



SARA NEWS

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association Inc.
"Service Through Amateur Radio"

Founded 1930

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K2AE Repeaters

Meeting Monday, November 4, 2002 at 7:30 PM, Niskayuna High School

Public Service

The annual Stockadathon meet will be held on November 10 this year. The SARA communications volunteers will be needed this year as usual. Call Ken Clikeman AA2CW (861-6825) for details.

The Schenectady Christmas Parade takes place on Friday, November 29, the day after Thanksgiving. SARA volunteers will be needed for communication. Call Ken to sign up.

Riverwalk

The 12th annual Girl Scouts Riverwalk was held on Sunday October 6, 2002 and SARA was there providing communications. The event was held on the bike path running along the banks of the Mohawk River between the Schenectady County Community College and Lock 8 in the Town of Rotterdam. The girls took part in many activities including dancing, games, crafts and demonstrations as well as earning badges for covering the two and one half miles along the bike path on foot, bicycles or roller blades. The weather cooperated and was perfect for the walk.

Amateur radio operators were stationed at the Community College, Lock 8, a midway check point, on a golf cart patrolling the path and on the shuttle buses. The event went smoothly without any injuries or other emergencies. The hams helping during the afternoon were: Rudy, W2JVF; Don, W2CJO; Ken, AA2CW; Clark, KG2AO; Andy, KB2TSA; Joe, KC2IXQ and Raleigh K2RI.

Raleigh, K2RI

Sympathy

SARA extends sympathy to Consul Ciancetta, N2EKU, whose wife, Margaret passed away on Wednesday evening, October Ninth.

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**** NEW MEETING PLACE ****

MONDAY NOVEMBER 4th

ANNUAL SARA FLEA MARKET MEETING

The fall is here and once again it is time to dust off those goodies in the ham shack that you won't be using and see if there is someone else who would like them. It also helps to put a few dollars back in the kitty for buying that brand new rig come Christmas time. Remember to mark your equipment with your call, your asking price and mention the condition (Works, Might Work?, Sorta Works, DOA etc.) This is flea market format and not an auction. Please provide SARA a donation of 5% of the sale price up to \$10 for large ticket items. PLEASE REMEMBER, all sellers and buyers are responsible for all equipment you bring or purchase since there is no means to dispose of equipment on site. If you bring it or buy it you MUST take it home!

Remember people these days are usually looking for rigs or equipment that is in usable condition or at least repairable. Leave the junk, broken appliances, wood burning computers and boat anchors where they belong next to the boat, at home! But do bring along that slightly used HF rig, Linear Amp, HT, Two Meter Beam, test equipment, antenna rotator or extra coil of coax you don't have a need for along.

This year Dan Whelan N2UD and John N20JY will be guiding things along. Your assistance in helping set up and keeping our new room in the shape we found it will be much appreciated. The flea market will begin following the meeting start about 7:00pm

IMPORTANT - NEW MEETING PLACE - IMPORTANT

Beginning this month SARA meeting will be held at Niskayuna High School in the new cafeteria. This new meeting place will be roomy and is easily accessible from the parking lot. Old timers will remember SARA used to meet there back in the 80's but this time we will be in a different location, the "New Cafeteria".

The Niskayuna High School is located on Balltown Road RT-146 in Niskayuna. The school is about a mile north from where Balltown Road crosses Union Street and RT 7, just past the studios of WRGB and the light at Nott Street in Niskayuna. The new cafeteria is located around back of the High School. High School directions are on Page Three. There will be a talk-in on 147.06 MHz K2AE Repeater.

From the Board

Meetings - Thursday preceding the SARA meeting. All members are welcome!

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association
Board of Directors Meeting October 3, 2002
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Siemers, WY2F, at 7:07 PM in the Union College Olin Hall Conference Room.

