

# SARA NEWS

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May, 2011

General Meeting, May 2nd, 2011 at 7 PM, Niskayuna High School Little Theatre

## **HAM Radio Jepperdee**

*by Bob W2XM and Nathaniel KB2HPX*

## **Spring Skywarn Training**

*From John Quinlan [John.Quinlan@noaa.gov](mailto:John.Quinlan@noaa.gov)*

Bob W2XM and Nathaniel KB2HPX are planning "Ham Radio Jepperdee" for the May meeting. They plan to play a Jeopardy-type game and expect to play two rounds, with different contestants. Therefore they will need 6 contestants, and would like to know in advance who they will be. Prospective players e-mail Bob [w2xm@arrl.net](mailto:w2xm@arrl.net) or call him at 459-8435. Amateur radio operators and any interested individuals are invited to attend.

The SARA meeting will be held Monday, May 2nd, 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.

## **Hamfest season just around the corner**

Warm weather and piles of goodies in the basement, what a perfect combination to get up at O'Dark 30 and walk around a parking lot. Check out the local hamfests announced in SARA news and the interactive online calendar on the ARRL website at <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>

Albany National Weather Service has posted the Spring 2011 SKYWARN Spotter Training Sessions on their Web Page. Spotters planning on attending these sessions need to pre-register. This is especially important for those sessions being held jointly with Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meetings. The following link will take you directly to our registration page:

<http://cstar.cestm.albany.edu:7775/skywarn/Talks.htm>

Having those who are planning on attending pre-register is also important so that we know how many handouts to bring with us, and it allows us to print certificates to hand out to those in attendance.

## **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) Contact Bill at [kg2ac@juno.com](mailto:kg2ac@juno.com) or 982-0144.

**Board Meeting****SARA NEWS**

SARA Board Meeting, April 13th 2011

**Attendees:**

President, Dan Fiorillo, KC2MER  
 Vice President, Jim Stewart, K2PK  
 Treasurer, Tim Long, W2UI  
 Secretary, Hal Post, AK2E  
 Board - Craig Wood, W2XAD, Frank Simon,  
 WB2PUH, Ken Day, K2DAY

Called to order at 7:05 PM by President Fiorillo

**Secretary's Report:** Given and accepted as published.

**Treasurer's Report:** Given and accepted. Many delinquent members are sending in their dues

**Old Business:**

**Repeater:** Scott N2YCA has drawn up a detailed plan for all the upgrades. We are looking for 6M Cavity filters. Need to order new crystals etc. Some warmer – dryer weather will help! Hal said that more FCC Part 97 enforcement effort is needed. The Board is totally behind this.

**Programs:** Jim, K2PK has confirmed the May Meeting speaker.

**Nominating Committee:** Is still actively seeking candidates looking to run for office for our 2011-2012 year.

**Field Day:** Frank WB2PUH and Tim W2UI discussed the Field Day plan progress.

**W20DC Plaque:** Dan KC2MER is finalizing the Process and is ready for July 4th presentation to the Alplaus Fire Department

**New Business:**

**Donated Equipment:** Gerry KE2JJ donated several items to SARA. Hal AK2E reported that previously donated equipment to SARA by Bill WO2V resulted in good sales. The net sales are added to the SARA account. Frank Simon will contact Sid K2LJH and clear out the SARA equipment stored

in Sid's garage.

**Board meetings:** Board meetings are held the 2nd Wed. of each month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM

Submitted by: Hal Post AK2E Secretary

**EGARA 8th Annual Hamfest 05/14/2011**

Location: East Greenbush Fire Co. 68 Phillips Rd  
 Rensselaer, NY 12144 <http://w2egb.org>

Talk-In: 147.270 (PL 94.8) Thomas Scorsone,  
 KC2FCP @ 518-272-1494 or [kc2fcp@nycap.rr.com](mailto:kc2fcp@nycap.rr.com)

**Club Shirts Available**

Bob [w2xm@arrl.net](mailto:w2xm@arrl.net) is again accepting orders for club golf shirts, which are personalized with



name and callsign. If we get an order of at least 5, the price is \$18/shirt (\$2 more for 2XL).

