

SARA NEWS

**SCHENECTADY AMATEUR
RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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March, 2013

General Meeting, March 4th, 2013 at 7 PM, Niskayuna High School Little Theatre

Grounding

Jim Stewart, K2PK

The March meeting will feature a presentation/talk on station grounding, presented by our President, Jim Stewart, K2PK.

Please note April's meeting will be on April 8th rather than April 1st due to the schools being closed for spring vacation.

The SARA meeting will be held Monday, March 4th, 2013 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.

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

Jim K2PK

Thanks are due Bob Saltzman WA2ARK for his excellent presentation on Internet security at the February SARA meeting. Several people have commented to me on the quality of the talk and Bob's ability to keep the audience engaged throughout. This one ranks among the best in recent years. I can only recall a small number of other presentations that have resulted in so much positive feedback.

While thinking about what we get out of the programs at SARA meetings, it is good to remember that attendance is more than just sitting passively on a soft chair listening to somebody else do the work. The presence of fellow enthusiasts in a common pursuit has a lot of value in our increasingly fragmented society. I for one really enjoy the few minutes after the program when I learn what you are doing and maybe even contribute to the discussion.

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SARA Board Meeting

FEBRUARY 13, 2013

Attendance: Board Members President, Pres, James Stewart, K2PK Ken Day, K2DAY Vice President, Craig Wood, W2XAD Hal Post AK2E Secretary, Dan Fiorillo, KC2MER Treasurer, Tim Long, W2UI

Guest, James MacMurray, N2UZQ, April MacMurray, KC2VWW

Board Meeting called to order 7:05 pm, by President Jim Stewart.

Secretary's Report: given and accepted as published.

Treasurer's Report: No report given.

New Members: Alexander J. Kaczor, KD2DLL The Board approved the acceptance of the new member. Congratulate him.

Business: The SARA News will no longer be sent to members that are not current on dues status.

Jim MacMurray, N2UZQ who has accepted the position of the ARES Emergency Coordinator for Schenectady County, has announced an ARES meeting on March 6 at 7 PM to be held at the Price Chopper Community Room on Eastern Avenue in Schenectady. All members and those wishing to join are invited to attend the March 6th meeting.

Repeater: Don Miller to be contacted to determine what is needed to get the 6 meter repeater on the air. Some discussions on reinstating an individual to operate on the clubs repeater. The individual will be invited to attend the board meeting, to discuss it further.

Programs: No one scheduled for the March meeting at this time.

Nominating Committee: A reminder that Board Officers/Members Elections are held in June. Club members will be contacted in an attempt to find individuals to run for the offices.

Broughton Award nominees are being solicited for this years award. Feel free to nominate someone who you feel is deserving of the award.

There was a discussion on being able to locate another room for the regular SARA Monthly Meeting which would better accommodate members who have difficulty getting into the Little Theater and maneuvering down the stairs, to get closer to the presentations. Niskayuna School will be notified to determine if a more suitable room would be available for our members.

Also, discussed changing the time and location of the Board meeting , no action taken at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM Submitted by Secretary Dan Fiorillo, KC2MER

Swapfest

aprox 8:00am Saturday, March 9, 2013 Solar Building in Ballston Spa.

VE test session at 12 noon.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County:
50 West High Street, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

<http://www.ccesaratoga.org/directions.html>

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



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There is snow on the ground, but not so much that the mind can't see through to Field Day. SARA needs more participation in Field Day than we have had the past few years. If you haven't taken part, please consider doing so this year. Especially the newer licensees! Field Day is perhaps the best way for the new radio amateur to get a solid advancement in the hobby. It involves getting to know equipment, antennas, operating procedure, not to mention getting to know one another and just plain have fun.

On a different subject, if you can get your hands on a copy of CQ magazine, be sure and read the monthly column "Riley's Ramblings" by Riley Hollingsworth K4ZDH. Riley is retired from the FCC's enforcement activity and has a lot of valuable insights to pass along. Whether newcomer or old timer we can benefit from his wisdom and experience, and enjoy it at the same time. Riley said in a recent column that his view is that with recent changes amateur radio gets more exciting all the time. He has shared times when amateur radio has changed our lives and moved us forward in new ways, and encourages those of us who are older to pass this on to those who are younger. I highly recommend his column.

Finally, I only had one response to my request for you to pass along what was special in your radio activity in 2012. That one involved his final count for the Diamond Challenge DXCC. I'll give it one more month to see if anything comes in.

Spring equinoctial propagation is coming!

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.

Of Interest to HAMs

Engineer-turned-educator W2XM has developed three versions of "Exam-prep Jepperdee" which can be found on the ARRL website. Each contains questions from the appropriate FCC question pool and can facilitate a fun-filled review when used with W2XM's game hardware (relays, lights, sounder, and push-buttons; all junkie-box or flea-market items). The web addresses are

<http://www.arrl.org/tech-prep-resource-library>
<http://www.arrl.org/studying-for-the-general-license>
<http://www.arrl.org/studying-for-an-extra-license>

A new Tech-exam-prep version is under construction by the author and is scheduled for completion March 1.

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.

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Schenectady Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

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, 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.