
SARA NEWS

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association
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A Message from the President

As the snow oh so slowly melts away I was thinking at least it will be gone by FIELD DAY!

I am very overwhelmed by everyone's excitement including my own. You folks are a case of Red Bull.

I hope that all involved with this endeavor is charting a new path. I can remember the excitement I felt when I took a trip to Dayton Ohio. Every mile was fun and the trip was exciting and memorable.

We are going on that trip to FIELD DAY and it can be like that trip we always dreamed of.

I don't mind being on that trip with all of you. It will be fun because we can share it with the best hams and participants I could ever think of.

I can't wait and see the Pat and George contest. Red Bull and 5 hour energy is not included. Coffee is provided at no cost as Tim W2UI is bear without it!

73 for now de W2XAD

Field Day Save the Date

Field Day 2015 is guaranteed to be bigger and better.

This year Field Day is June 27-28. Set up starts on June 26th.

The location will be the same as last year at the Niskayuna Community Center Park located behind the Niskayuna Community Center on Aqueduct Road.

Keep reading for the big Field Day announcement!



SARA General Meeting

Monday April 13, 2015, 7:00 pm

Vintage Radio and Communications Museum

ATTENTION: DATE AND LOCATION CHANGE!

Since school will be closed for spring vacation on the first Monday of the month, April's General Meeting will be held on **Monday April 13th**.

The meeting location has also changed, **it will be held in the Old Cafeteria. This location is handicap accessible.**

Since founding the Vintage Radio and Communications Museum in 1990, John Ellsworth has shepherded the museum through six moves—starting with a 500 square foot rented space to its present 18,000 square foot building that the museum owns today.

The museum is also home to the Vintage Radio and Communications Ham Club with a working station, W1VCM, and the DeGeorge Memorial recording studio for music and vocal recordings and for transcriptions of vintage sound recordings to modern digital format.

John will present an engaging history of the museum, and will show samples of the museum's collection. You will enjoy this talk.

John has a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Arts and a Master's Degree in Administration.

Website: <http://www.vrcmct.org>



Meeting Location

SARA meetings are held in the Little Theatre of the Niskayuna High School on Balltown Road unless otherwise noted.

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 also be cancelled.

www.niskayschools.org
for school closing information.

FIELD DAY 2015, JUNE 27th and 28th

It is time, once again, to make plans for Field Day. Many of you know that SARA and SMARA have been trying to combine forces for several years. Several key members of both clubs worked very hard. I am happy to report that our efforts have finally paid off.

SARA and SMARA will conduct a collaborative Field Day and submit a single entry to the ARRL for at least two years. We are very excited and the potential for great success is huge.



Agreements have been reached on several potential obstacles. We will call ourselves “Broughton Field Day Group”. The main call sign will be K2AE. The Get-On-The-Air (GOTA) station call sign will be W2IR. Next year, the call signs will be reversed (hence the reason for a 2 year minimum agreement). Our site will be the Niskayuna Sports Complex on Aqueduct Road. The Broughton Field Day Group is on the ARRL Field Day Locator. Our co-chairmen will be Jim MacMurray, N2UZQ, and Tim Long, W2UI. We will use N1MM for logging. Funding will be evenly split. We will pool our equipment and talent resources.

Several decisions have yet to be made. What Class are we going to run? Class 8A has been discussed. There will not be much competition in 8A. Class 8A will require 9 computers and 9 rigs. Do we have them? How do we make the financing equal? (SARA takes the necessary funds out of the treasury. SMARA collects contributions from participants privately.) If we put up several beams, what do we put them on? Do we still have tower sections? Do we have the manpower to put them up? We need to assign responsibilities for the bonus points that we hope to earn. We need to take inventory of all equipment. Who will be the food chairman?

This makes so much sense. Several area hams are members of both clubs. If there ever is a disaster that requires our communication skills, we will **ALL** jointly support that effort. How timely was the article in SARA News about Henry Primm Broughton, K2AE, and William G. Broughton, W2IR being Father and Son and the history of how our clubs got their call signs? It's funny that John didn't know about the effort to combine for FD when he wrote the article. We are so sensitive to the perception that things won't be equal, we asked the waitress at LT's Grill to flip the coin to determine call signs, and I asked the ARRL to allow both call signs to be posted on the Field Day Locator.

