

# SARA NEWS

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May, 2012

General Meeting, May 7th, 2012 at 7 PM, Niskayuna High School Little Theatre

## **State Homeland Security**

*with Ken Goetz, N2SQW*

The speaker for June is Ken Goetz, N2SQW, Radio Engineer and State RACES Radio Officer, Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications, New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services. His talk will be on the overall communications capabilities at State Homeland Security.

The SARA meeting will be held Monday, June 7th, 2012 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.

## **Public Service**

*Ken, AA2CW*

Participants in Crop Walk were AA2CW, N2PEQ, K2RI, KG2AO and KB2SWR.

Participants in Niskaday were AA2CW, K2RI, W2XAD, KB2SWR, KG2AO and W2JVF.

Participants in Scotia Parade were AA2CW, KB2TSA, K2RI, KB2SWR, KG2AO and W2XAD.

Thank you, everyone! Ken AA2CW

## **From Your Outgoing President**

*de Hal, AK2E*

Wow another year has zipped on by! There have been some good things accomplished with SARA this year and hopefully will continue so the club will keep growing.

Most important is the new location for Field Day. A covered pavilion, good parking, rest room facilities, and a kitchen! Even if it rains all weekend – no one will have to slog through mud and/or have to get towed. So stop by and say hello, maybe operate and most of all have fun.

The repeater facilities are still in progress and closer to being operational. A new controller and transmitters are being worked on, including the 220 repeater. Scott is up to his ears at work but still finds time to work on our project, as well as the timely emergency repairs.

Someone said "Life is like a roll of toilet paper, it keeps going faster the closer you get to the end" This past year many good friends have become silent keys. Walt Schick, W2KE, Phil Bradway, KB2HQ,

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## Board Meeting

SARA Board Meeting, May 9th 2012

### Attendees:

President, Hal Post, AK2E  
 Vice President James Stewart, K2PK  
 Board - Craig Wood, W2XAD,  
 Ken Day, K2DAY, Frank Simon, WB2PUH  
 Guests Dan Miller, President SMARA, KC2VEX

Called to order at 7:05 PM by President Post

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Given and accepted as published

**Repeater:** No action this month

### Old Business:

**Election Committee:** The Election Committee has established a slate for the June Elections. Includes:

Jim Stewart, Pres, K2PK  
 Craig Wood, VP, W2XAD  
 Tim Long, Treasurer, W2UI

Dan Fiorillo, Sec, KC2MER

Board Members: Ken Day, K2DAY

Hal Post, AK2E

Frank Simon, WB2PUH

Al Kozakiewicz, AB2ZY

Per Bylaws the previous president Hal Post is appointed a Director position. No other nominations have been received.

**Field Day:** SARA has been approved for the use of Niskayuna Sports site on Aqueduct Road.

SMARA representatives discussed the combined Field Day operation and how their membership is looking at the possibility of working together at the Aqueduct Road site. If there is agreement, details on particulars will need to be worked out to satisfy both clubs.

**Programs:** The June meeting is our annual Business meeting. New officers are elected, Secretary and Financial records are available for review by members, Member Recognition and the Broughton Award presentation.

This Years featured guest will be Ken Goetz N2SQW NYS Radio Officer. Ken will have a brief program.

**Old Generator:** No action this month

**Broughton Award:** Nominations for this years Broughton Award have ended.

**Training:** Craig Wood will be conducting the General (and Extra if called for) license training over the repeater system. Members are encouraged to help Craig at 7:30 Sunday evenings

### New Business:

Schenectady County ARES EC position is open. Anyone wishing to apply for the appointment please, contact Dave Galletly, KM2O [k2mo@arrl.net](mailto:k2mo@arrl.net), Dave is the Section Emergency Coordinator

VE Testing Coordinator: Need a volunteer to fill this position for next year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM

Submitted by Hal Post for Secretary Dan Fiorillo, KC2MER

## The Treasurer Speaks

*Tim, W2UI*

Hello All, K2AE is now located on the ARRL's Field Day Locator Map. Check it out and find out where we're going to be! Yipee...

P.S. Dues cheerfully accepted!



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Dan Marcella, KA2DVK. This month Jack Coates, K2HUX and today long time friend Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML became silent keys.

I first met Steve back in Feb 1980 during the Winter Olympics Torch Relay Team. Steve was the Net control station for both East and West groups. I was lucky to get in the vehicle that had all the runners, and my call was Pace. I had only been a Ham since Feb 1978. I was a bit overwhelmed but with Steve's guidance I was a pro after the first day. Through the years the friendship remained and grew.