**Public Service**

Call for assistance to help with the MS Bike on Saturday July 16th, starting at West Mountain. It's for a great cause and lots of fun too. We need 20 amateurs, if you would like to help call me so I can make assignments. Michael Mollica K2SWF  
 Warren County RO, ARES E/C  
 518-623-3288 or 518-744-0145 Cell

More Community Events Sunday, May 1 7:00am  
 Rensselaer County Literacy Race 12:00pm  
 Crop Walk Saturday, May 21 7:30am  
 Niskya Day Wednesday, May 25  
 Scotia Parade Sunday, June 5  
 Brunswick Community Walk,  
 Contact Ken 861-6825 [aa2cw2010@yahoo.com](mailto:aa2cw2010@yahoo.com)



## Schenectady Boy Scouts need your help

The Schenectady District Boy Scouts are holding their Spring Camporee on Saturday 4-30-2011. They have asked us to do the same thing we did last year at the event.

Their program starts at 0900, where Patrols of 5-12 Scouts roam the Camp and attend different venues. We will be one of the venues. There may be 12 venues and possibly a total of 200 boys. It will run until 1600 with lunch at about noon. Last year we had several Patrols at our venue at one time.

Last year we had 4 stations set up. Two VHF and two HF. One VHF was 2m phone (not used as much as others) and the other was 2m packet. Jeff operated the 2m packet, but I don't know if he will make it this year. On HF, I will put up 2 wire antennas ahead of time. One will be a 20 meter dipole and the other a G5RV. Bill Proctor will bring his Buddi Pole. It would be nice to have 3 HF stations. I will bring my rig (IC-7000) with tuner, I will have my laptop ready to run PSK-31 and phone. If Peter could bring his rig, he could run CW or phone. Lee said he could demo CW, don't know if he comes complete with rig. We could have one more rig on the Buddi Pole, perhaps we could borrow one of the club's IC-706, unless someone else wants to bring theirs.

Last year on HF we really only had 40 and 20 meters. Sunspots are good this year, I am sure 15m will be open and maybe 10m. We could have CW and phone on different bands. I will conduct an introduction for new Patrols entering our venue.

I will set up one of my 2m rigs for phone.

All I need to know now is who will be able to attend and man the stations. Please advise.

Thanks and 73s, Tim

## Field Day Activities

It's NEVER too early and preparations are already underway. We have obtained permission to use the Glenville Hills Fire Department field. The ARRL Field Day Info Packet has been downloaded and rule changes have been thoroughly analyzed and scrutinized. K2AE/SARA has been spotted on the ARRL Field Day Map.

The task list has been updated and is ready to be filled in with volunteers willing to do the task(s). It is a long list! SARA has been using computers to do the logging chore for many years now and CT has been the logging program used for all of them. CT is no longer being updated and is no longer supported. N1MM Logger has been the contesters' logging program of choice for several years now. It is free and actively supported. You should become familiar with N1MM if you are not already. I will have a demo running at the next SARA meeting.

SARA's computer monitors are currently the CRT variety, are heavy, bulky, and filling my basement. If you have an LCD monitor that is collecting dust and if you would like to donate it to the SARA effort, please contact me ASAP. Likewise, wireless networking cards would eliminate ethernet cables.

So, setup begins at 2 PM local time on Friday, June 24th. We start collecting and moving stuff on Friday morning. On-the-air operations start at 2 PM local time on Saturday, June 25th, continue for 24 hours, and end at 2 PM on Sunday, June 26th. Tear-down begins promptly at 2:01 PM. The well deserved rest can start as early as 5:00. Be aware and be prepared. Set aside as much time as you can allow. NO RAIN!

73, Tim, W2UI

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**SARA Donated Equipment for sale** - offers to ak2e@arrl.net - shipping cost by buyer

MFG	Description	Model	comments	Asking	Contact
AcousticResearch	Stereo Amp				K2LJH
ArthurThomas	Synchronizer	54			K2LJH
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 Isolation	SIU4B650A			K2LJH
HewlitPackard	Test Oscillator	650A	With manual and case		K2LJH
KLH	Stereo Receiver		2A7M/FM		K2LJH
Leeds&Northorp	Inductance Substitution Box		4747		K2LJH
Midgard	Charting System				K2LJH
miscellaneous	modified receiver				K2LJH
miscellaneous	reel2reel tape deck		no case		K2LJH
Mitsubishi	VCR	HS330UR	with remote		K2LJH
Mitsubishi	CRT Color Monitor	1901			K2LJH
Motorola	8 Track Player				K2LJH
Radio Shack	Soldering kit	64 2802		\$7	AK2E
Ramsey	40M receiver	HR40			AK2E
Tojyo High Pwr	2M Amp 1n 25 out		HL32V	\$80	AK2E
Topico	35mm Camera	SC916	new in box		K2LJH
Zenith	AM FM Radio	N 731	nice case	\$80	AK2E

**No Asking price - Make an offer!**

## Board Of Directors

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## FCC Exam Registration (518) 982-0144



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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.