
SARA NEWS

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association
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Schenectady, NY 12301

A Message from the President

I got an email today asking me to write a letter from the President. I scratched my head for a while and said to myself, "What am I going to write about?" I thought maybe I should write something about myself and share with you about my passion for this hobby. Then I thought I should write something about all the great history of this club and where we wanted to go in the future with it. Truth is, I was not sure what I was going to write about. So, I decided to talk a bit about the time from June till now.

What an amazing summer this has been. It also flew by with a blink of an eye. So here are a few highlights and events that I was involved in. Our June meeting was a great meeting. So many things packed into such a short time. We had the election of officers. We had the presentation of the Broughton Award. (Congratulations again to Tony W2BEJ). If that was not enough, we had a great presentation of RF burns.

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Later on in June, we had Field Day. What a great time was had. I had the opportunity of working with so many great people to put that together. Not to mention, the great food we all enjoyed. My favorite part of Field Day this year was actually a little different than any other year. I was walking around with my camera going at 10:00ish on Saturday night. Every station was being operated. All the ops were working hard to make each contact. The GOTA station was pretty busy too. A younger lady was on making her first Amateur Radio contacts and being coached by a person who was really enjoying passing on knowledge to her on the best way to make the contact. There were 5 – 6 groups of people standing around talking and laughing. Having a great time telling stories of Field Days of past or about the newest gear they were thinking of buying. It was truly one of the best Field days I have had the honor in working.

In July, ARES helped with communications for the Mud Run at Maple Ski Ridge. We had ops from SARA, SMARA and ops that had no club affiliation. We had a passing storm and then went on with our day. Everyone was safe and there were no injuries reported...Another great event.

In August, SMARA hosted the “All Clubs Picnic”. I didn’t think that we were going to have that many people attending the event due to the excessive heat and humidity. To my surprise, there were more people attending there than I have seen in years. A great time was had....and the food was good too.

...And here we are now, at the end of another summer, looking forward to the start of another year at SARA. I had a great time in this hobby over the summer and the past year. I look forward to another year with a sense of excitement. I hope that all of you share that excitement with me. Thank you for electing me as your President for 2016 – 2017. I hope that every one of you share the enthusiasm that I have for this hobby and for our club. If there is anything I can do for you, please feel free to contact me. Let us make this year as great, if not better, than the last.

I would also like to add one more thing. I would like to thank my friend and Former President of SARA, Craig Wood, for all the great things he has done for the past couple years not only for SARA, but for Amateur Radio in the area. Thank you Craig...

James MacMurray N2UZQ

SARA President

SARA General Meeting

Monday, September 12, 2016, 7:00 pm

"Who Invented Morse Code?"

Presented by
Dr. David Hochfelder N2HTA,
 Associate Professor of History, University at Albany

David's talk will cover the historical controversy between supporters of Alfred Vail and Samuel Morse over the issue of which man actually invented the telegraph code commonly known as Morse Code.



Samuel Morse



Alfred Vail

Our Speaker: Dr. David Hochfelder N2HTA

An electrical engineer turned historian, David Hochfelder specializes in the history of U.S. business and technology. He also helps administer UAlbany's public history program.

Before joining UAlbany, Hochfelder served as a research historian at the Thomas Edison Papers.

He is the author of *The Telegraph in America, 1832-1920* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2012). His next project will be a social history of savings and investment. He has appeared in two episodes of the History Channel's "Modern Marvels" series.

MEETING LOCATION

First Reformed Church (in the Poling Chapel)
 North Church Street, Schenectady

Meeting Location

*SARA meetings will be held in the **Poling Chapel of the First Reformed Church** on North Church Street, Schenectady unless otherwise noted.*

Directions: The church parking lot is on North Church Street, on your left as you head north from Union Street.

Cross North Church Street and find the walkway between number 10 and 12 North Church. Go to the end of the walkway and enter the building.

Turn left and go through the double doors. Turn right and walk past the rest rooms. The Poling Chapel is just down the hall.

Cancellations

If Niskayuna High School cancels evening classes and activities the SARA meeting will also be cancelled.

www.niskyschools.org
 for school closing information.

SARA Annual Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2016, Poling Chapel, First Reformed Church, Sch'dy

Present: 30 members in attendance including officers and board

Craig Wood, W2XAD President
 Jim Silva, KC2ZVK Vice President
 Jim Stewart, K2PK Secretary
 Tim Long, W2UI Treasurer
 Dave Bradshaw, KD2FVM Board Member
 John Comanzo KD2FVN Board Member
 James MacMurray N2UZQ Board Member

Meeting opened by Vice President Silva at 7:07 PM

Public Service Events announced by Tony Pazzola W2BEJ

Treasurer's Report presented by Treasurer Tim Long. Moved, seconded, and carried to accept.