Attendees:

President Paul Siemers, WY2F
Vice-President Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR
Treasurer George Williams, W2CSN
Secretary Tim Long, W2UI
Director Dan Whelan, N2UD
Director Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW
Director Rob Leiden, KR2L
Director Jerry Crawmer, KE2JJ
Member John Dombleski, N2OJY
Member Clark Gittinger, KG2AO

Minutes

Rob Leiden, KR2L, made a motion to accept the minutes of the Board Meeting held on September 5, 2002 as published in SARA News. Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR, seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

George Williams, W2CSN, presented the Treasurer's Report. Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR, made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Jerry Crawmer, KE2JJ, and it passed unanimously.

New Members: None presented.

Correspondence

Tim Long, W2UI, reported that we had received several membership renewals, several area club newsletters, a request to provide communications for the Schenectady Christmas Parade, an announcement of the Hudson Division Cabinet Meeting, and bank statements since the last Board Meeting.

Public Service

The Riverwalk is scheduled for Sunday, October 6th.

VE sessions

Paul Siemers, WY2F reports that Bill Mischler, KG2AC will continue as the VE Session Coordinator. To date, Bill has not received any requests to offer exams.

Repeater Committee

John Dombleski, N2OJY reported that the 220 repeater has been off the air since the wind blew the radome off of the earth station and broke one of our 220 antennas in the process. The 147.06 repeater is working fine.

RFI: No Report

SARA News

John Dombleski, N2OJY announced that he would allow us to use the Leonard Communications copy machine to duplicate SARA News. Under the terms of the agreement, we will provide paper and the labor. John will provide the toner.

Membership No Report.

Public Relations

Rob Leiden, KR2L, continues to FAX announcements and information about SARA events to local newspapers. Rob has also sent FAX's and emails to the local cable channels and has not received any response. Dan Whelan, N2UD will contact Rotterdam Mall and explore the possibilities of holding a Special Event of some kind at the Mall.

Programs

Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR, announced that all programs for the year had been scheduled.

Old Business-

George Williams, W2CSN presented a proposed balanced budget for the 2002-2003 year. After some discussions and modifications, Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR made a motion to table further discussions until next month when George will present a revised budget. Clark Gittinger, KG2AO seconded the motion.

Rob Leiden, KR2L reported that we had received a firm commitment from Niskayuna High School to use their New Cafeteria as our meeting place beginning with the November meeting. Their standard fee is \$63 per use. They are considering waiving the fee for us. If we leave it in the same condition that we find it, there will be no custodial fee. If we use the kitchen, the extra fee is \$25 per use. Niskayuna High School will not be available for the March 3rd meeting and we will make alternate arrangements. Dan Whelan, N2UD made a motion to change meeting venues and to authorize the Treasurer to pay up to \$63 per use for use of the facility. Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business

Bob Raffaele, W2XM, has decided not to pursue offering an amateur radio class for this Fall. There was insufficient student interest. Bob will organize a class for the Fall of 2003 with the new curriculum which has yet to be determined.

John Dombleski, N2OJY reported that the 220 repeater was not working. We had been using separate transmit and receive antennas making a duplexer unnecessary. One of the antennas was recently destroyed during a wind storm. The other antenna is in fine shape on the tower. John received a quotation of \$901 plus shipping (his cost) for a duplexer which would allow both transmit and receive functions on the same antenna. Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR made a motion to buy a duplexer at John's cost not to exceed \$1000. George Williams, W2CSN seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR, made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM and Paul Siemers, WY2F, concurred

Respectfully submitted, Tim Long, W2UI, Secretary

Get SARA News by E-Mail

You can arrange to have SARA News delivered direct to your E-Mail address in PDF format, readable by a free download of the Adobe Acrobat Reader. You will get a color version of the newsletter (usually not much color) sooner than by mail, which you can print if you desire. E-Mail delivery also saves the club time, volunteer effort, and money (Both printing expense and postage have gone up considerably this year). If interested, contact Tim Long, W2UI at 399-7454 or longt@empireone.net.

SARA Holiday Party

Price Chopper Community Center, Eastern Parkway

7.00PM to 9.00PM, December 2, 2002

Greetings,

WE have the Price Chopper Community Room on Eastern Parkway reserved for 7:00PM to 9:00PM. To help coordinate the potluck menu, i can suggest the following :

George, W2CSN, will provide paper plates, knives, forks, spoons, and napkins.

