SARA NEWS

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

Founded 1930 | **September, 2003** | **K2AE Repeaters**

Meeting Monday, September 8, 2003 at 7:30 PM, Niskayuna High School New Cafeteria

Public Service

Girl Scout Riverwalk: Detailes unavailable at printing. Call Ken Clikeman (861-6825) for updates.

October 19, 2003: The Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club will be needing communications help with it's annual marathon. Call Ken Clikeman (861-6825) to volunteer and find out details for this event.

Alplaus 4th of July Parade: For many years going back to 1975, SARA hams have provided vital communications for the Alplaus 4th of July Village Parade. Communications for organization, running, and providing safety backup were the requirements. We received a letter from the Alplaus Residents Association and the Alplaus Fire Company thanking SARA for doing the job smoothly and efficiently, as always. The participants were: Mike W2ARQ, Rick KA2OPG, Ramsay KC2GMW, Rudy W2JVF, Don WB2VJC, Bill WR2L, Tom N2SQO, Raleigh K2RI, Howard W2ODC, George W2CSN, and Kathy N2XKF.
Add my personal thanks to each of you. - W2ODC Howard.

July 19-20 MS Bikethon: Many thanks to those who supported this event. Those assisting were Ken AA2CW, Don W2CJO, Craig N2UID, and N2WDL.

Tower Painting Party

On August 26, a group of enthusiastic paint slingers got together to apply a special preservative coating to nine antenna tower sections donated to the club by John Domblewski N2OJY and Leonard Communications Company. These towers will be greatly appriciated come next Field Day, as they have superior quality and safety.

Those participating were Tim Long W2UI, Paul Siemers WY2F, Raleigh Keeter K2RI, Brian Macherone AB2IU, Howard Friedman WA2AFD, Dennis Hudson N2LBT, and Bill Patmos W2DHT. Many thanks to these hardy souls and especially to John N2OJY and Leonard Communications.

Hamfest Reminder

The Saratoga RACES Hamfest will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2003 at the Saratoga County Fairgrounds in Ballston Spa. Hours are 7AM to 3PM. Admission is $5.00.

September Meeting
Frank Fallon, N2FF, Director Hudson Division, ARRL

TOPIC: Threats to Amateur Radio in 2003

Frank Fallon, N2FF, is the ARRL Director for the Hudson Division, representing almost 9,000 ARRL members in Northern New Jersey, Eastern New York, and the New York City and Long Island section. As one of 15 "member elected" Directors of ARRL, The National Organization for Amateur Radio, he attends many national meetings representing local area Amateur Radio operators. He was one of four ARRL Directors elected by other Directors to the ARRL Executive Committee, which makes policy decisions for the organization between semi annual board meetings. He has been the chairman of the Membership Services Committee, which administers the ARRL contests and awards programs such as DXCC and is a member of the Elections Committee and the Antenna Tower Committee, which recommends test cases to the full board for funding. . He currently serves on the Administration and Finance Committee, which oversees ARRL programs and spending.
Franks meetings are always lively, interesting, and to the point. His comments on the proposal to transmit wide band internet access over the power lines should be especially interesting. (Total interference to **all** HF services from power line radiation, not just Amateur Radio). Topics like this one should make for a lively meeting, so lets give Frank a good turnout!

October 6 Meeting

Steve A. Mendelsohn, W2ML, candidate for upcoming Hudson Division Director election.

Tech Course Offered

See page 2 for details. Registration is required.

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From the Board

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

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association
Board of Directors Meeting May 29, 2003
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Siemers, WY2F, at 7:06 PM in the Olin Hall Conference Room at Union College
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Attendees:
President Paul Siemers, WY2F
Treasurer, George Williams, W2CSN
Secretary Tim Long, W2UI
Director Rob Leiden, KR2L
Director Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW
Director Dan Whelan, N2UD
Member Clark Gittinger, KG2AO
Member John Domblewski, N2OJY

Minutes: George Williams, W2CSN, made a motion to accept the minutes of theBoard Meeting held on May 1, 2003 as published in SARA News. Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW, seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: George Williams, W2CSN, presented the Treasurer's Report to the Board. Rob Leiden, KR2L, made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Dan Whelan, N2UD, and it passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Tim Long, W2UI, reported that we have received our bulk mailing permit and PO box assignment from the Postal Service. KC2EDH won the $1,000 Broughton Scholarship.

Public Service: President Paul Siemers, WY2F noted the nice article in SARA News about the Crop walk.

Newsletter: Clark Gittinger, KG2AO, reported that duplication was done at Leonard Communications and that Leonard Communications would accept no compensation for the use of their facilities. The Board recognized the contribution of Leonard Communications, N2OJY and N2XXX for their help in Newsletter production. Clark noted that he will need assistance to issue the October newsletter as he will be out of town.
Clark also asked that inputs for the new year's newsletters be more timely to help in the production schedule.

VE Sessions: No Report
Membership: No Report.
Public Relations: No Report.
Repeater Committee: No Report.
RFI: No Report.

Programs: President Paul Siemers, WY2F, reported that the June meeting would be the annual business meeting. The Broughton Award will be announced and Field day preparations will be discussed
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Old Business:
Raffle – Dan Whelan, N2UD, reported that ticket sales were at about the break even point. Tickets will continue to be sold at the June meeting and at Field Day.