Election of Officers and Board Members: Vice President Silva presented names in nomination on behalf of the nominating committee of the board. Moved, seconded and carried to close the nominations and have the secretary cast an unanimous single ballot for the following slate for the 2016/2017 fiscal year:

James MacMurray N2UZQ President
 Jim Silva KC2ZVK Vice President
 Jim Stewart, K2PK Secretary
 Tim Long, W2UI Treasurer
 Paul Siemers WY2F Board Member
 Bob Saltzman WB2ARK Board Member
 Craig Wood W2XAD Board Member
 Dave Bradshaw KD2FVM Board member

Broughton Award presented by last year's winner Lee Hatfield K2HAT to Tony Pazzola W2BEJ

Field Day plans presented by Tim Long

Program "RF Burns" by Bob Olsen WA7WWP

Meeting Adjourned 8:41PM

Submitted by Secretary Jim Stewart K2PK

Calendar of Events

September 12 at 7PM

SARA General Meeting
 First Reformed Church
 North Church Street
 Schenectady, NY

September 21 at 7PM

SARA Board Meeting
 Wendy's Restaurant
 13 Saratoga Rd
 Glenville, NY

Upcoming Hamfests

September 11 (Sunday)

Saratoga County
 Amateur Radio
 Association
 Doors open at 7AM
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 Hamfest_2009.html](http://www.http://cdn.k2dll.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2016/08/HAMFEST-2016-Poster-2sides.pdf.wa2u.mx.net/Hamfest_2009.html)

SARA YAHOO Group

Visit the club's YAHOO group at:
[https://
 groups.yahoo.com/neo/
 groups/sara/info](https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/sara/info)

Website

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

The Broughton Award Winner is...

Tony Pazzola, W2BEJ

Congratulations Tony!



Officers & Board of Directors 2016-2017

President: James MacMurray N2UZQ

Vice President: Jim Silva KC2ZVK

Secretary: Jim Stewart K2PK

Treasurer: Tim Long W2UI

Board Member: Craig Wood W2XAD

Board Member: Bob Saltzman WB2ARK

Board Member: Paul Siemers WY2F

Board Member: Dave Bradshaw KD2FVM

Sara Dues Reminder

2016 - 2017 Membership Dues are Due

The SARA membership year runs from July to June and the 2016-2017 dues are due. **The September meeting would be a great time to pay your dues and get current.**

Please use the form on the last page or see Tim, W2UI, our Treasurer at the September meeting.

FIELD DAY 2016 Report

Greetings from the FUN Department



It's over! The stuff is almost all put away and waiting for next year. Muscles have stopped aching. I can still hear morse code when I close my eyes. We worked hard. We learned a lot of new things. Man, did we ever have fun! Oh, and the food! The food was gourmet.

Propagation was the pits. Sunspots did not cooperate. The good news is that it was equally terrible for everybody. The antennas worked flawlessly. The beams were assembled correctly according to manufacturer guidelines (What? You mean this isn't always the case?). We actually used lower loss coax for the longer runs and higher frequency antennas and the next best quality coax for the longer runs to lower frequency antennas (not a given practice either). Good matches (SWR's all below 1.5 to 1) and minimal interference between bands and modes. The location lent itself to a good arrangement.

We loved the location...clearly the best location yet and we've already spoken for the Niskayuna Soccer Park for next year. Good elevation, unobstructed views, easy to find, nice working bathrooms, out of the way (quiet) location for the generator, very ample parking,

We operated 6 transmitters simultaneously for 24 hours plus a Get-On-The-Air (GOTA) station. The 6 transmitter main operation used Broughton call sign W2IR and racked up an impressive 1302 QSO's. The band-mode winner was 40M CW with 236 Q's. Next was a tie between 75M and 20M SSB with 197 Q's each. The GOTA station used Broughton call sign K2AE and racked up an impressive 152 QSO's. The GOTA station had 10 different operators including 4 visitors who did not have a license. We provided a GOTA coach and control operator so the visitors had fun operating too. We earned every bonus point possible except for the satellite bonus for a bonus total of 2010 points. We worked every state, most Canadian provinces, and some DX.

