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# SARA NEWS

## Schenectady Amateur Radio Association

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### A Message from the President

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday. What is better than the enjoyment of a great meal with friends and family while giving thanks for all the great things in our lives? I am thankful for my family, my health, and all the friends that I have made over the years. I am thankful for the opportunities that I have had and the ability to give back to the community when I can. I am looking forward to the Holiday Season ahead. I'm hoping that we all find happiness in the coming months and that we also find peace. I look forward to seeing everyone at the December Holiday Gathering on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

73 for now, James MacMurray N2UZQ, SARA President



<https://clipartfest.com>

# SARA General Meeting Monday, December 4, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

## “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:** \$15.98 (one price). Prices include meal, drink, tax & tip. Please pay at the front desk when you arrive, head to the “back room”, and hang on to your receipt.

Since the dinner format is a buffet, members are welcome to arrive at 6:00 p.m. (or 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



## Public Service Events

**Thank you to everyone who helped out with all the  
Public Service Events this year.**

### **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](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 (2017):

These are some of the major contest coming up. Information taken from the WA7BNM contest calendar website. There are many more contests listed. Please feel free to visit the website for more details on these contests and more. All contests are listed using UTC time.

<http://www.contestcalendar.com>

ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z, Dec 1 to 1600Z, Dec 3
ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 9 to 2400Z, Dec 10
ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW	1800Z - 2359Z, Dec 17
RAC Winter Contest	0000Z – 2359Z, Dec 30

Keep an eye out for this section in next month's SARA News for January Contests

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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) 369-2298

## 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	28.350	USB
3rd Sunday	2:00 PM	146.435	FM Simplex
4th Sunday	2:00 PM	28.350	USB
5th Sunday	2:00 PM	TBA	

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](mailto: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.