Field Day –Paul noted that if we plan to use C100 again this year, we need to make a power cable to be able to run its air conditioner. Rob Leiden, KR2L, agreed to put Mike Adams in contact with John Domblewski to see if such a cord can be made up or acquired.

Field Day Site – President Paul Siemers, WY2F, reported that we have secured the Field day site and that mowing has been arranged. We need to ensure that field access is available (gate unlocked) for mowing.

Election of new officers/directors - The Election Committee reported no additional nominating petitions were received. Preparations for the election at the June meeting are complete.

Repeater Fund Drive - there have been a few small donations received. The formal drive has not yet begun.

New Business:
We are still waiting for our UNIREPCO 6M frequency coordination. President Paul Siemers, WY2F, will write a letter to UNIREPCO asking that our request be acted on.

Member John Domblewski, N2OJY, suggested that a Scholarship Committee be formed to work with the ARRL to help to award the Broughton Scholarship to Capital District students. It was agreed that N2OJY would help to organize the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.
Respectfully submitted, Tim Long, W2UI, Secretary

Tech Course Offered

The Schenectady and Albany Amateur Radio Associations will be offering a no-code Tech licensing course on Wednesday evenings this fall at Niskayuna High School. The dates are September 24; October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; and November 5, 12, and 19. There are 9 meetings: 8 for lessons and 1 for the exam (November 19).
Registration must be done through Niskayuna's office of continuing education in early September. Potential students should contact me for details before the end of August). We require a minimum of 12 students for the course to run, and class size is definitely limited to 18. I suspect that we will reach the maximum number
All instructors are well qualified and experienced.

Bob Raffaele, W2XM
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459-8435

Come Join the Sunday ARES-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

Field Day 2003 Results

Hi All,
Well I am now well rested but not ready to do it all over again just yet. SARA's entry was mailed on July 24th, 5 days early of the deadline.

We made 1675 QSO's; 771 on CW, 2 digital, 902 on phone. By band, the breakdown is as follows:

Band	CW	Digital	Phone
80M	117	0	224
40M	316	0	101
20M	317	2	519
15M	21	0	0
10M	0	0	0
6M	0	0	46
2M	0	0	11
1.25M	0	0	0
1.2GHz	0	0	1
Satellite	0	0	0
GOTA	0	0	0
	771	2	902

Phone beat CW in volume but CW beat phone in points (they're worth double). 20M CW just barely beat out 40M CW and rumor has it that Carl (K2YR) lowered Joe's (K2UF) antenna after it got dark. Band conditions were terrible and we never heard any 10M or 6M openings.
Dennis and crew managed to squeak out 46 QSO's on 6M anyway. We got 500 bonus points for emergency power, 100 points for media publicity, 100 points for the public location, 100 points for an information booth,100 points for 5 natural power QSO's, 100 points for the visit by Dan Fiorello, 100 points for the visit by Paul Zonderman W2PZ), and 100 points for demonstrating APRS. We missed an easy 100 points for not copying the ARRL Field Day Message, missed 100 points for not sending a Field Day Message to our SM, and missed 100 points for not making a satellite QSO. If we had made 100 GOTA QSO's, we would have netted another 100 bonus points in addition to the points for their QSO's. There's always next year. Do I hear any volunteers for Field Day Chairman 2004???

We all had fun and that is the main thing. We had a great, larger than normal, turnout - I estimated 60 for our ARRL entry.

73, Tim

SARA web site

http://www.rpi.edu/~brandp/sara/index.html
Get the latest on SARA activities

The Trading Post

FOR Sale:
Kenwood TM211A 2m 50W mobile (tilt head) with manual and TT mike - $60;
ICOM IC02-AT handy talky with manual ($75);
Mirage 12V amp/preamp which will take any input from 200 mw to 15W and puts out up to 80W - $50;
Palomar Engineers M-827 Automatic SWR and Power meter, AC powered, 20-200-2000 W (the one with the red lights) - $25.
Paul, W2PZ, 346-3850. pzonderman@earthlink.net

For any items to trade or sell or if you are looking for some item, contact the editor or post email to the following address: **sara@yahoogroups.com**. You must join the e-group at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sara/. (It's free).

Silent Key

We sadly note the passing of one of our truly Old Timers. Andy K2TGN was 93. A former member of SARA, he had been quite active, especially on 6 and 2 meters. One can't think of Andy without also remembering his devotion of many years to the Schonowe Fire Company where he had been Chief and Fire Commissioner. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

Repeater Fund Drive

The K2AE/W2GBO repeater fund drive is well underway, and contributions are coming in. Send yours now to SARA , George Williams W2CSN – treasurer, PO Box 207, Alplaus, NY 12008. Make out the checks to Schenectady Amateur Radio Association, and mark them "Repeater Fund". Also indicate if you wish other than 50/50 allocation to the 146.94 W2GBO and 147.06 K2AE repeaters.

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You can arrange to have SARA News delivered direct to your E-Mail address in PDF format, readable by a free download of theAdobe Acrbat Reader. You will get a color version of the newsletter sooner than by mail, which you can print if you desire. E-Mail delivery also saves the club time, volunteer effort, and money If interested, contact Tim Long, W2UI at 399-7454 or longt@empireone.net.

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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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_____

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