
SARA NEWS

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association
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A Message from the President

Happy Holidays! They're here! All the fun and excitement of eating, giving and receiving gifts, celebrating and the birth of a New Year is here. I hope everyone has a GREAT holiday season.

In the spirit of giving and receiving, I would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who has helped out their community by helping with the many public service events this past year. There is no order to the list of people below, and I look forward to working with all of you again next year!

Thank you everyone for donating the one gift that has the highest value...your time.

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SARA General Meeting

Monday, December 5, 2016

“December Social Event”

December’s meeting will be held at the United Buffet, 2320 Watt Street, Schenectady NY.

Get out of the “Shack” for a night and come join us for an all you can eat buffet and great company!

Place: United Buffet, 2320 Watt Street, Schenectady (we have reserved the “back room”)

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$14.75 (without soft drink), \$16.59 (with soft drink). Prices include tax + tip. Please pay at the front desk, and hang on to your receipt.

Since the dinner format is a buffet, members are welcome to arrive any time after 6:00 p.m., and stay as long as they want. No speeches, but plenty of time to share your latest stories with your amateur radio friends.

Happy Holidays from SARA



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.

November Board Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2016, Wendy's, Route 50 Glensville

Present:

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

Meeting opened by President James MacMurray at 7:04 PM.

Secretary's Report: The Board accepted the minutes of the board meeting of October 12, 2016 as published.

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

Field Day: Continued the discussion of purchase of special Field day mugs and banners (also possible use of the banner for other special events). A 5 foot by 3 foot banner with grommets seems best. Ideas for text and artwork should be submitted to Bob Saltzman.

Trailer Committee: Tim Long reported on his investigation of trailers for storage and hauling the Field Day equipment. About \$3,500 would be need to buy and outfit a new trailer, less for a used one. Discussion on how to raise the money to pay for it. The present trailer may survive one more year's usage.

Standing Requests for VE Coordinator and SARA News Editor: Discussion on finding people to fill these positions.

ARES/Public Service: Review and discussion of Pumpkin Patrol this past October 30 and 31 with thoughts for next year. We could use additional help to cover Thruway bridges in Schenectady County.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Submitted by Secretary Jim Stewart K2PK

Calendar of Events

December 5 at 6PM

December Social Event
 United Buffet
 2320 Watt Street
 Schenectady NY

December 14 at 7PM

SARA Board Meeting
 Wendy's Restaurant
 13 Saratoga Rd
 Glensville, 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>

SARA YouTube Channel

Did you miss the “Who Invented Morse Code” presentation by Dr. David Hochfelder at the September meeting?

Head on over to our YouTube Channel and watch it:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-IWKY0pj__cPdkq17dCJMQ

**** OR CLICK ON THE VIDEO BELOW TO WATCH****



This Week in Amateur Radio (TWIAR)

Looking for something to do on a Saturday night?

Tune in to This Week in Amateur Radio on the K2CT repeater (145.190) on most Saturday nights at 9PM.

This Week in Amateur Radio is a weekly news bulletin service dedicated to news and information useful to the amateur radio community. Along with the news, special segments air regularly that may be of interest to amateur radio operators. Some segments of interest include the Gateway 160-meter net report, the Random Access Thought, the Ancient Amateur Archives, and the technology report.

If you miss the Saturday night airing, you can always catch the podcast, <http://twiar.net/podcast-episodes/>



2016 Field Day Results

We all know that it doesn't matter, BUT, the results just show that we can have loads of fun and still be competitive.

Nationally, we were 113th out of 2697. In the Hudson Division, we were 7th out of 97. In Eastern New York, we were 3rd out of 34. In Class 6A, we were 11th out of 42.

Pretty darn good and congratulations to everybody that helped make it so much fun.

73, Tim Long

For more information:

December QST Article, <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2016/2016%20QST%20Results%20-%20Field%20Day.pdf>

ARRL Field Day Results, http://www.arrl.org/results-database?event_id=80253

Save the Date: 2017 ARRL Field Day is June 24-25.

A Ham Radio Operator's Night Before Christmas

An Amateur Radio Christmas video by Gary Pearce, KN4AQ.



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.