



# SARA NEWS

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



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Founded 1930

May, 2004

K2AE Repeaters

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Meeting Monday, May 3, 2004 at 7:30 PM, Niskayuna High School New Cafeteria

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## Public Service

May will bring the following events:

May 2: Crop Walk

May 22: Niska Day

May 26: Scotia Parade

As usual, our public service chairman, Ken Clikeman, AA2CW, will organize our participation in these events. His phone is 861-6825.

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## Field Day

It is not too early to start planning for this year's Field Day, which this year is held on June 26-27. George Williams W2CSN has volunteered to be the Chairman this year. He will need all the help he can get, both with work and equipment, so volunteer your services. This is a great time for new Hams to learn the ropes working with the many experienced Hams in the Club. Further details will be in the June NEWS.

Volunteer for a job with George with a call to 377-6188 or [williamg@tardis.union.edu](mailto:williamg@tardis.union.edu).

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## New Editor Needed!

After two years of editing SARA NEWS, Clark KG2AO needs a vacation. If any member of the club would like to try his hand at publishing, give Clark a call at 377-0671. You will need a computer and will need to devote a few hours per month to produce the news.

The Editor's post can be fun, easy, allow you to be creative, and get you into the inner workings of the club. Give it a try!

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## SARA web site

<http://k2ae.org> or <http://k2ae.net>

Get the latest on SARA activities

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## May Meeting

### Special Event Station

### Charles Steinmetz Birthday

The April Ninth birthday of Charles Steinmetz was marked by a two day special event station. The first day of operation was hosted by the Union College Amateur Radio Society on the campus where Steinmetz taught electrical engineering in the early 1900's. Currently, the amateur radio society's station, W2UC, occupies a small room in the electrical engineering laboratory complex, which is adjacent to Steinmetz Hall.

The second day of operation was held at the Niskayuna branch of the Schenectady County Library. Their community room was converted into an exhibit space for the Schenectady Museum's traveling Steinmetz exhibit. The exhibit includes a life-size photograph of Charles complete with cigar. SARA club members set up a TEN-TEC Scout transceiver for ten-meter operation as K2AE/portable.

The May meeting of the SARA club will feature a presentation by George Wise on the life and contributions of Charles Proteus Steinmetz. Following that presentation, a short slide show will illustrate the special event station.

George, W2CSN

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## Upcoming Meetings

Monday, June 7, 2004: Annual Meeting and election of officers for the coming year.

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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 April 1, 2004  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Hudson, N2LBT, at 7:04 PM in Olin Hall Rm 105 on the Union College Campus.

### Attendees:

President Dennis Hudson, N2LBT  
Vice-President Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW  
Secretary Tim Long, W2UI  
Director Gerry Crawmer, KE2JJ  
Director Carl Lester, K2YR  
Director Paul Siemers, WY2F  
Member Clark Gittinger, KG2AO  
Member Rudy Dehn, W2JVF  
Member Bill Schwarting, WR2L

Minutes: Paul Siemers, WY2F, made a motion to accept the minutes as published in SARA News. Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW, seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Dennis Hudson, N2LBT, presented the Treasurer's Report. Paul Siemers, WY2F made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW and it passed unanimously.

New Members: Jim Hartman was presented for consideration.

Correspondence: Tim Long, W2UI, reported that, since the last Board Meeting, we had received a monthly bank statement, a monthly phone statement, several hamfest announcements, a request to participate in the Eastern States Exposition 9/17 thru 10/3, and an offer for a meeting program presentation. One renewal was received via the mail.

Repeater Committee: Dennis Hudson, N2LBT reported that Scott Krone, N2YCA had agreed to chair the committee. Dennis also confirmed that the repeater controller had been replaced with a temporary spare.

Public Service: No events are planned other than those already announced in SARA News.

Newsletter: Clark again reminded the Board that a new SARA News Editor will be needed soon.

Membership: Tim Long, W2UI, reported that we mailed 82 copies and emailed another 51 copies.

Public Relations: No Report. Still need chairperson.

Programs: Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW, reported that all programs needed for the remainder of this year had been scheduled.

VE Sessions: There is a VE Session planned at the Niskayuna High School prior to the next regular SARA meeting on Monday, 4/5/04, at 6:00 PM.

RFI: Rudy Dehn, W2JVF, reported that there have been no requests and no problems. Inactivity in this department is a good thing.

### Old Business:

Field Day – we currently have no chairman.

Nominating Committee – we currently have no chairman.  
Broughton Committee – Bob Raffaele, W2XM, is the chairman and Tim Long, W2UI, is serving on Bob's committee. We need nominations in written form ASAP.

