

# SARA NEWS

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October, 2012

General Meeting, October 1st, 2012 at 7 PM, Niskayuna High School Little Theatre

## **ARES in the Capitol District**

*with Dave Galletly, KM20 and John Fritze KQ2Y*

The Schenectady Amateur Radio Association is happy to announce our guests for this Monday, October 1, 2012 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.

We welcome Dave Galletly, KM20 and John Fritze KQ2Y who will have NEW updates about the of Amateur Radio Emergency Services {ARES} in the Capitol District.

We will also welcome Pete Cecere, N2YJZ and Mike Lisenco, N2YBB. As you may know, Mike is running for Division Director and would like to say a few word about what he will do for us if elected.

**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.

## **President's Column**

*de Jim, K2PK*

This time of year brings with it fall (and around the end of September equinoctial) propagation and another DX season. Summer is not the long distance propagation drag it is sometimes thought to be. While the sporadic E season this year was not the best, it did provide openings on 6 meters to Europe, the Caribbean, and the West Coast. During the September ARRL VHF QSO Party there was even a short TE opening to Brazil on 6 meters. The "magic band" is alive and well. For those who want to do some vintage radio, George N2JJE has his 50.4 MHz AM group for a few minutes each day at 7:30 PM Mondays-Saturdays. It is a bit of time travel to hear what amateur AM sounds like.

Some SARA members have gotten into ARRL's Diamond DXCC event for 2012. There are still a few months left to collect QSO's with 100 "countries" from the 1937 DXCC list to qualify for the award. 10 QSL's required. See the ARRL web page for details. What SARA member will collect the most entries on the old list? I know at least one who is way ahead of me.

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## Board Meeting

SARA Board Meeting, September 12, 2012

**Absent:** Dan Fiorello, Ken Day

Called to order at 7:05 PM by President Jim Stewart  
Board welcomed Al Kozakiewicz AB2ZY to the board.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the June board meeting were unavailable (no business was conducted in June).

**Treasurer's Report:** 2012/13 budget presented and accepted (essentially same as 2011/2012 budget)

Tim discussed actual expenses/income through today.  
Treasurer's report accepted as presented.

No new members to report.

**Plaque for NYS QSO Party:** last year we sponsored it for \$40. Motion, second, carried to sponsor again this year for the same category (school high score).

**Programs:** December Dinner planned again.

**Training:** Craig is going upgrade/training on repeater

**Repeater:** Nothing New

**VE Testing Coordinator:** We need a VE coordinator/chairperson

**Broughton Scholarship:** Tim Long received thank you notes from 3 Broughton Scholarship winners for the past year (to be in SARA News)

**Field Day:** We will try to get the Niskayuna field (2012 site) again for 2013 as soon as possible.

**ARES:** N2UZQ (guest at meeting) will be appointed ARES Schenectady County Emergency Coordinator.

**SARA News:** We are looking for articles/pictures for SARA News.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Submitted by Frank Simon for the Secretary

### A Reminder from Your Editor:

Please send me your articles, pictures and comments for SARA News. My email addresses are [antje1@yahoo.com](mailto:antje1@yahoo.com) or [kc2dtp@gmail.com](mailto:kc2dtp@gmail.com)

If you have articles or pictures in paper form, please send them to me at:

Antje Dirksen-Post, P.O.Box 31, Sodus NY 14551.

I will gladly scan them into digital form and add them to SARA News.

We have had our first general meeting and first board meeting of the 2012/2013 season and are off to a good start. The reason for holding separate board meetings is to avoid taking general meeting time with routine business and allow maximum time for the program and general visiting with one another. All members are welcome to attend the board meetings at 7 PM the second Wednesday of the month (even if the regular meeting shifts) at LT's in Niskayuna. Minutes of the board meetings appear in SARA News.

Remember our schedule for regular meetings: first Monday of the month at 7 pm in the Little Theater of Niskayuna High School unless the first Monday is a holiday or the school is closed for some other reason, in which case it becomes the second Monday. The December meeting will be a dinner as in past years.

### Thank you Messages from our Broughton Scholarship Winners:

*Dear Schenectady Amateur Radio Association,*

*Thank you so much for the scholarship funds you provided.*

*I intend to make the most of them during my time at Union University, so that I can have a maximal impact on my community.*

*Sincerely,  
Dillon Lisk, KJ4TIP*

### SARA Dues Reminder

Have you paid your dues yet? The SARA membership year runs from July to June and the 2012-2013 dues are due. Please use the form on the last page or see Tim, W2UI, treasurer at the meeting.



## Lots of radio equipment for sale

I recently purchased a home in Clifton Park. The previous owner, now deceased, was John Dasenbrock who some of you may have known. John was apparently a ham radio buff as his home is full of radios, equipment, tools and parts. All of this stuff was left behind. I don't know the first thing about it and would like to sell what is worth selling and donate what is not.

It is a large pile of stuff consisting of several radios, amplifiers and other items whose function is unknown to me. ;-) Most of this equipment was in John's "radio room" and is presumed to be working (they were plugged in, hooked up, etc.). There are a few items that were found in a shed whose status may be questionable.

Here is a partial list of items presumed in working order:

TMC GPR-90 radio  
 Viking Valiant II radio  
 Yaesu FT-101 radio  
 Yaesu FT-227R radio  
 Yaesu FT-230 radio  
 Heathkit Battery Eliminator IP-2715  
 Heathkit "Cantenna" Load Resistor HN-31  
 Super Super Tuner  
 Heathkit Hybrid Phone Patch HD-15  
 Macaw SWR & Power Meter DPM-1  
 Heathkit Linear Amplifier SB-220  
 Heathkit HW-7  
 Bearcat Scanner BC-220  
 MFJ Pacesetter Keyer Paddle  
 Amp Supply Company LK-500ZB  
 Ameritron Amplifier AL-811  
 Johnson Viking II  
 Heathkit Station Monitor SB-614 (new in box, unassembled)

### Unknown condition items:

Johnson Viking II  
 Heathkit DX-60  
 Hunter 2000-C  
 Johnson Viking I

In addition there are several boxes of tubes, parts, tools, testers, cables, electronics, headsets, handsets and lots of

misc. doodads and gizmos. There is even a 40-50' tower out back if someone wants to take it down. Also, there are a couple of boxes of manuals that go to some of this equipment.