The operation wasn't without visits by Murphy. We ran out of gas once, and we all just sat and stared at each other saying, "huh, what just happened?" Thankfully, an alert operator ran from his camper with a 5 gallon can while Fred Thumheart went for a larger supply. We were only out of commission for about 5 minutes. We also forgot to put up 3 antennas! Many sections of coax were found to be bad and we were scraping the bottom of the coax barrel by 2PM Saturday. Several families of mice found their way into the box trailer (the big hole in the floor said "welcome"). Nests and their stinky calling card was everywhere in the Rubbermaid bins.

The ARRL initial submittal is complete. Our claimed score is something like 4,820 points. It will be interesting to see how we stack up. We still owe the ARRL supporting documentation to validate the bonus points that we've claimed. Send me the pictures that you have. We've started a list of ideas and improvements for next year. Send your suggestions.

73....Tim, W2UI & James, N2UZQ

Lee Hatfield, K2HAT, Amateur of the Year

Hello.

I am so very pleased to announce the 2016 Hudson Division Award recipients. Nominations were received representing the entire Hudson Division. From the southern to the northern part of the Division. From the eastern to the western ends of the Division, all areas were well represented with very worthy individuals who have had an impact on Amateur Radio in the Hudson Division.

This year we've decided to award one "Amateur of the Year" and three "Grand Ol' Ham" awards. The recipients are:

Amateur of the Year	Lee Hatfield K2HAT
Grand Ol' Ham	Andy Bodony K2LE
Grand Ol' Ham	Gordon Shacklett KB2SSZ
Grand Ol' Ham	Joe Dreifuss W2KQ

Please join me in congratulating them, and please celebrate their achievement, by joining them at the 2016 Hudson Division Awards Luncheon.

The Awards Luncheon, sponsored this year by the Orange County Amateur Radio Club (OCARC), will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2016 from noon to 4:00 pm at the Ramada Cafe International in Newburgh, N.Y.

Tickets are \$37.00 per person or a group table of ten seats can be purchased for \$333.00. TICKETS CAN NOW BE PURCHASED THROUGH PAYPAL!!!

Go to the OCARC website: http://www.ocarc-ny.org/HV_awards.shtml

Tickets can also be ordered by mail. Get the order form at: [http:// hudson.arrl.org/2016-ticket-order-form/](http://hudson.arrl.org/2016-ticket-order-form/)

All proceeds this year will be donated to the ARRL Legislative Issues Advocacy Fund. Donations to this fund are used specifically to support the efforts to promote, inform, and advocate to Congress on behalf of Amateur Radio.

Most money is raised by advertising sales. Please consider taking an ad this year in the Awards Journal. The prices are \$30 for a quarter page, \$50 a half page and \$100 a full page. To take an ad, please print out this form and mail it with a check as instructed on the form.

Here is the link: <http://hudson.arrl.org/2016-hudson-division-luncheon-ad-forms/>

The form is available in either a PDF or Word format.

The past 3 years we have raised nearly \$15,000 that has been donated to the ARRL. The money this year will once again be used to help offset expenditures made in support of our HR-1301 advocacy effort.

I hope to see you there.

Vy 73 de Mike N2YBB
ARRL Hudson Division, Director: Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, n2ybb@arrl.org

A Flash from the Past!

BY HAL POST, AK2E

How many remember these call signs? Found this in QST, August 1961, pages 104 and 106.

Hudson Division

Eastern New York SCM, George Tracy, W2EFU

SEC: W2KGC. RMs: W2PHX and K2QJL PAMs: W2IJC and W2NOC.

Section nets: NYS on 3615 kc. at 19000: NYSPTEN on 3925kc. At 1800: ESS on 3590 kc. At 1800: MHT (Novice) on 3716 kc. On Sat. at 1300

Endorsements: W2HZZ. W2SQW and K2CXO as EC's.

Appointments: WA2HGB and WA2KUS as ORSs. W2LC as OO. W2URP hit the jackpot at 35-w.p.m. certificate, perfect copy on Armed Forces Day message and new tower, rotator and beam. The following were active in the Feb. FMT: W2AZO, W2FVP, W2ZBS, W2ZSJ, K2UTC and WA2KUS. Graduating from Cornell, K2DEM will attend Yale Law School this Fall.

The Ulster Co. Mike and Key Club held a spring auction with more than 45 in attendance. Assisting with the Memorial Day parade in New Rochelle were K2SJM, K2YCI, WA2JZH, WA2JZA, WA2OBZ, and WV2NRB. City officials were impressed. K2OUA is reactivated after two years away at college. K2RRZ as a GHF-1X in operation.