So we hope that everyone embraces the idea, and supports the combined effort. We guarantee that it will be fun. Let us know what task you are willing to tackle. There are many and there is one that you will enjoy.

73,

Tim, W2UI and Jim, N2UZQ

SARA Board Meeting

March Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2015

Present:

Craig Wood W2XAD President
 Jim Silva KC2ZVK Vice President
 Jim Stewart, K2PK Secretary
 Tim Long, W2UI Treasurer
 Paul Siemers WY2F Board Member
 Hans Olsen KD2FJL Board Member
 James MacMurray N2UZQ Board Member

Visitors: April MacMurray KC2VWW, Dave Bradshaw KD2FVM

Meeting opened by President Wood at 7:01 PM.

Secretary's Report: The Board accepted as published.

Treasurer's Report: Reported by Treasurer Tim Long and accepted by the Board.

Broughton Award: Members are encouraged to submit nominations to Craig Wood.

Skywarn: The Board agreed to host the National Weather Service Skywarn training at the May meeting at NWS's request.

Repeater Update: Discussion by the Board regarding problems with behavior on the repeaters.

Field Day: The Niskayuna facility has been reserved for FD. The Board agreed to combine forces with SMARA this year for a joint "Broughton Memorial Field Day Group" FD entry using K2AE for the main stations and W2IR for the GOTA station. If this is successful and continues in 2016, the plan is to reverse the call signs. Tim Long and James MacMurray are to get together with a joint FD committee made up of active FD participants to work out details and task assignments.

New Business: None

Meeting Adjourned 7:48 PM.

Submitted by Secretary Jim Stewart K2PK

Calendar of Events

April 13 at 7PM
(Note: Date Change)
 SARA General Meeting

April 15 at 7PM
(Note: Date Change)
 SARA Board Meeting

Upcoming Hamfests

April 18
 Drumlins, Plymara, NY
 8 am to Till
<http://drumlinsarc.org/hamfest.htm>

April 19
 Orange County
 8 am to 2 pm
<http://www.ocarc-ny.org>

May 1 & 2
 NEAR-Fest
 Deerfield, NH
<http://www.near-fest.com:8084/nearfest/>

May 9
 East Greenbush Amateur
 Radio Association
 8 am to 1 pm
<http://www.w2egb.org/docs/w2egb%20hamfest%202015%20flyer.html>

May 15 - 17
 Dayton Hamvention
 Dayton, OH
<http://hamvention.org>

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Broughton Award 2015 Nominations

Time is running out, send in your nominations today!

The Broughton Award Committee is accepting written nominations for this year's Henry Primm Broughton Memorial Award.

The award is given for individual achievement, or for outstanding service to SARA, to amateur radio in general or to the community.

Last year the Henry Primm Broughton Memorial Award was presented to Craig Wood, W2XAD, and consequently Craig is this year's award committee chairperson. Craig will be selecting two other past Henry Primm Broughton Memorial Award recipients to serve with him on the committee.

Please submit your written nominations to Craig Wood. Nominations should include candidates name, a brief biography, and reasons why the nominee should receive the award.

Please send nominations to Craig by the middle of April, this will allow enough time to prepare the award for presentation.

Send your nominations to:
Craig Wood, W2XAD
w2xad1@verizon.net
(518) 370-5224

SKYWARN Weather Spotter Training

SARA will be hosting a NWS SKYWARN weather spotter training on May 4th at 7PM in the Little Theater of Niskayuna High School. These classes are open to the public, and all are welcome.

SKYWARN spotters provide essential information for all types of weather hazards, the main responsibility of a SKYWARN spotter in the summer is to identify and describe severe local storms, flash flooding, hail size and damage from the storms, and report this to the NWS.

To register please go to:
<http://cstar.cestm.albany.edu:7775/skywarn/Register.htm>

Hamfests (Continued)

May 31

Mt. Beacon Hamfest
Fishkill NY
8 am - 2 pm

<http://wr2abb.org/home/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/2015-hamfest-Flyer-May.pdf>

September 13

Saratoga County R.A.C.E.S
Association
7 am - 2 pm

http://www.wa2umx.net/Hamfest_2009.html

Website

Visit the club's website at:
<http://www.k2ae.org>

Board of Directors/Officers

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Standing Committees

SARA News

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K2AE Trustee

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Phone: 273-1610

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Rudy Dehn - W2JVF
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Phone: 372-6139

Public Service Events

Tony Pazzola - W2BEJ

VE Team

Al Kozakiewicz - AB2ZY
Email: akozak@hourglass.com

FCC Exam Registration

Phone: (518) 604-4128

Schenectady County Emergency Net

SARA members act as Net Control Stations for the Schenectady County Emergency Net (SCEN) on Sunday afternoons.

