

# SARA NEWS

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October, 2013

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

## **Antique Wireless Association Museum**

*Bruce Roloson*

Bruce Roloson, Curator of the AWA Museum. The AWA Museum started in Bruce Kelly's barn many years ago. It relocated to the old Bloomfield Academy building in East Bloomfield on Route 20 in western New York. Recently it moved to a new location. Bruce will give us a presentation on the new museum, its facilities and collection.



of the school, adjacent to the Nott Street Extension school parking lot.

The SARA meeting will be held Monday, October 7th, 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

## **President's Message**

*de W2XAD, Craig M. Wood*

President's Column Hello! Where did the summer go? Among the new hams new hams who have shown up on repeaters, HF and FM simplex, antenna building has been the subject as of late. I find the talk about building HF antennas exciting because the cold days ahead could mean more HF contacts for those with good antennas.

In the next few days and weeks I will be getting together with the "new guys" and hope to find solutions to my own lack of HF antennas. Our group of new hams have that spark that many of us used to have. We can all benefit from that. Old and new hams on HF is a great way to keep the hobby going. I bet Pat KC2WLR thinks so as he has been training the new troops. Many thanks to Pat for his great work! I hope some of the other members will help out the new hams. We need more of these good hams on the air. Let all of us keep ham radio alive for the future. Happy Hamming from W2XAD.



**SARA Board Meeting**  
September 11, 2013 LT's Grill

Attendance: Board Members President Craig Wood, W2XAD, Vice President James Stewart K2PK, Secretary Hal Post AK2E, Treasurer Tim Long W2UI, Director Paul Siemers WY2F

Meeting opened by President Wood at 7:05 PM.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report and Budget presented by Tim Long. Accepted by the Board.

**New Members:** No new Members

**Secretary's Report:** Letters received by Broughton Scholarship winners. To be published in the News Letter. Letter from Price Chopper discussed in Old Business. Report accepted by the Board.

**Old Business:** Price Chopper is selling their Community Center and will no longer be available for use. The Secretary will send them a thank you letter for letting us know, for previous use of the Community Room and for their generous donation to support our Field Day.

**Member Equipment Auction:** The ALS600 Amp and LDG Tuner bids were accepted by the Board. The remaining equipment will be published to local clubs and if no positive results, the equipment will go on auction on E-Bay or E-Ham.

**December Party:** Jim will look into reserving the United Buffet again.

**SARA Mugs:** Jim is looking into the cost of purchasing mugs for our guest speakers.

**New Business:**

**NYSQSO Party:** The Board approved the purchasing of a Plaque to support the contest effort.

**Elmering:** Tim Long is SARA's contact person for new hams. Tim is willing to accept any other hams that would like to help him.

Meeting Adjourned.  
Submitted by Secretary Post.

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.

**2013 Broughton Award Winners**

Award winners express their thanks for their scholarship awards. SARA wishes them all the best.

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Monday, June 10, 2013

To The Members of The Schenectady Amateur Radio Association;

Thank you VERY much for the generous K2AE scholarship that has recently been awarded to me by the ARRL. For those of you who do not know, my name is Daniel Bradke and my call sign at home in Niskayuna is W2AU. I attended Penn State for my undergraduate education where I majored in Biology. Currently, I will be a second year medical student at St. George's University in Grenada, West Indies. My call sign when I am at school is J37AU. I am extremely happy with the path and career field that I have chosen and I couldn't have done it without the financial support from organizations like SARA and the Henry Broughton, K2AE Memorial Scholarship Award.

Thank you once again and see you in the pile-ups!

Sincerely,

Daniel Bradke

Greetings to all:


Even in the early days of amateur radio, a huge emphasis was based on experimentation, and out of these experiments came data. This data was then transformed into knowledge, and knowledge is the building blocks to success in any field of work, whether it is electrical engineering, RF engineering, or even non-technical areas such as medical physicians or teaching. This is exactly what Nikola Tesla was yearning for during all of his trials with electricity. Everyone has a desire for knowledge.

This is why I have decided to continue my education in the field of Computer Science at Columbus State University (Georgia). Although I am employed professionally as a Software Engineer, it is my hopes that one day I will be able to pass along my knowledge to someone else – possibly my own students in a classroom.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Schenectady Amateur Radio Association for selecting me as the recipient of The Henry Broughton, K2AE, Memorial Scholarship for the academic year 2013. Although I have read much about Tesla, I was unaware of Mr. Henry Broughton. As I research Mr. Broughton, I am very humbled to have received this award in his honor. Please accept my thanks and appreciation for this tremendous tribute to a great fellow ham.

I hope to catch every one of your association's members on the air and in my logbook soon. Please contact me if I can do anything for you.

73,



Cary (Lee) Becham – KD4NTS

Dear Amateur Radio Operators,

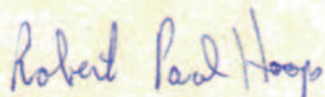
I am the recipient of the Henry Broughton, K2AE, Memorial Scholarship for the 2013 academic year. I want very much to thank you for your support of college students as a part of your club. The support the Amateur Radio operators have given me throughout college has been overwhelming.

In September, I will start my fifth year at Rochester Institute of Technology. This summer I am doing the last of the required co-ops as an Engineering Assistant for RIT Production Services. The Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering at RIT is programmed to take five years. I was fortunate enough to be invited to participate in a Bachelor's/Master's program, which will grant me both a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree in the same five years. Your kind and generous gift will greatly help me to meet this goal.

I passed my Technician test on August 8, 2006, eight days after my 15<sup>th</sup> birthday. I upgraded to General Class on June 9, 2007, at a ham fest. I was drawn to amateur radio by my father, K3WJH and the friendliness and comradery of the amateurs at the Columbia/Montour Amateur Radio Club. As an Eagle Scout, I applied for a vanity call sign to represent the accomplishment, thus the EGL suffix in my call sign.

I am a member of three clubs; the Columbia/Montour Amateur Radio Club, the Milton Amateur Radio Club and the RIT Amateur Radio Club. My interest in Amateur Radio revolves around the community activities. I have been involved in ARES and RACES communications. I have also helped in a bicycle race and the Run for the Diamonds foot race for the last six Thanksgiving Day races. I have participated in several hospital and community drills. I really enjoy Field Day from setup to tear down.

Again, thank you for your generosity. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and support of other Amateur Radio Operators.



Robert "Paul" Hoops, W3EGL

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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  
 June, 2013 through July, 2014

## 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	TBA
2m	147.060Mhz+	1:30 PM	TBA
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.