### New Business:

Fred Halley, W2EMS, offered a media presentation for one program next year. The Board also agreed to give each new member a SARA Patch free while supplies last.

Paul Siemers, WY2F, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Tim Long, W2UI, Secretary

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## THE BROUGHTON AWARD

Each year, SARA bestows the Broughton Award on someone who has performed "exemplary service to amateur radio, to the public, to SARA." The award recipient is chosen after careful consideration by the Broughton Award Committee. If you know of someone who is deserving of that award, please nominate that person.

To do so, submit your suggestion, in writing, to committee chairman Bob Raffaele, W2XM; 5 Gadsen Court; Albany, NY 12205; e-mail: raffaele@nycap.rr.com or w2xm@arrl.net. Please include whatever information you can to support your nomination.

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**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

## Hamfest

To Our Fellow Amateur Radio Clubs & Associations:

The East Greenbush Amateur Radio Association (EGARA) will be holding its first ever HamFest/Flea Market on 22 May 04. The event will be held at the East Greenbush FD's Park Station on Philipps Road in East Greenbush from 0800 hrs to 1300 hrs. Admission is FREE, now there's a deal! Tailgaters will be assessed a \$5.00 fee and, for \$10.00, one can have a table in the on-site pavilion. As this is our first time in the HamFest business, we're not going to take advanced reservations...there will be plenty of space and food will be available.

It's easy to get to the event site via the NYS T-Way or I-90.

(1) From Exit 23 on the T-Way, take I-787 North to the Rensselaer/East Greenbush Exit. Follow that Exit over the Dunn Memorial Bridge into East Greenbush. Continue East/South on U.S. Routes 9 & 20 for about 3.5 miles. On your right, just before the Monroe Muffler Shop (and across from the East Greenbush Plaza), take a right on to Phillips Road which will lead you to the FD's Park Station.

(2) From I-90..get off at Exit 9 and follow U.S. Routes 4 & 40 South to the intersection with U.S. Routes 9 & 20 (about 2 miles). Turn right onto 9 & 20 and follow it North/West to Phillips Road, about 1 mile on your left. Follow Phillips Road to the event site. For talk in, contact W2EGB or N2NEH on 147.330+ or 146.520.

For information, please check out our web site at: ([www.com-tech.org/EGARA.html](http://www.com-tech.org/EGARA.html)) or contact Chris, N2NEH..at (N2NEH@hotmail.com)

Hope to see you on May 22nd....  
73, Chris Linck, N2NEH, EGARA Director

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### Repeater Fund Drive

The K2AE/W2GBO repeater fund drive is continuing. Send your contribution 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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The National Weather Service puts out bulletins for weather watch and weather warning which can be heard on their NOAA weather radio, 162.55 MHz. They also will send bulletins as E-Mail to those interested. For more details and to sign up, use the Internet URL below.

<http://www.EmergencyEmail.org/>

## The Trading Post



FOR SALE  
OR TRADE

### Calling All Homebrewers!

For Sale by N2JJE:

One pair of 2 Plate 2A3's, Tubes used.

Six Type 80 Tubes, used.

Various Power Transformers and Filter Chokes.

All Vaues of Composition Resistors

Lots of Solid State Parts and Devices - Take a look.

One pair of Closed Circuit Telephones.

One Steel Panel Mounting Cabinet for 19 inch Panels,  
measuring 22" wide, 17" deep, 47.5" high.

For any of the items listed above, **Call George, 518-887-5019**

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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](mailto:sara@yahoogroups.com). You must join the e-group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sara/>. (It's free).

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### Morse Code Addition

On May Third the UN International Telecommunications Union will officially add the internet e-mail character @ to the Morse Code. The new character will be “dit-dah-dah-dit-dah-dit”, or the combined letters AC. This has a distinctive sound, but is much longer than simply keying out “at”. So will the Amateurs use the new code? Only time will tell.

This is reportably the first change in the code in over sixty years.

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### 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 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](mailto: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!

### Officers:

Pres: Dennis Hudson, N2LBT, 435-9730  
VPres: Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW, 377-2263  
Sec: Tim Long, W2UI, (longt@empireone.net) 399-7454  
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### Committees:

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PIO: Open  
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Membership: Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW 377-2263  
Repeater: Scott Krone, N2YCA (N2YCA@nycap.rr.com)  
Pub. Ser.: Ken Clikeman AA2CW (kclikema@nycap.rr.com) 861-6825  
VE team: Bill Mischler, KG2AC

**VE registration: (518) 370-1350**

## Schenectady Amateur Radio Association Inc

### 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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