K2JQB is new director of the New Rochelle Club. The club's April meeting attracted a record attendance. The Dutchess Co. V.H.F. Society will give a trophy to the highest scoring multiple operator station in ENY in the June V.H.F. party. Send your scores to W2HZZ. The award will be presented at the Syracuse V.H.F. Roundup in Oct. WA2BAH reports 14 states on 2 Meters.

New gas driven power plants are reported by W2DQW and WA2KUS. Do You have emergency power? W2PHX is running new linear a pair of 811As with 300 Watts input. Your humble reporter was recipient of the Broughton Award for public service traffic sponsored by the Schenectady Club. My deepest thanks.

Traffic: (May) WA2HGB 159, K2YZI 126, WA2KUS 125, W2EFU 87, W2PHX 26, W2PKY 22, W2URP 20, K2HNW 10, K2TXP 7, K2VCZ 7, K2OUA 5, WA2MID 4, K2BGU 2. (Apr.) WA2KUS 32, W2PHX 16.

Saratoga County Hamfest

The Saratoga County Amateur Radio Hamfest will be held SUNDAY, September 11. Doors open at 7 am.

It all happens at the Saratoga County Fairgrounds, 162 Prospect Street in Ballston Spa.

Admission: Only \$6.00!

In addition to the new lower admission fee of \$6, there will be a series of seminars on various topics, a fox-hunt on the fairground property, and a series of drawing throughout the morning for various prizes donated by various vendors.

There's a VE test session at 9 am at the Cooperative Extension (Solar) Building, 50 West High Street (Rt 67 west) in Ballston Spa, 12020.

Link to flyer, <http://cdn.k2dll.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2016/08/HAMFEST-2016-Poster-2sides.pdf>

*Saratoga County Amateur Radio Association
presents our 31st annual*

HAMFEST 2016

Sunday, September 11th; Gates open at 7:00 am

Saratoga County Fair Grounds, 162 Prospect St, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Only \$6 per person includes hourly door prize drawing, plus 8'x8' "tailgate" space

MAKE IT A HAM'S DREAM WEEKEND – 2 HAMFESTS!

BRING YOUR TICKET STUB FROM BOXBORO ON SATURDAY AND GET INTO OUR FEST FOR HALF PRICE !! -- ONLY \$3 !!



- Delicious Food served all day
- More major prizes; more hourly prizes
- Hourly demonstrations: *What's hot in ham radio now?*
- VE exam to be held at 9:00am (off site)
Cornell Co-Op Ext. (Solar Bldg); 50 W. High St / Rt 67 west
Ballston Spa, NY 12020
- Lots of gear and accessories to haggle over
- Fox-hunt on the fairground property
- Under-cover tables available for \$10 each
- Reservations and prepay welcome and encouraged

Directions:

- I-87 to Exit 12
- West on Rt 67 to Ballston Spa
- At intersection of Rts 50 & 67, follow 50 North; look for HAMFEST signs
- In village, turn left at Citgo station on Prospect Street; up hill on left

Talk-In

K2DLL Repeater System
147.000 or 147.240
PL = 91.5 Hz.
GPS Coordinates
43.007438 ° -73.855821 °

NEW for 2016 SARATOGA HAMFEST –

HOT NEW “BUCKET PRIZES” FROM GIGAPARTS!

LDG-AT-200PROII	Automatic Antenna Tuner, 200Watts, 1.8 to 54 MHz, 2000 memories - Gigaparts reg. price - \$239
Icom IC-2730A Deluxe	Dual-band Mobile VHF/UHF Radio, 50-watts, Simultaneous Receive, Includes Remote Head Bracket - Gigaparts reg. price - \$ 354
Yaesu FT-2DR	C4FM/FM 144/430 MHz Dual Band, 5-watt, Digital HT; System Fusion compatible; AMS (Automatic Mode Select) instantly recognizes either analog or digital FM signals - Gigaparts reg. price - \$ 399
RigExpert AA-170	Graphical HF/VHF Antenna Analyzer, 0.1 to 170MHz, Connects to PC - Gigaparts reg. price - \$ 394

Your \$5 Bucket Prize ticket(s) could win you one of these fine pieces of ham gear. Increase your odds with additional tickets at 3 for \$10. Prize drawings at 1 pm. You NEED NOT be present to win.

