

SARA NEWS

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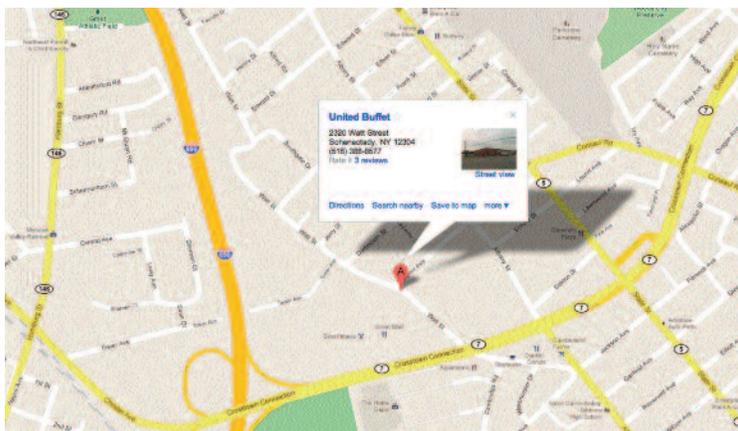
Holiday Party, December 3th, 2012 at 6 PM, United Buffet, Watt Street, Schenectady

Holiday Dinner at United Buffet

The Holiday Meeting will be held at the United Buffet, located at the intersection of Rte. 7 and Watt Street, Schenectady.

As has been the practice for the past few years, dinner is "Dutch treat" and all you can eat. Please pay for your meal, and that of a guest if you would like to bring one, at the register, reportedly \$10.99 for the buffet, 10% discount for seniors, and there are sometimes coupons in the newspaper.

SARA has reserved the meeting room at 6:00 PM. Please join the group there for a chance to relax with friends and talk radio.



President's Column

Jim K2PK

December is the month for our annual dinner get-together. Once upon a time it was our custom to have a pot luck supper on our regular meeting night. Millie Gittinger capably arranged those dinners for a time, but it involved a lot of work and coordination on the part of her and others. For several years now we have been meeting in a restaurant, mostly in the back room of the Old Country Buffet on the Crosstown, now called United Buffet. Once we met in the back room of the Dragon Garden in Scotia. This arrangement has the advantage of nobody having to do preparation work or work on the evening of the meeting. Everybody gets to enjoy themselves, and with a buffet there are plenty of choices for all appetites. Be sure and come to have a great time with fellow SARA members.

SARA News can always use your contributions. The submission of articles has been a little light

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Board Meeting

SARA Board Meeting, November 14, 2012

Attendance: Board: President James Stewart, K2PK
Vice President Ken Day, K2DAY,
Secretary, Dan Fiorillo, KC2MER
Treasurer, Tim Long, W2UI
Craig Wood, W2XAD Frank Simon, WB2PUH
Al Kozakiewicz, AB2ZY Hal Post, AK2E
Guest, Glenn Cooper, W2BK

Called to order at 7:00 PM by President Jim Stewart

President Stewart gave the guest Glenn Cooper, W2BK, time to describe a "Become a Ham" program that he envisions will help develop more participation in Amateur Radio by providing licensing instructions in the local areas. In his proposal, SARA would become one of the local clubs used to provide license training announcements in the club's monthly newsletter, the SARA News.

Board members felt the "Become a Ham" program was a good idea and asked Glenn to write an article for the SARA News, pertaining to the program.

Secretary's Report: given and accepted as published

Treasurer's Report: given by Tim Long and accepted. Treasurer Long reports that income from dues are running behind at this time. Treasurer Long, noted that members behind in their dues payment will have their e-mail copy of the SARA Newsletter discontinued.

MEMBERS, PLEASE NOTE the 2012-2013 DUES ARE DUE

New Members: No new members this month

Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM
Submitted by Secretary Dan Fiorillo, KC2MER

A Reminder from Your Editor:

Please send me your articles, pictures and comments for SARA News. My email addresses are antje1@yahoo.com or 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.

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.

VE Examination

Just FYI, I scheduled an exam session for the next general meeting - January 7 @ 6PM. For more information, please contact Al Kozakiewicz, AB2ZY akozak@hourglass.com; 604-4128



Winter Chores

Antje, N2OMA

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Ever since my husband AK2E and I strung up the antenna he designed for my station, an inverted Windom antenna that criss-crosses most of the trees in the back yard, I have had the task "to keep an eye" on the antenna. It is easy to do when the walnut tree, maples and willows are bare of leaves, but more challenging in the spring and summer. My neighbors, all unfamiliar with amateur radio. see me in the back yard, staring into the trees and walking around in seemingly random fashion. I tighten the black nylon lead lines where necessary, check the wires (hard to do with these old eyes) and make sure that the connectors are free of debris. If you participate in the NYSPTEN Traffic net, you will notice my signal is usually strong and clear, a testament to AK2E's genius in designing antennas.

Recently, I was observed counting the bricks of the chimney on the north side of the house and measuring the height of an individual brick. That was the second step in establishing a 2-Meter beam antenna we disconnected from another ham's house. Hal will get the coax and the clamps, and I will sweet-talk somebody into climbing up on a tall ladder to install the antenna. I am working on Mark, my handiman, who will be fixing some eaves on that side of the house before the snow flies.

Most of the trees in my yard are bare now. I can see the antenna wires, if I squint just so.

I would so look forward to getting your description on your antenna system to be published here.

With best regards for you and your loved ones, 73,
Antje, N2OMA, your editor

lately. If you have anything that would be of interest to the ham community put it to paper and submit it! The article can be technical or not, even serious or not, as long as it is relevant to what we do as radio amateurs. What are you doing that might be of interest or even an inspiration, especially to our newer members? Or, what has happened to you recently that is unusual or funny? If you are not sure of your writing ability, take a stab at it anyway. We can help with editing and English if necessary.

Keep your eyes and ears open for who you might nominate for the next Broughton Award to be presented at the June SARA meeting. I'll be reminding everyone from time to time of this, and it is not too soon to be on the lookout for somebody to honor. Please pass any suggestions on to me as soon as you think of them so they don't get forgotten.

As I write this the sun treated (?) us to an M1.7 flare a few hours ago. This is an interesting period of solar activity, and if it tells us anything it should remind us that predictions are just that, predictions that may or not have any correspondence to what really happens. This is one of the things that keep amateur radio perpetually interesting. Conditions continually come along that surprise us and lead us to improve our stations and operating ability. Get on the air and enjoy them!

See you at the December dinner meeting.

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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 _____

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Send to SARA, PO Box 449, Schenectady, NY 12301
 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.