N2OMA and I went to Dayton again this year. We went a day early so we could take in the WPAFB Air Force Museum. It was well worth the extra day, if you get a chance to see it – do so. Note: bring comfortable footwear. Ran in to Frank Fallon W2FF there, and many others. Evan, another guy who was stationed in Thailand the same time I was stationed there.

The Dayton Hamvention once again had good weather. It's been that way ever since I first went 4 years ago. If it was every built or made (ham gear) you can probably find it at the flea market. Had my eye on a nice Alpha but it was gone when I came back.

The inside area are all the commercial vendors and manufacturers. It is nice to take with the factory reps for the technical queries about their equipment.

Final note: This is the 3rd time I have served as President. I wish to thank all that have made that possible. I have had the pleasure of meeting most of SARA's members and thank them for their participation.

73, Hal

PS: Words of wisdom from WB2OHR SK

"It's nice to be important but it is more important to be nice"

## Of Interest to HAMS

*Sent by Jim Stewart*

Houston, TX, May 23, 2012: Houston area based Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club will celebrate its fifth year of participation in the annual Museum Ships Weekend Event, June 2-3, 2012 by offering a special commemorative certificate to amateur stations who contact all five Texas Based Museum ships during the event. The five museum ships and their call signs include the Submarine USS Cavalla and Destroyer Escort USS Stewart (KK5W) in Galveston, Texas, The Battleship USS Texas (NA5DV), in La Porte Texas, The Tall Ship Elissa (N5E) also in Galveston and the Aircraft Carrier USS Lexington (W5LEX) in Corpus Christi, Texas.

To earn the Texas Navy Certificate, amateur stations must submit proof of contact (Log Extract) with all five Texas Museum ships to QSL Manager, KK5W along with a #10 SASE. The address is in QRZ.com. Look for us around 28.360 21.360 18.160 14.260 7.260, 3.860, Plus or minus QRM.

Museum Ships Weekend is an annual operating event sponsored worldwide by the Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station with more than 90 ships participating this year. We decided to put in a special Texas twist to the event to commemorate our five years of taking part, said Ron Litt, K5HM, one of the Event Coordinators.

The Texas Navy Certificate is a cooperative effort between four different area clubs, In addition to the Brazos Valley club, members of the Battleship Texas Amateur Radio Station, The Tideland Amateur Radio Society and the South Texas Amateur Radio Club are participating as well.

For more information contact:

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## K2HUX SK

Jack was a long time member and supporter of SARA. He gave a fine presentation about his work at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid.

Our condolences go to his family.

Jack G. Coates, 90, of Niskayuna, passed away Wednesday, May 2, 2012 in the comfort of his home surrounded by his family.

Jack was born in Fleurus, Belgium, son of the late Christopher O. and Germaine Bille Coates. He lived in St. Helens, England where he attended Liverpool Wireless College and was chief radio officer in the British Merchant Marines from 1939 to 1946.

Jack came over to the United States in 1948 where he met and married Lou Carolyn King, January 31, 1948. He started work with the New York Telephone Co. on March 8, 1948 and retired in 1986.

Jack worked at the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid in 1980 on the microwave system communications. He was a ham radio operator {K2HUX, Advanced} and a member of MARS, SARA (Schenectady Amateur Radio Association) and IEEE.

Jack is survived by his wife of 64 years, Lou Carolyn Coates; son, Christopher (Jo Ann) Coates of Dickinson, ND; daughter, Elizabeth (Dennis) Dalpe of Niskayuna, NY; grandchildren, Kathleen (Jim) Alcombright of Clifton Park, NY, Gregory Dalpe of Niskayuna, NY, Captain Cortney (Brandon) Zuercher of Lynn Haven, FL, Trevor Coates of Dickinson, ND; and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his sister, Jeannine Lloyd. A private family service was held at home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, North-eastern New York Chapter, 16 Wade Road, Suite 2, Latham, NY 12110. The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at Ellis Hospital, specifically Dr. Chowdhrey, Dr. Busino and the A-6 nurses, Sue, Theresa and Carolyn.

For online condolences, please visit [www.jonesfh.net](http://www.jonesfh.net)

## DAYTON Hamvention

### Hal AK2E and David Sumner K1ZZ at the 2012 Dayton Hamvention



### AK2E and your editor, Antje N2OMA at Dayton 2012



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## 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.