
SARA NEWS

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association

P.O. Box 449

Schenectady, NY 12301

A Message from the President

Warm Holiday Greetings to Members and Friends,

By the way, what was that white, fluffy stuff on the ground this morning? My question is how many of us were listening to the 06 repeater? I hope that no antennas or backs were damaged. This is the time of year that there are a lot of volunteer opportunities to help out our neighbors. Shoveling a sidewalk or a porch and checking on a neighbor is helpful. There are other things that we can do like rolling up our sleeves and giving the gift of life. It is the simple things that we do that will make a difference in everyone's lives. We can also share the hobby that we enjoy with them.

Sometimes when I talk to people about ham radio, the first thought from them is that they are scared of CW. Then I tell them that CW is not required. They are happy to hear more information. Let's find ways to bring more folks in to this hobby.

73 de N2PEQ



<https://clipartfest.com>

SARA General Meeting Monday, December 2 6:00 PM “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: \$15.67 (seniors), \$17.21 (everybody else). 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!!

We also plan to have a 50-50 raffle to raise money for that badly needed trailer!

General Meeting Program Schedule

SARA General Meeting Schedule

7 PM at First United Methodist Church, Schenectady (Fellowship Hall) except where noted

January 6, 2020: John Fritze—news from Hudson Division

February 3, 2020: Bill Hudzik: Historical Talk to Commemorate SARA’s 90th Anniversary

March 2: open

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>

Check out This Week in Amateur Radio: <http://twiar.net/>

Public Service Events

None till Spring

Thank You to All Who Have Helped With Public Service Events in 2019...

See You in 2020

SARA Board Meeting November 13, 2019 at Wendy's, Route 50 Glenville**Present:**

J. R. Hotaling N2PEQ, President
Jim Silva KC2ZVK, Vice President
Jim Stewart K2PK Secretary
Tim Long, W2UI, Treasurer

Skip Evans W2YJL, Board Member
Paul Siemers WY2F, Board Member
Bob Saltzman WB2ARK, Board Member

Meeting opened by President J. R. Hotaling at 7:08 PM.

Secretary's Report: The Board accepted the minutes of the board meeting of October 9, 2019 as published in SARA News.

Treasurer's Report: Reported by Treasurer Tim Long. It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept the treasurer's report.

Fund Raising: Note: A letter has been received from New York State telling us that the New York State sales tax exemption form has been approved, completing our federal and state nonprofit charity status.

Tim Long reported that he contacted State Senator Jim Tedisco's office inquiring about a grant for purchase of a new trailer for Field Day and other uses. Tedisco's Director of Policy Jonathan Pirro responded "Our ability to initiate grants is based on Senator getting an allotment and this year, as the new majority took over the Senate Chamber, he was not given a new allocation for discretionary projects." Board members discussed other possible funding sources, including a state mechanism suggested by Mr. Pirro.

Bob Saltzman circulated a draft receipt form for contributions to SARA. It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve this form for future use.

Bob Saltzman reported his follow up to the letter sent to the Elfun Society asking SARA to be considered for a new video projector. Bob is awaiting a reply to his questions to be sure the projector offered meets our requirements and will follow through on picking it up.

The board discussed having a fifty-fifty raffle at the dinner in December.

Survey: Bob Saltzman reported on the expiration of time for people to respond to the survey. The board discussed ways to analyze data received from the survey.

Repeater: JR Hotaling stated there is nothing new to report.

Future Meetings: The board discussed some possible future SARA meeting programs.

New Business:

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Submitted by Jim Stewart K2PK, Secretary

Important Note: SARA is now a 501(C)(3) charitable organization!!

Effective April 11, 2019, all donations to SARA are tax-deductible under IRC Section 170.

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: w2sfd@arrl.net.

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
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VE Team

Vacant - Please consider volunteering for this position

FCC Exam Registration

Phone: (518) 604-4128

Schenectady County Emergency Net

Schenectady County ARES 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	52.525	FM Simplex
3rd Sunday	2:00 PM	146.435	FM Simplex
4th Sunday	2:00 PM	28.350	USB
5th Sunday	2:00 PM	TBA	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 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 2019-2020 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.

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

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