EMERGENCY COORDINATOR: JAMES MACMURRAY - N2UZQ

DAY OF WEEK	TIME	FREQUENCY	MODE
Every Sunday	1:00 PM	444.200	K2AE Repeater
Every Sunday	1:30 PM	147.060	K2AE Repeater
1st Sunday	2:00 PM	3.953	LSB
2nd Sunday	2:00 PM	50.400	AM
3rd Sunday	2:00 PM	146.430	FM Simplex
4th Sunday	2:00 PM	28.325	USB
5th Sunday	2:00 PM	223.500	FM Simplex

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.



SARA NEEDS YOU!

If you have any articles, information, tips, tricks or items for sale you would like to include in the SARA Newsletter, send an email to saranews@k2ae.org with the subject "SARA Newsletter Ideas". Please include your full name and call sign.

Internet References for the March 2015 Meeting Presentation, The 22 Pound DXpedition(or SOTA for Geezers)

Below are the internet references from the very informative presentation at the March meeting by John Fritze, K2QY. Check them out:

<http://seeksolitude.com/?p=166>
<http://kd0bik.com/sota/>
<http://www.allfishingbuy.com/Fishing-Pole-10-11.htm>
<http://n1eu.com>
<http://na-sota.org>
<http://www.sotawatch.org>
<http://www.foldingantennas.com/gb.html>
<http://www.sotabeams.co.uk>



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TWELTH ANNUAL HAMFEST

Saturday, May 9th, 2015

Rain or Shine!

At the
East Greenbush Fire Company
68 Phillips Road, East Greenbush, N.Y.
Vendor Set-up: 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.

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***MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN**
• Much, much more •

For further information visit our website: www.w2egb.org

For additional information or reservations contact:
Tom, KC2FCP (kc2fcp@nycap.rr.com)

Directions to the East Greenbush Firehouse

68 Phillips Rd, Rensselaer, N.Y. 12144

GPS:

N 42° 35.687' — W 73° 43.230'

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Talk-In:

147.270 (+), PL 94.8 Hz

From I-90: Exit 9 — US 4

- Merge onto TROY RD/ US-4 via EXIT 9 towards EAST GREENBUSH
- Turn RIGHT onto COLUMBIA TURNPIKE/ US-9/20
- Turn LEFT onto PHILIPS RD/CR-57
- FIREHOUSE, Hamfest Site is on the RIGHT

From NYS Thruway Exit 23 — I-787

- Merge onto I-787 N via ramp on the LEFT toward EMPIRE PLAZA / RENSSELAER / TROY
- TAKE US-9 S / US-20 E, EXIT 3 toward RENSSELAER
- Stay STRAIGHT to go onto US 9/20 DUNN MEMORIAL BRIDGE.
- Continue to follow US 9/20
- Turn RIGHT onto PHILIPS RD/CR-57
- FIREHOUSE, Hamfest site, is on right



SARA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dues are gladly accepted (Please print legibly)

New Member

Renewal

Donation to the Repeater Fund. Amount: _____

Membership Class:

Full (Licensed Amateur) - Dues: \$20.00/year

New Member Initiation - \$5.00/one time fee in addition to Full dues
(Initiation fee is used to fund the Henry Primm Broughton Memorial Fund)

Spousal - Dues: \$5.00/year. Call sign of regular member: _____

Student (K-12 and full-time undergraduate college) - Dues: \$5.00/year

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Call Sign (if licensed): _____ License Class: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

(Newsletters will be distributed via email unless otherwise specifically requested)

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Please use a separate form for each member at your address.

Make checks payable to: Schenectady Amateur Radio Association

Mail your check and this completed form to:

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association
PO Box 449
Schenectady, NY 12301

You may also bring this form and your membership dues to the next SARA General meeting.