
SARA NEWS

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association

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A Message from the President

With the New Year come a lot of new and exciting things. New changes for ourselves, our community and our country. Changes are a necessity in everything we do. Some are good and some are not so good. Either way, time marches on.

With that being said, we have found that time has indeed caused some changes with our Field Day Trailer. We have made some mention in the SARA News here and there. Now, we are going to bring the situation to full light. The Field Day trailer is in a condition of disrepair. No longer can we keep patching the holes of this ship. We have started to do the research into a new trailer, but the one problem that always comes up is money. I thought it would be a great idea to ask our membership for ideas as to how we should go about raising the money for this endeavor. Keep in mind, we are not asking you for money, but, ideas that would work to raise the money. If you have a great idea for raising the money, please share it with the SARA board. We feel that we will be able to get another year out of the trailer, but hope to have a plan in motion for replacement by FD 2018. Again, please feel free to email or contact any of the board members with ideas.

Thank you and 73

James MacMurray N2UZQ

SARA President



Illustration from Radio Amateur's Handbook, 1922

New Meeting Location—please note!!

Our regular meeting location (First Reformed Church, Schenectady) will be undergoing a year-long renovation and will not be available to us until later this year—possibly by September.

Our new meeting location is the “Piracci Board Room” at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library, 475 Moe Road, Clifton Park 12065.

The meeting room is the first room on your right as you enter the library. The room is handicapped accessible.

SARA General Meeting Monday, February 6, 2017 7:00 p.m.

“The Capital District Commuter Net”

Speaker: Jock Elliott, KB2GOM, with technical support by Fred Halley, W2EMS.

Jock Elliott, KB2GOM, has been a licensed ham for nearly 3 decades. As a freelance writer, he has written regular columns for Popular Communications and Monitoring Times and contributed to QST and Passport to World Band Radio. Jock has run the Capital District Commuter Assistance Network for 20 years.

Fred Halley Jr., W2EMS, has been involved in Amateur Radio since 2000. He currently holds an Extra class license and his vanity call sign comes from his 33 years of volunteer and paid ambulance work, first as an NYS EMT (1977) and then as a NYS Paramedic (1982). Fred retired from EMS in 2012 and now works as the Director of IT services for the Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS). Fred is currently the ARRL ARES Emergency Coordinator (EC) for Saratoga County. Fred is an active member of the Saratoga County Amateur Radio Association in Saratoga County.

Meeting Location:

Piracci Board Room,
Clifton Park-Halfmoon
Library, 475 Moe
Road, Clifton Park

Directions: Head south on Moe Road from Route 146. The library is on your left. As you enter the building, the meeting room is the first door on your right (“Piracci Board Room”).

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 Board Meeting January 11, 2017 at Wendy's, Route 50 Glenville**Present:**

James MacMurray, N2UZQ, President

Jim Silva, KC2ZVK, Vice President

Tim Long, W2UI, Treasurer

Jim Stewart, K2PK, Secretary

Visitors: April MacMurray, KC2VWW

Dave Bradshaw, KD2FVM, Board Member

Bob Saltzman, WB2ARK, Board Member

Paul Siemers, WY2F, Board Member

Meeting opened by President James MacMurray at 7:03 PM.**Secretary's Report:** The Board accepted the minutes of the board meeting of December 14, 2016 as published and then discussed the web site. Tim Long will talk to Dennis Hudson about the web site.**Treasurer's Report:** Reported by Treasurer Tim Long and accepted by the board. The Bank of America account has been transferred to Trustco.**Field Day:** Consideration of purchase of special Broughton Memorial Field Day Group mugs is tabled for now. Banner layout was presented by Bob Saltzman and discussed.**Trailer Committee:** The board will ask for suggestions on how to pay for a new FD trailer in SARA News.**Repeater:** Dave Bradshaw reported the work party to rearrange the equipment and connect the new controller is still to be arranged. Discussion regarding legal methods of controlling the repeaters.**Standing Request for SARA News Editor:** Jim Silva is doing it for now. The board commended the January edition and is still looking for a volunteer to take over this position.**Broughton Award:** It was moved, seconded, and carried not issue the award in 2017. There is only one medallion remaining.**Meeting Room:** Jim Silva reported that the meeting room is going to be unavailable because of renovations. Members are advised to check the web site or the Sunday nets for the location of the next meeting. Another room may be available in the same room or the Stockade Inn.**Standing Request for VE Examiners:** Dave Bradshaw reported that the examination materials are organized. He still needs additional extra class SARA VE's to be able to conduct the examinations.**Board Meeting Schedule:** Because of schedule conflicts it was decided to move the board meeting from the second Wednesday of the month to the second Tuesday of the month, and the meeting time to 6 PM at the same location (Glenville Wendy's). This will remain in effect for the next few months.**Calendar of Events**

February 6 at 7 PM
SARA General Meeting
Clifton Park-Halfmoon
Public Library
475 Moe Road,
Clifton Park, NY

February 15 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>

SARA Website

Visit the club's website
at:

<http://www.k2ae.org>

Meeting Adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Submitted by Secretary Jim Stewart K2PK

Field Day Trailer Needs to be Replaced

The SARA board needs your suggestions on how to raise funds to purchase a new (or gently used) trailer for our field day operations. Please contact a board member with your suggestions. To replace the current trailer with a new unit of comparable size, the cost will be about \$3,000.

SARA YouTube Channel

Did you miss the **“Who Invented Morse Code”** presentation by Dr. David Hochfelder at the September, 2016 meeting?

Head over to our YouTube Channel and watch it (“control-click on the link):

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-IWKY0pj_cPdkq17dCJMQ



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.

SARA News Editor Position Open!!

We need a new **SARA News Editor**. **If you can use a computer and word processing software, you are qualified!**

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

Topics for Future SARA Meetings?

Your suggestions are welcome!!

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 Repeater 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

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

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.