PLUS – Hourly presentations/demonstrations of new, fun aspects of ham radio including

- Arduino, Raspberry Pi Projects – and beyond
- Remote operation of your home station
- Olympics of Antenna Launcher Devices
- Foxhunt on the Fairgrounds
- Intro to ARES, RACES, and EMCOMM
- More to come.

DON'T MISS IT! SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11. BE THERE!

For Information or reservations contact: Jim Polewczak - KG2H
231 Northline Road, Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Email: kq2h@arrl.net
Phone: 518-703-9558

SEE US AT www.K2DLL.ORG

TONY'S WORLD FAMOUS 2016 HAMFEST LIST

Come to FLUNGE and EBB with Tony, W2BEJ

<u>MARLBORO</u>	2/13	X	Whitcomb School - Marlborough, MA	147.27 + pl 146.2
<u>SWL WINTERFEST</u>	2/19	X	Doubletree Suites - Plymouth Meeting, PA	146.52
<u>HORSEHEADS</u>	2/27	X	Big Flats American Legion - Rt. 86 Exit 49	147.36 +
<u>COLCHESTER</u>	2/27	X	Holiday Inn - South Burlington, VT	145.15 -
<u>LIMARC</u>	2/28	X	Levittown Hall - Hicksville, NY	146.85- pl 136.5
<u>MT TOM</u>	3/5	X	Chicopee Falls Moose Lodge 1849	146.94- pl 127.3
<u>SARATOGA WINTERFEST</u>	3/12	X	Ballston Spa, Solar Building	147.00 + pl 91.5
<u>SOUTHINGTON</u>	3/20	X	HighSchool - Southington, CT	147.345 + pl 77
<u>FRAMINGHAM</u>	4/10	X	Keefe Tech - Framingham, MA	147.15 +
<u>SPLITROCK, NJ</u>	4/16	X	Roxbury Senior Center - Succasunna, NJ	146.985- pl 131.8
<u>DRUMLINS</u>	4/23	X	Palmyra VFW Post 6778, 4306 Route 31	146.685 -
<u>MIDDLETOWN</u>	4/24	X	Wallkill Community Center	146.76 - pl 100
<u>DEERFIELD (NEAR-Fest)</u>	4/29	X	Fairgrounds - Deerfield, NH	146.52
<u>EAST GREENBUSH</u>	5/14	X	Phillips Road Firehouse	147.27 +
<u>DAYTON</u>	5/20	X	Hara Arena - Dayton, OH	146.94-
<u>SoBARC</u>	5/21	X	Fairgrounds - Goshen, CT	146.73 - pl 77.0
<u>BERGEN, NJ</u>	5/28	X	Westwood HS, Washington Township, NJ	146.79 - pl 141.3
<u>ROCHESTER</u>	5/28	X	Kodak's "Theater on the Ridge", 200 W Ridge Rd, Rochester, NY 14615	146.88 - pl 110.9
<u>BARNARD HAMFEST OF ROCHESTER</u>	6/4	X	Barnard Fireman's Field. 360 Maiden Lane, Rochester, NY 14616	146.925 - pl 110.9
<u>BEACON</u>	6/5	X	Downstate Correctional QWL Hall - Fishkill, NY	146.97 - pl 100
<u>CORTLAND</u>	6/11	?	Cortland County Fairgrounds	147.18 +
<u>NEWINGTON</u>	???	X	St Mary's School - Newington, CT (next hamfest in 2017)	145.45-
<u>MURGAS</u>	7/3	X	Polish American Veterans, 2 South Oak Street, Wilkes-Barre (Plains) PA	146.61 - pl 82.5
<u>R.A.G.S. (SYRACUSE)</u>	7/10	X	American Legion - Cicero, NY	147.30+
<u>BATAVIA</u>	7/16	?	Alexander Fireman Grounds - Alexander, NY	147.285+ pl 141.3
<u>SUSSEX CO. NJ</u>	7/17	X	Sussex Co Farm & Horse Show Fairgrounds	147.30 + pl 151.4
<u>UTICA</u>	7/25	?	Deerfield Fire Department - 5476 Trenton Road Deerfield NY	146.76 -
<u>ITHACA</u>	8/6	X	Trumansburg Fairgrounds	146.97-
<u>ROME</u>	8/13	?	The Griffiss Institute located at 725 Daedalian Drive, Rome NY	146.88 -
<u>NoBARC</u>	8/28	X	Bowe Field - Adams, MA	146.91-
<u>BOXBOROUGH</u>	9/9	X	Holiday Inn - Boxborough, MA	
<u>SARATOGA</u>	9/11	?	Saratoga Co Fairgrounds	147.00 + pl 91.5
<u>ELMIRA</u>	9/24	?	Chemung Co Fairgrounds	147.36 +
<u>DEERFIELD (NEAR-Fest)</u>	10/14	X	Fairgrounds - Deerfield, NH	146.52
<u>NUTMEG</u>	10/16	?	Sheraton Four-Points Hotel - Meriden, CT	147.36+

