
SARA NEWS

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association

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A Message from the President

Seems like a lot of things have happened in the past month. It has certainly been a busy hurricane season. I just want to take a moment to recognize the fact that Amateur Radio has again played a crucial role in helping to provide communications to areas hit hardest by these massive and destructive storms. Just the other day, the American Red Cross had put out a request for 50 Amateur Radio operators to travel to hard hit Puerto Rico. Thank you to the many who have volunteered their services and expertise in a time of great need.

I would also like to take a moment to remind all ARES members that our annual Simulated Emergency Test is scheduled for October 7th at 9:00am. fA former net will be called up on the 147.060 repeater. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact me via email.

Thank you all for your continued support of the Schenectady Amateur Radio Association, Schenectady County Amateur Radio Emergency Services, and your community.

73 for now, James MacMurray N2UZQ SARA President



<https://clipartfest.com>

Reminder: General Meetings at First United Methodist!!

Thanks to Rudy Dehn W2JVF and Darrin Nash KD2LCH, we are able to meet in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, 603 State Street, Schenectady.

SARA General Meeting
Monday, October 2, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Ham Radio Jepperdee!

Presenters: Bob Raffaele, W2XM, and Nathaniel Greenman, KB2HPX

Program: How well do you know the amateur radio hobby? Bob Raffaele, assisted by Nathaniel Greenmann, will put you to the test at the October SARA meeting with a challenging series of questions--Jeopardy style (or was that "Jepperdee" style). Come and put your skills to the test. You may be surprised at how much (or how little?) you know about the hobby!! (psst... I hear there may even be prizes for the Jepperdee winners).

Bob Raffaele, W2XM, had a short career as a broadcast engineer. After earning an MS in physics, he taught full-time at HVCC and then did substitute teaching at Niskayuna HS. The former WB2DXM has been a ham for 55 years.

Nathaniel Greenman, KB2HPX, has been licensed since 1988, and is an Electrical Engineer. He is extremely active with AARA, and maintains K2CT/R.

Meeting Location:

Fellowship Hall,
 First United Methodist Church, 603 State St., Schenectady, NY (note: enter on Chapel Street)

Directions and parking: See map on next page for details.

Cancellations:

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

www.niskyschools.org

for school closing information

Directions to First United Methodist Church

Parking lot address is 610 (*Google shows it as 650*) Chapel Street Schenectady NY 12305
Chapel St is a One Way street from Nott Terrace to Lafayette Street. If this lot is full, park across the street.
Enter the building through double doors, take an immediate right, go through another set of double doors,
turn right then left and the Fellowship Hall is on your right (follow signs).

From the East (Colonie, State St Rt 5)

Turn Right onto Nott Terrace then take your first Left onto Chapel Street. Parking lot is on Left.

From the West (Scotia, Glenville, Eire Blvd)

THERE IS NO LEFT TURN FROM STATE STREET TO NOTT TERRACE

Take State St (Rt 5) to Lafayette St and turn right then immediately turn Left to continue up State St. At Veeder Ave (Traffic Light) turn Left. Cross over State St (Rt 5) then take the first Left onto Chapel St. Parking lot is on Left.

From the South (I-890 Exit 5, Broadway, Rotterdam)

Take Broadway North to Millard St and turn Right, First Traffic Light. Millard St becomes Veeder Ave at Hamilton St (Schenectady FD on Left). Continue over Veeder take first left after State St onto Chapel St.
Parking is on left.

From the North (Union Collage, Niskayuna, Union St)

From Union St, take Nott Terrace South and turn Right onto Chapel St. Parking lot is on Left

