info on WB1GQR 145.15 (-) (100.0), IRLP 7230, Echolink 97406

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procedures using phone and CW, in the process making contacts in Barbados, Bosnia, Dominica, England, Germany, Panama, and Russia. Closer to home, they also worked Florida, Minnesota, and North Dakota.

Meanwhile other amateurs at the event demonstrated 2-Meter operation, got attendees on the air, and handled traffic, sending Radiograms for event attendees. Ken, K2UYK, Hunter, KC2QCW, and Armand KC2VPZ, used the 147.060 and 147.300 repeaters to pass traffic. Lee, K2HAT, was unable to join us this year as he was engaged in snow removal at work. Bob, KT2D, stepped in to act as liaison for the Capital District Traffic Net (CDTN) handling Winterfest traffic. New York State Assemblyman Jim Tedesco stopped by and took the opportunity to send a Radiogram.

Amateurs also maintained an information table outside the van for much of the afternoon, providing event attendees with literature about amateur radio, the ARRL, and local organizations. Unfortunately precipitation eventually drove them indoors. While the amateurs were handing the weather just fine, it was wreaking havoc with the pamphlets and brochures. Thanks Bill, KC2NXC, for providing the materials, as always.

This popular event draws amateurs from across the Capital District, providing them with an opportunity to show others their hobby, do some operating, teach and learn, and spend time with other amateurs. Like all events of this sort, old friendships are renewed and new ones are made, as people put faces to voices and call signs. Other amateurs at the event included Brian, N2OTY, Ken, KC2WJT, Mike, K1LRZ, Pat, KC2WLR, Raleigh, K2RI, and Scott, AC2BL. Apologies to any others whose names and calls were missed and thanks to all for coming out to make this a memorable event.

This was also popular with event attendees based on the number that were in the C100. Several times during the afternoon the vehicle was filled to capacity while operations were demonstrated.

Larry, NT2B

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A Note from Your Editors

SARA News is brought to you by the team of Dennis Hudson, N2LBT and Antje Dirksen-Post, N2OMA. Dennis uses his PDF skills to great advantage, resulting in the very efficient and easy to read two-column, format. Please continue sending items for SARA News to me, N2OMA at antje1@yahoo.com or to Dennis at n2lbt@n2lbt.com

Please have all news items to your editor at the earliest convenience, but no later than the Saturday of the week before the next meeting.

For the April SARA News, that is March 26th, 2011. We hope that you will continue to enjoy our newsletter.

73, Antje, N2OMA
& Dennis, N2LBT

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




**Saturday, March 26, 2011
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Town of Wallkill Community Center
2 Wes Warren Drive
Middletown, NY**

Featuring:

- ✓ FCC Exams
- ✓ Free Parking
- ✓ Premier Vendors
- ✓ New and Used Rigs
- ✓ Components and Parts
- ✓ Door Prizes
- ✓ Refreshments



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

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)

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
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SWAP

KB2T equipment for sale

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

Make	Model	Description	Asking
Drake	MS7	Speaker	\$80
Drake	TR7	Transceiver	\$690
Drake	WH7	Watt Meter	\$90
Drake	RV7	Remote VFO	\$130
Morsematic	MM2	Memory keyer	\$75
Yaesu	FT23R	2M hand held	\$85
Yaesu	YO 100	Monitor Scope	\$165
Kenwood	TM241S	2M FM mob/bas with mic	\$160
Datong	ASP	RF speech processor	\$120
Rohn Twr	100 ft with 3 Telex antennas, Rotor and control box and all cables and coax	You remove	Free

**SARA Donated Equipment for sale**

- offers to ak2e@arrl.net - shipping cost by buyer

MFG	Description	Model	comments	Asking	K2LJH
AcousticResearch	Stereo Amp				K2LJH
ArthurThomas	Synchronizer	54			K2LJH
Collins	Receiver (J31,J20,J.05) and 6kc filter in separate box	75A-4	3 mech filters	\$1k Minimum	AK2E
Dyna kit	Pre Amp	PAC			K2LJH
Dynaco	FM Tuner	FM5			K2LJH
GE	CB Radio 40 Ch	3-5812A			K2LJH
Goldstar	Portable Radio	TCR131			K2LJH
Grass Instruments	A.C.Preamplifer	P5R			K2LJH
Grass Instruments	Stimulator	54			K2LJH
Grass Instruments	Stimulation Isola	tSiolUn 4B			K2LJH
Heathkit	Audio Generator	AG-9A			AK2E
HewlitPackard	Test Oscillator	650A	With manual and case		K2LJH
KLH	Stereo Receiver	2A7M/FM			K2LJH
Leeds&Northorp	Inductance Sub	s4ti7tu4t7ion box			K2LJH
Midgard	Charting System				K2LJH
miscellaneous	chassis	transformer and choke			K2LJH
miscellaneous	modified receiver				K2LJH
miscellaneous	realtoreal tape deck		no case		K2LJH
Mitsubishi	VCR	HS330UR	with remote		K2LJH
Mitsubishi	CRT Color Moni	t1o9r 01			K2LJH
Motorola	8 Track Player				K2LJH
Topico	35mm Camera	SC916	new in box		K2LJH
Zenith	AM FM Radio	N 731	nice case	\$80	AK2E

No Asking price - Make an offer!

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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.