UPDATED 2/21/2016 (X=CONFIRMED) (???)=NO DATE THIS YEAR)

Note: Date for multi-day events reflects the starting date

Additions, Corrections, Comments? Send E-Mail to: Randy, KL7TJZ - rstein02@gmail.com

THANKS to ALL who have helped with updating this list!

2016 PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

If you can help out with one of these events please contact Tony Pazzola - W2BEJ for more information.

Note: You don't need to own a radio to participate in one of the Public Service Events. The club can supply a radio to use.

- May 1 Schenectady Crop Walk
- May 1 Literacy Run/Walk, RPI Tech Park
- May 21 Niska Day
- May 25 Scotia Parade, Mohawk Ave, Scotia
- May ?? Rotterdam Parade
- May 19 CDPHP Workforce Team Challenge, Albany, 6PM
- May ?? Maplewood Parade
- May 30 Watervliet Parade, Watervliet, 10AM
- June 4 Freihofer's Run for Women, 9AM
- June 5 Tour de Cure, Saratoga Springs
- June ?? Run For Help, Goff Middle School, East Greenbush
- July 4 Alplaus Parade
- Sept ?? Mud Run (RAID Series)

- Sept 17 Bike MS: Hudson River Ramble, 6AM
- Sept 24 Veterans Ruksmarch (Run), 8AM
- Sept ?? Race For Hope, 5K Race For Cancer, Slingerlands
- Sept ?? Dunkin Run (Bagel Run), Albany JCC
- Sept ?? Arsenal Run, Watervliet

- Oct 9 Mohawk Hudson River Marathon
- Oct 30 Pumpkin Patrol (Bridges on the NYS Thruway)
- Oct 31 Pumpkin Patrol (Bridges on the NYS Thruway)
- Nov 13 Stockade-athon, Schenectady, 8AM
- Nov 19 Schenectady Christmas (HOLIDAY) parade

List subject to change. More information and updates to follow.

Looking for a new SARA News Editor

We need a new **SARA News Editor** starting with the January 2017 Newsletter. **If you can use a computer and word processing software, your qualified!**

Please contact a Board Member if you can perform this duty for the club.

Topics for Future SARA Meetings?

Your suggestions are needed

If you have a topic that you would like to present, or know of someone who could present a topic of interest to the club, please contact Jim Silva, KC2ZVK at jsilva.ny@gmail.com.

K2AE Repeaters Guidelines

K2AE Repeaters are open and visitor friendly.

1. There will be a control operator monitoring at all times. If there is no control operator, the repeater will be unavailable. (97.103 and 97.105)
2. Control operators will not discourage anyone from using the repeater.
3. Conduct on the repeaters should be governed by common sense and courtesy. Conversations should be in plain language and suitable for all listeners. (97.112 and .113)
4. No commercial business use is allowed.
5. Pause a few seconds between transmissions. The repeater will recycle. This gives a chance for other users or emergency traffic to call in. (Give even a longer pause in Winter.)
6. If someone calls "Break", operators will yield the frequency for emergency traffic. Yielding to a "breaking" or new station is common courtesy. New York State and Federal law prohibit interference with emergency traffic.
7. Operators are encouraged to use simplex whenever possible. Operators are encouraged to use the minimum power necessary to maintain clear contact, i.e. 50 Watts or more is not appropriate in close proximity to the repeater when 1 or 5 watts achieve full quieting. (97.313)
8. Use of the repeater for non-SARA public service events is prohibited unless permission from the Trustee is obtained. Please forward requests to: ak2e@arrl.net.
9. In the event of an emergency (SKYWARN, flooding, weather conditions or other emergencies) control operators will turn the repeater on if it is down.

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Public Service Events

Tony Pazzola - W2BEJ

VE Team

Vacant - Please consider volunteering for this position

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.

Do you know why "*Dues are Gladly Accepted*"?

Because it makes Tim happy!

SARA DUES REMINDER

Have you paid your dues yet? The SARA membership year runs from July to June and the **2016-2017** dues are due. Please use the form on the last page or see Tim, W2UI, our Treasurer at the next meeting.



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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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.