See Map on Next Page

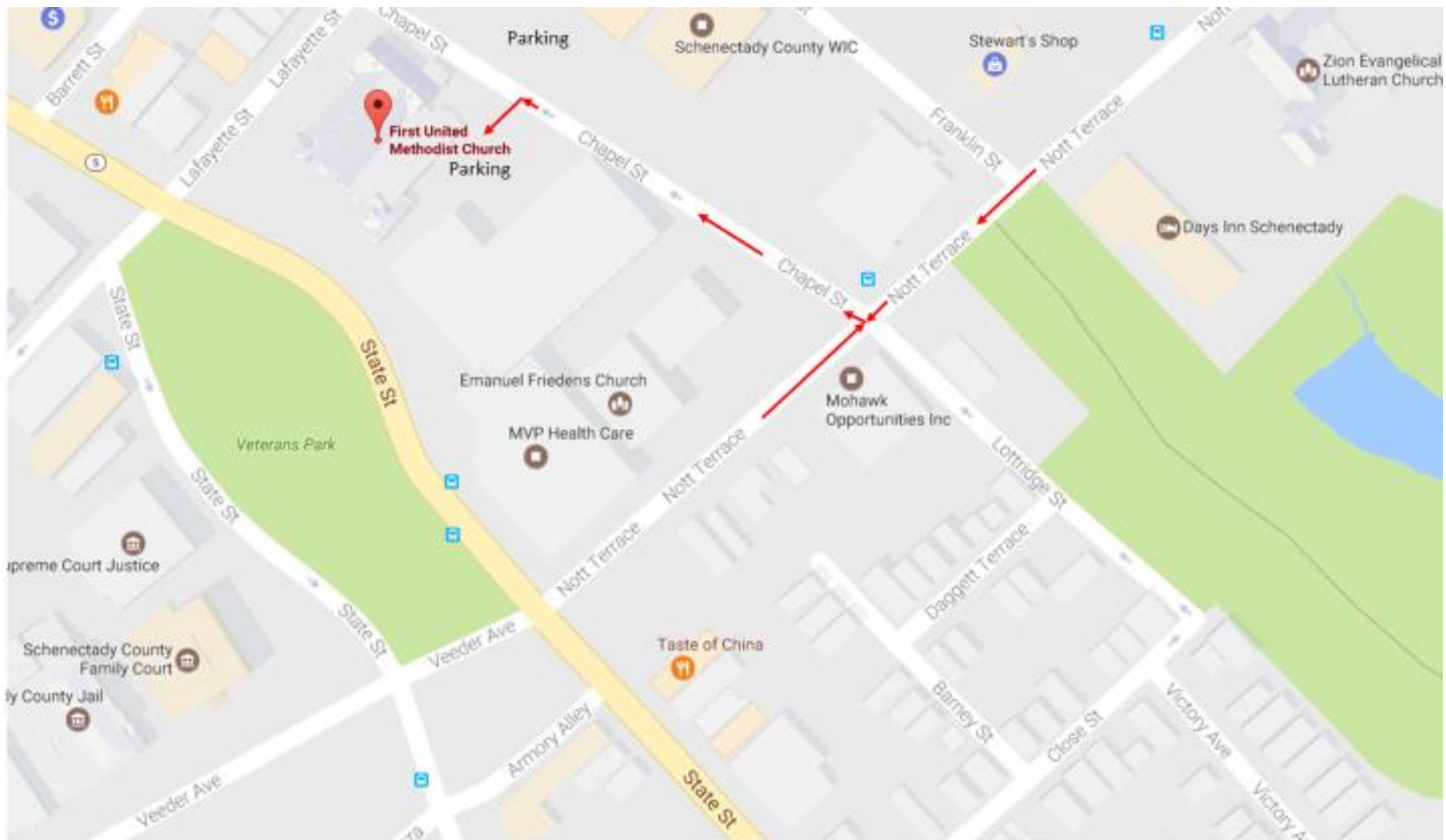
Public Service Event

2017 Pumpkin Patrol – October 30th and October 31st

6:00pm – 9:00pm

If you would like to help out, please contact James MacMurray for more information.

n2uzq@arrl.net



SARA Board Meeting September 13, 2017 at Wendy's, Route 50 Glenville

Present:

James MacMurray N2UZQ, President
 Dave Bradshaw KD2FVM, Board Member
 Jim Silva KC2ZVK, Vice President
 Paul Siemers WY2F, Board Member
 Jim Stewart K2PK, Secretary
 Bob Saltzman WB2ARK, Board Member
 Tim Long W2UI, Treasurer
 J. R. Hotaling N2PEQ, Board Member
 Visitors: Skip Evans W1DVV

Meeting opened by President James MacMurray at 7:11 PM.

Treasurer's Report: Reported by Treasurer Tim Long. Moved, seconded and carried to approve his proposed budget. Moved, seconded and carried to accept the treasurer's report. New member: Skip Evans W1DVV.