From the little research I did I know that the Yaesu FT-101 and the Heathkit SB-220 are worth a bit but I don't have a clue about anything else. I will probably list these items on ebay but would welcome anyone contacting me directly. You/your members are welcome to come and take a look and make an offer. If there is anything of no real resale value but you'd like for your clubs I'd be willing to donate that stuff. If I don't sell it or give it away I'm throwing it out so I'd rather give it to your clubs if it could be used.

Please feel free to pass on this email to any interested parties. I can be reached via email or by phone at 518-238-1513.

Thanks, Richard Johnson [rwj@nycap.rr.com](mailto:rwj@nycap.rr.com)

## Thank you Messages from our Broughton Scholarship Winners:

*Dear Members of the S.A.R.A.*

*Thank you so much for the generous scholarship, which will help me to attend MIT starting this fall.*

*It is an honor to receive the award in the name of Henry Broughton. I admire his work. I will be joining MIT's Ham radio Society when I attend there, and I look forward to continuing my ham radio pursuits for many years to come.*

*Thanks again,  
 Erin King AK4JG*

*Dear Everyone at the Schenectady Amateur Radio Association,*

*Thank you very much for the generous scholarship. It always feels great to be recognized for hard work and dedication, I look forward to continuing ham Radio in college and beyond.*

*Thanks again.  
 Sincerely, Marc Robbins*



## **ARRL Hudson Division Awards Luncheon**

Sunday November 11, 2012 - Biagio's Restaurant, Paramus, NJ

We need your help to make the 2012 Hudson Division Awards Luncheon and Journal a BIG SUCCESS. It's our hope that you will get you or your business to take an ad in the 2012 ARRL Hudson Division Awards Journal.

All proceeds over the event costs will be donated to the ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund to support our continued fight to preserve our Amateur frequencies.

The 2012 Awards Luncheon will be held in northern New Jersey and will be sponsored this year by Bergen Amateur Radio Association. This unique event will be held on Sunday AFTERNOON, November 11, 2012 - from 12:00pm to 4:00pm at Biagio's Ristrorante 299 Paramus Road - Paramus, NJ. Biagio's has been the primary location of this event because of its wonderful food, great atmosphere and large-capacity seating that can accommodate up to 150 guests. Wouldn't it be great to fill the ballroom this year? Profits from this luncheon will be donated to the ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund. The cost is \$50 per person. We are hoping that the time of this years event, will allow more guests to attend to join in the celebration of the 2012 Awardees. Please send reservation requests and a check made out to:

Bergen Amateur Radio Assn. and send them to 2012 ARRL Hudson Division Awards Dinner c/o KA2ANF, 235 Emburgh Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450-2918.

It will be a fun event, but we can't do it alone! We need your help. We need you to make an investment in time and money. Help us, by taking out an Ad in the 2012 Hudson Division Awards Journal.

MS Word or PDF files preferred for Ad submission. Send all Ad Copy Files to ads@hudson.arrl.org All Ad copy files and payments must be received by October 31, 2012

One-Quarter Page (4.5" w x 1.75" h) - \$30.00

One-Half Page (4.5" w x 3.75" h) - \$50.00

Full Page (4.5" w x 7.5" h) - \$100.00

Make all checks payable to:  
Bergen Amateur Radio Assn. (BARA) and return this form along with your payment to:  
Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF, 235 Van Emburgh Avenue  
Ridgewood, NJ 07450-2918

You will also find information about the event copies of the ad and ticket forms on the website <http://www.hudson.arrl.org>

Attached are both AD Sales Forms and Ticket Forms for this Years Luncheon. Please hand these out at your next Ham Meeting or Hamfest.

Thank you for your continued support!  
73, Joyce-KA2ANF & Bill-W2UDT

## **Hudson Division Awards Committee**

The Hudson Division Awards Committee has just completed its review of the Nominations received for 2012. Vice Director Hudzik met via

Conference Call with the Committee members and is pleased to announce the following results:

Grand Ole Ham 2012 - Sid Wolin, K2LJH (ENY)  
(nominated by Diane Ortiz, K2DO and George Tranos, N2GA)

Amateur of the Year 2012 - Rich Cetron, K2KNB (NLI)  
(nominated by George Tranos, N2GA)

Special Service Award 2012 - Len Signoretti, N2LEN (ENY)  
(nominated by John Fritze, K2QY, Dave Gallety, KM2O and Stephen Walsh, W2SXX)

A BIG thank you to those who served on the Nominations Committee this year:

Roberta Keis, N2RBU, Nancy Rosner, N2TKA  
Bob Chamberlain, N2KBC, Steve Saposnik, KB2ENF  
Rachel Weiss, AJ4WD, Larry Lutzak, WA2CNV

We encourage all of you to attend this fun event to help honor the award winners for 2012!  
73, Joyce KA2ANF and Bill W2UDT  
" The Hudson Division Team "

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# MEMBERSHIP

## APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

Regular Dues	\$20.00	\$ _____
Spouse	\$5.00	\$ _____
Student	\$5.00	\$ _____
Repeater Donation		\$ _____
Initiation Fee	\$5.00*	\$ _____

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July, 2012 through June, 2013

## 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.