

# SARA NEWS

**SCHENECTADY AMATEUR  
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May, 2013

General Meeting, May 6th, 2013 at 7 PM, Niskayuna High School Little Theatre

## **Skywarn Schenectady County**

The program for the SARA meeting on Monday, May 6th will be a Skywarn training session. It has been a while since we've all been Skywarn qualified and I'm sure we could all benefit from a reminder. Some things have changed and it's a safe bet that we're in for some violent weather this summer. Pre-registration at the NWS web site below is requested. The link is up and working; I've tested it. See you there! All are welcome. Spread the word.

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

## **Public Service**

*Ken AA2CW*

May 5th Crop Walk, meeting at Emmanuel Friedents Church at 12:30 PM.

May 18th Niskaday meeting at McDonalds on Union Street at 7:30 AM.

May 22nd Scotia Parade meeting at Dunkin Donuts in Scotia at 5:30 PM.

Contact Ken [AA2CW2010@yahoo.com](mailto:AA2CW2010@yahoo.com) or 861-6825

## **President's Column**

*Jim K2PK*

During one of the presentations at the recent ARES kickoff meeting on March 6 it was stated that some of the best emergency preparation is just getting on the air and operating. This doesn't negate the need for all the other forms of preparation necessary to be effective in emergency communications, but it does make a very valid point. Keeping on the air regularly keeps us familiar with our equipment and normal operating procedures so we don't have to relearn things all the time. It also assures us that our equipment is working, and operating occasionally on backup power keeps that alive as well. But isn't getting on the air and operating one of the things that drew us to amateur radio in the first place? Emergency preparedness is important, but it is not all of amateur radio. We do it because it is fun (or at least should be, assuming proper standards of behavior which is not always a valid assumption) and provides other forms of satisfaction. Sometimes it takes a casual QSO on 160 meters or some other favorite band to remind us of that fact.

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## SARA Board Meeting

April 10, 2013

Attendance: Board Members President James Stewart, K2PK, Vice President Craig Wood, W2XAD Secretary Dan Fiorillo, KC2MER, Treasurer Tim Long, W2UI Director Hal Post AK2E and Frank Simon, WB2PUH Board Meeting called to order 7:05 pm, by President Jim Stewart.

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

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

**New Members:** Walt Wintsch, KD2DQQ and Alex Kaczor, KD2DLL

**Business:** The SARA News will no longer be sent to members that are not current on dues status. Discussions on seeking nominations for Officers and Board members for this coming year Also discussed of the need for members to nominate a member for this years Broughton Award. Feel free to nominate someone who you feel is deserving of the award.

**Repeater:** No activity this month..

**Programs:** NWS will present SKYWARN Training session at 7PM on May 6, PLEASE go to the NWS Web Site <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/aly/> under top news of the day click on Spring Skywarn Spotter Session to register, site is listed as Niskayuna

**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.

**New Business** It is that time of the year to begin thinking about Field Day. Need members-or non-members to assist with the many task in completing the Field Day, such as, planning, getting equipment to the site, food, setup, operations and teardown.

Considering purchasing coffee mugs to be given out to new members and Meeting Speakers.Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Submitted by Secretary Dan Fiorillo, KC2MER

Board meetings are open to SARA members. Board meetings are held on the 2nd Wed. of each month at LT's, located in the Shop Rite Plaza on Balltown Road.

Regular Club Meetings: 7 PM on the First Monday of the Month at the Niskayuna High School, corner of Balltown Road and Nott Street Extension. If school is closed on that Monday, the regular meeting will take place on the following Monday.

## Garage Sale

George Bush, N2JJE is having a garage sale at 1621 Crawford Rd on May 3rd. Lots of ham gear. Call George at 518 887 5019

## East Greenbush Amateur Radio Hamfest

Rain or Shine! At the  
East Greenbush Fire Company  
68 Phillips Road, East Greenbush, N.Y. Vendor Setup: 6:00 a.m. General Public: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

General Admission: \$6  
Vendors: Pavilion: \$6 per table (Tables provided) Tailgating: \$6 per 8 foot space

Hot Food All Day!  
Breakfast: Sandwiches ,Doughnuts Lunch: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chili Hot and Cold Drinks  
Door Prizes\*  
Drawings starting at 10:00 a.m. Grand Prize: 2M Mobile Radio Grand Prize Drawing at 1:00 p.m.  
\*MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

• Much, much, more •  
For further information visit our website:

[www.w2egb.org](http://www.w2egb.org)

For additional information or reservations contact:  
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Speaking of operating, I asked for readers of SARA News to let me know what was especially interesting to you about your amateur radio activity in the previous year of 2012. I received no responses, but find it hard to believe 2012 was a total dud for us. I also asked readers to tell me about their standings at the end of 2012 in the ARRL Diamond DXCC Challenge for working during 2012 as many as possible of the 231 entities that were on the original 1937 ARRL DXCC list. The only two members I am aware of who participated in DDXCC are Joe K2UF with 176 credits and myself with 135 credits allowed by ARRL. The requirement for a contact to be credited was the station worked had to be located within the geographical confines of the entity as it existed in 1937. This meant that some places we thought we had worked did not ultimately get credited because the boundaries are different today. Besides being a challenge and fun, this was a good history and geography lesson painless way to see how the world changed in 75 years.

Field Day is coming up, as is the June VHF Contest. Or, you can make up your own operating challenge and see how to accomplish it. At the very least we can check into one of the Schenectady County Emergency Nets. 6 meter AM anybody?

I am going to try once more to get some response from readers of SARA News. The idea has been bouncing around in my head of a show and tell night at a SARA meeting where we could show off some project we have built or tell of something else amateur radio related we have done. I know some of you build various things or modify equipment that would interest others in the club. I'll bring something if a few others will join me.

### 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.

### Of Interest to HAMs

We would like to inform you about a special event: this year we celebrate 600 years of city rights in Nijkerk, the Netherlands

The city Schenectady and Nijkerk have a long lasting history, going back to 1630 when Arendt Van Curler from Nijkerk established the trading outpost that would become the City of Schenectady. In 1909 the Dutch churches in Nijkerk en Schenectady exchanged tablets memorializing this connection. City-to-City exchanges between inhabitants of the City of Schenectady and the City of Nijkerk have been in existence since 1984.

Members of our radioclub, VERON Amersfoort, will activate the special callsign PH600NYK this year. We invite you to work this special call and celebrate 600 years of city rights with us. For those who don't have the opportunity to use HF frequencies at home, we might set up a sked between our club-stations. A special QSL-card is available and QSL is via the Bureau, LoTW an eQSL.

Hope to work you! On behalve of the members of VERON Amersfoort | PH600NYK,

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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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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.