Secretary's Report: The Board accepted the minutes of the annual meeting of June 5, 2017 as published in SARA News.

Broughton Scholarships: Tim Long read thank you notes from two recipients of the Broughton Scholarships administered by ARRL. The letters will appear in a future SARA News.

Membership Survey: Bob Saltzman discussed his draft of a survey of SARA members to collect opinions and suggestions.

Trailer Committee: Bob Saltzman reported on progress setting up a 50/50 raffle to raise money for a new Field Day trailer and showed a proposed ticket design. It was decided to print a few tickets to see how they look. Official raffle rules are to be on the SARA web site. Bob will look into GoFundMe to see how it works (learning curve) to help us decide if this is reasonable way also to proceed.

Future SARA Meeting Programs: Jim Silva reported on proposed/planned future programs.

SARA Material at Union College: Nothing further has been done.

Meeting Room: Jim Silva reported on a Memorandum of Understanding received from First Methodist Church for use of their meeting room. SARA is set for the rest of 2017. Jim Silva will talk to Darren Nash about this memorandum and also contact First Reformed Church about possible future use of their room.

SARA QSL cards: Jim Stewart reported on QSL card requests received for 2017 Field Day contacts. Jim will send scanned former SARA cards to Bob Saltzman to see if new cards can be made from one of them.

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Calendar of Events

October 2 at 7 PM
 SARA General Meeting
 "Ham Radio
 Jepperdee"

November 6 at 7 PM
 SARA General Meeting
 "Winter SKYWARN"

December 4 at 6 PM
 SARA Social Event

SARA Yahoo Group

Visit the club's YAHOO group:

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/sara/info>

SARA Website

Visit the club's website:

<http://www.k2ae.org>

SARA Board Meeting September 13 minutes, continued:

Repeater: The 440 MHz repeater is down. Dave Bradshaw will contact Scott about it.

Standing Request for SARA News Editor: The board is still looking for a volunteer to take over this position.

Standing Request for VE Examiners: Dave Bradshaw still needs additional extra class SARA VE's to be able to conduct the examinations.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:36 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.

For Sale: ICOM R-75 Receiver

Icom R-75 Receiver in great working condition. This is one of the earlier sought after models that includes the Synchronous Detector. ICOM removed the Sync module in later production runs. It also includes the UT-106 DSP unit, an AC adaptor AD-55A and an extra AC plug pigtail that can be used with a DC power supply.

Asking \$400. If interested please contact John Comanzo, KD2FVN at kd2fvn@arrl.net.

Items for Sale

YAESU Transceiver FT-767GX

HAM RADIO SWR-WATT METER HEATHKIT HM 2141

Kenwood HF Transceiver TS-570D

Kenwood DC power supply KPS-7A

HYGAIN Transmit/Receive Direction Control

Morse Key

DAIWA SWR + Power Meter Cross Needle Meter CN-101L

ICOM IC-V8000 2 meter ham radio

Lafayette Model KT-320 Communications Receiver

ISOPOLE AEA Antenna

Contact: Thomas Ciancetta [518-339-9245](tel:518-339-9245)

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 for more information about this important (and fun) job.

Contest Dates:

October 2017

7-8 **EME - 50 to 1296 MHz**
16-20 **School Club Roundup**

November 2017

4-5 **EME - 50 to 1296 MHz**
4-6 **Nov. Sweepstakes – CW**
18-20 **Nov. Sweepstakes – Phone**

December 2017

1-3 **160 Meter**
9-10 **10 Meter**
17 **Rookie Roundup–CW**

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

Dave Bradshaw KD2FVM, coordinator

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!!

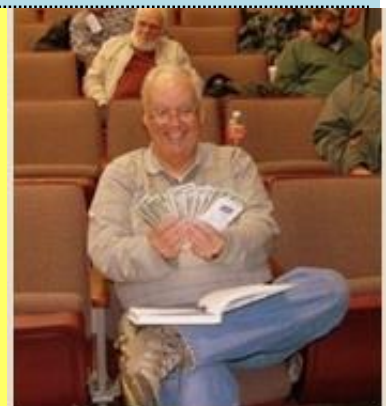
If you have any articles, information, tips, tricks or items for sale you would like to include in the SARA Newsletter, send an email to saranews@k2ae.org with the subject "SARA Newsletter Ideas". Please include your full name and call sign.

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.