
SARA NEWS

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association
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A Message from the President

I hope everyone is enjoying the autumn air. As the day light seems to dwindle and the nights become longer, I am sure I am not the only one that will find themselves in front of the radio. I was on an international net over the weekend, on the Wires-X Network - America Link Room, when the Net Control station asked each person the following question:

“Are you happy with the quality of your QSOs and how would you improve them? “

What an interesting question...

I waited for my turn and I decided to answer with this:

“As the seasons change and more time becomes available to me, I am going to improve my QSO quality by being active. “

In general, I am pretty happy with the quality of the QSOs I have. This does not mean there is not room for improvement. Best way to improve your skills at anything is to do it more.

So, I challenge you all this upcoming Fall and Winter. Improve the quality of your QSO. Get on and be active. Help others to improve their QSOs as well. When the quality of the QSO is raised, so is the quality of the operator.

Hope I get to hear you all on the air.

73 for now,

James MacMurray N2UZQ
SARA President
n2uzq@arrl.net

SARA General Meeting

Monday, October 3, 2016, 7:00 pm

"Innovation: The Leap Motion Hand Gesture Controller Human-Computer Interface (plus other fun stuff)"

Presented by
Bob Saltzman WB2ARK

In this computer-based slide presentation Bob talks about creativity and innovation, using as a prime example an intriguing new-generation human-computer interface called the Leap Motion hand gesture controller.

This innovative and inexpensive device allows for interfacing with a personal computer without physically touching a mouse, trackball, joystick, or touchscreen. The controller, and its applications and use will be demonstrated.

The innovation of several other (albeit less practical, but possibly more entertaining) electronic devices which Bob has been involved with will also be discussed and demonstrated - examples: persistence of vision clocks and electro-kinetic "art" (left brain, right brain crossover?). In addition to hopefully being interesting, it should also be fun.

Most people have new and interesting ideas, and also the intrinsic ability to translate them into reality by applying a little effort. "Genius is one percent inspiration, ninety-nine percent perspiration." [Thomas Edison, c. 1903]. In general amateur radio folks fall comfortably into this genre of creativity.

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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.

Our Speaker: Bob Saltzman WB2ARK

A native of White Plains, NY, Bob earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Union College in 1969, and a Master of Science degree in Computer Science from Union Graduate College in 1976.

Bob was a senior computer systems architect at General Electric Global Research in Niskayuna, NY, where he was responsible for Internet and intranet-based World Wide Web systems architecture, digital streaming multimedia, computer graphics, collaboration, and network security. He participated in the development of a computer-controlled secure radio dispatching system for several large metropolitan police departments. He also developed the radiological graphics system for GE's first Computed Tomography (CT) medical imaging scanner. He retired in 2014 after almost 45 years with GE. Bob has two adult children, both involved in the medical field.

Bob has expertise in personal computers and computer security, photography, music, and has been an FCC licensed amateur operator since 1960 (now advanced class). He worked in theater, and in broadcast television and radio as a disk jockey, sports announcer, and engineer. He has been involved in the professional display fireworks business since 1983. Bob has been a researcher and expert on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, a topic on which he has lectured nationwide since 1970. He is a trained firefighter and became a New York State certified advanced emergency medical technician-paramedic in 1979 - now retired. He was a member of a county-wide critical incident stress debriefing team for emergency personnel. He is now actively involved with the Red Cross blood donation program.

Calendar of Events

October 3 at 7PM

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

October 12 at 7PM

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

SARA YAHOO Group

Visit the club's YAHOO group at:
<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/sara/info>

Website

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

September Board Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2016, Wendy's, Route 50 Glenville

Present:

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

Visitors: Hal Post, AK2E, April MacMurray

Meeting opened by President James MacMurray.

Secretary's Report: The most recent meeting was the annual meeting of the club in June. Minutes were published in the September SARA News but were not voted on at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Reported by Treasurer Tim Long and accepted by the board. \$495.45 has been received from Bill Coffey's estate.

Field Day: James would like to see the club purchase mugs with call signs/Field Day and a vinyl banner to be used every year. Moved, seconded, and unanimously carried to do this. Tim Long asked the board to think about replacing the box trailer that holds all the supplies for Field Day. He believes we can only get about 1 more year out of the one the club owns now and recommended purchase of a new trailer which could cost around \$3,000.00. A committee was formed with Tim Long and Paul Siemers co-chairing to recommend to the board how this should be funded.

Meeting Location: Everyone agrees the new meeting place at the church is working out. Jim Silva has verbal contact for one more year. Tim Long has proof of insurance if needed. We need to let members know that no drinks or food should be brought into the church due to possible staining of the carpets and chairs.

Hudson Dinner Awards: Lee Hatfield K2HAT has won the Amateur of the Year Award.

Club By-Laws: Hal recommended that the by-laws should be changed to make meetings the first Monday of every month regardless of holidays. The board voted in favor of keep keeping the by-laws as they are.

Repeater: Reported that Dave and Scott have been working on them and that the phone line may not be needed.

ARES: James reported that ARES is going to run the public service events and that a thank you should be put into the newsletter to Tony for the work he has done on public service.

Broughton Award: Discussion on possibly taking a year off, which will help the bank account.

Standing Requests for VE Coordinator and SARA News Editor: We still need somebody to fill these positions.

Meeting Adjourned. Draft minutes prepared by April MacMurray and edited by Secretary Jim Stewart K2PK

Thank You!

I would like to personally thank Tony Pazzola for all his time and effort with helping coordinating some of the public service events for the past couple years. Going forward, public service events will be coordinated by Schenectady County ARES. Thank you once again Tony for all your help.

James Mac Murray N2UZQ
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Officers & Board of Directors 2016-2017

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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 October 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 next SARA meeting.

Lee Hatfield, K2HAT, Amateur of the Year

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.

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

Grand Ol' Ham

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Grand Ol' Ham

Lee Hatfield K2HAT

Andy Bodony K2LE

Gordon Shacklett KB2SSZ

Joe Dreifuss W2KQ

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

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/>

The cost per individual is \$37 each, HOWEVER a table of ten is discounted to \$33.30 each.

As in the past few years, I am willing to gather together reservations so as many as possible can get discounted tickets. So, if you or any of your members are interested in attending, send me a check for \$33.30 per person, and I will make one reservation in groups of ten. Send checks to:

John Fritze
4 Normanskill Blvd
Delmar, NY 12054

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

Schenectady County ARES

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)

Are you a member of ARRL ARES RACES NTS

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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.