Volunteers are needed for the following:

Main dishes to serve four

Vegetables to serve eight

Salads to serve six

Deserts for eight.

I will call people but some people may want to call me at home to sign up to bring a particular dish. I have set up a web site that can display the menu and who is bringing what. This will help balance things out. The URL is

<http://sh201.union.edu/SARA/>

Additional suggestions and task volunteers would be welcome. Lets have a big attendance!!!

George H. Williams, W2CSN

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November - December Events

November 9, Saturday Evening: - Hudson Division Awards Banquet, 7 to 11 PM, at Biagio's Resturante, 299 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ. Cost \$38 per person. Send reservation requests and a check made out to 10 70 Repeater Association to 2002 Hudson Division Convention, 235 Emburgh Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ, 07450-2918.

December 14, 2002 - PODXS (Digital Prefix) contest, sponsored by the Penn-Ohio DX Society, 0000z to 2400z. Digital Modes only, 160 through 6 Meters, excluding WARC bands.

Details at http://www.qsl.net/wm2u/070_dpx.html

or <http://www.podxs.com>.

Or Contact Ernie Mills, WM2U, (Member of Albany ARA)

wm2u@arrl.net

Come Join the Sunday ARIES-RACES nets. All are welcome.

1:00 PM - K2AE 444.200 repeater

1:15 PM - K2AE 224.060 repeater (Off air temporarily)

1:30 PM - K2AE 147.060 repeater

2:00 PM - 3953 KHz, 75 Meter HF Band

The Trading Post



Walter H. Schick, W2KE, is offering his entire inventory of Ham Shack equipment for sale! He is no longer using it and wishes to pass it on to deserving Hams. This is First Rate Equipment, heavily used but meticulously cared for. Items include:

Crank-up Tip-over tower, 40 foot

Kay Sweeper, M159E, 300 KHz-300MHz

Tektronix 465 Scope, 100 MHz, with current probe

Audio AC voltmeter

Cricket 7F26 Transistor Tester

HP Frequency Counter, Model 5382, 225 Mhz

Standard Signal Generator, Edison -McGraw Model 80, 2-400 MHz

Numerous other assorted items.

Contact him or drop in to look over the equipment.

Walter H. Schick, W2KE

1190 Van Curler Avenue, Schenectady, NY 346-2997

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FOR SALE: AEA PACRAT PK232. \$50

Handels CW, AMTOR, RTTY, ASCI

Contact Jay Freud, K2QNU, 383-3421

To post an ad in the SARA News,
email: sara@e-groups.com.

Directions to the Niskayuna High School New Cafeteria

Enter the school grounds at the traffic light just north of the Nott Street major intersection on Balltown Road. Drive to the road intersection in front of the main school entrance, and turn right at this intersection. Drive around to the back of the school, past a narrow point where the school and the adjacent shopping center are close together. Park in the first area of the rear parking lot that you come to. Enter the school at the entrance near to a large circular fan mounted on the side of the wall of the nearby building extension. (This extension has some fenced in electrical boxes at its end.) The new cafeteria is across the hall from the entrance.

For those of us who want to play with GPS units, the entrance doorway is at N 42deg. 49.070min., W 73deg. 53.325min.

SARA web site

<http://www.rpi.edu/~brandp/sara/index.html>

Get the latest on SARA activities

Who to Contact in SARA

There are a number of ways to get in touch with the leaders of your club: contact on the air, E-mail (either direct or through sara@egroups.com) or by phone. The important thing is to let them know what you want your club to be!

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VE registration: (518) 370-1350

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Membership Application-Renewal Form

Regular Dues	\$20.00	\$_____
Spouse	\$ 5.00	\$_____
Student	\$ 5.00	\$_____
Repeater Fund Donation		\$_____
Initiation Fee	\$ 5.00*	\$_____

*New Members Only

Name_____ Call_____

Nickname_____ Class_____

Street_____

City_____ State ____ Zip_____

e-mail _____

Phone_____ Signature_____

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