

SARA NEWS

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SARA General Meeting, March 6th, 2006 at 7:00PM, Niskayuna High School New Cafeteria

Public Service

Contact Ken Clikeman AA2CW to sign up for these activities at 861-6825 free2aa2cw2000@yahoo.com

May 20th - Niskya Day 7:30am - Meet at Friendly's - Balltown Rd

May 24st - Scotia Parade 5:30pm - Meet at Dunkin Donuts in Scotia

Pete Cecere, N2YJZ ARRL Hudson Division's ENY SM

First licensed in 1986, Pete joined his father, mother and brother in the hobby. There were always plenty of radios around to play with. Pete enjoys many aspects of our hobby including phone, CW and digital modes. Pete contests several times a year (the big ones) and is always seeking a novel Special Event certificate. Pete says "after all these years the one item that has stuck is Traffic Handling," partly for the public service aspect and partly because the great people on the nets when we meet daily. Currently Pete is the ARRL Eastern New York Section Manager; Net Manager-New York Public Operations Net (NTS); Net Mgr. New York State Phone Traffic & Emergency Net, V.E.-Hudson Valley Area. "Most important thing about the hobby: Enjoy yourself!" Topics for the meeting: Amateur Radio and Public Service Road Show, Liberty Science Center, Club-ARES-RACES 501-C-3

incorporation, ARRL Membership-How does it help every one? Round table discussing Amateur Radio issues. SARA meetings begin at 7:00 PM in the new cafeteria to the right and in the rear of the Niskayuna High School. You are are reminded that there is no smoking in or around any school buildings. Also, in the event of bad weather and Niskayuna Schools are closed, the SARA meeting will be cancelled for that night unless otherwise advised. Check the K2AE SARA 147.06 repeater for information.

Board Meeting

The next meeting of the SARA Board will be this coming Wednesday March 1st, 2006 at the Niskayuna H.S. in one of the classrooms around the corner from where we regularly meet in the new cafeteria. The time will be 7 P.M. SARA Members and invited guests are welcome to attend, please RSVP to President Dan Whelan n2ud@arrl.net 895-2754.

Mario Celli, NQ2L, SK

Mario Celli, NQ2L, became SK this last week. He was a long time SARA member. He did come to our 75th Anniversary dinner. Mario worked for the USAF as a QA inspector of microwave tubes manufactured by GE in Schenectady. Mario lived in Rotterdam, he was 80.



Board Meeting

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association
Board Meeting February 1st, 2006 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President, Dan Whelan, N2UD, at 7:05 PM in the New Cafeteria at Niskayuna High School.

Attendees:

President, Dan Whelan, N2U, Vice-President, Hal Post, AK2E Treasurer, George Williams, W2CSN, Secretary, Ramsay D. Seielstad, KC2GMW, Director, Joe Clement, K2UF, Director, Bob Saltzman, WB2ARK, Director, Rudy Dehn, W2JVF, Member, Raleigh Keeter, K2RI

Minutes: Ramsay D. Seielstad, KC2GMW, noted one omission from the January minutes. A motion by Ramsay D. Seielstad, KC2GMW, and seconded by George Williams, W2CSN, for Hal Post, AK2E, to attend the President's Meeting in New Jersey and that SARA would reimburse him up to \$50.00 for expenses incurred, and it did pass unanimously.

George Williams, W2CSN, made the motion to accept the minutes as amended, Hal Post, AK2E, seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: George Williams, W2CSN, presented the Treasurer's Report. Hal Post, AK2E, made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Rudy Dehn, W2JVF, and it passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Ramsay D. Seielstad, KC2GMW, reported that, since the last Board Meeting, we had received one postal rate change notification, two Verizon statements, one Courage Handi-Ham newsletter, one renewal, one Squelch Tale newsletter, one Bank of America statement. Dan Whelan, N2UD, also received an email from Larry Eaton, KC2BLC, regarding an ARES question.

Programs: Hal Post, AK2E, reported that the February program will be presented by Lee Palmer, WB2NSC, and Robert Isby, N2LUD, and the topic will be the NYS Wireless Network.

RFI: Rudy Dehn, W2JVF, reported that National Grid is

exploring providing Broadband over Power Lines on their system. For more information, members may look at the NYS Public Service Commission website at <http://www.dps.state.ny.us/> Document # PR06005

Repeater Committee: Dan Whelan, N2UD, has spoken to Howard Lester, W2ODC, in regards to a repeater committee meeting. Howard, W2ODC, indicated that there is a UNYREPCO meeting in February and will schedule a committee meeting in the near future. Dan Whelan, N2UD, will attend as the board representative.

Old Business: Nominating Committee – Hal Post, AK2E, has accepted the chairperson position on the nominating committee.

The board again wishes to recognize Dennis Hudson, N2LBT, for his contributions for the getting the newsletter out every month and also handling the SARA Website in his free moment. We encourage anyone that can provide an article or two to Dennis, to do so, so he does not need to take on the additional task of locating material for the newsletter.

New Business: Dan Whelan, N2UD, proposed a conditional resolution for a Bus Trip sponsored by SARA to the Rochester Hamfest, to be determined by a vote at the membership meeting Monday night. The motion was seconded by Ramsay D. Seielstad, KC2GMW, and passed unanimously. The proposal did not garner the required threshold of interest at the membership meeting and is no longer under consideration.

Dan Whelan, N2UD, reminded board members that field day is approaching and a field day chairperson will be needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Ramsay Seielstad, KC2GMW,
Secretary



NASA honors TV journalist, anchor Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD

From the February 2006 "Beacon"

(Feb 16, 2006) -- NASA is honoring legendary CBS TV news anchor Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD, for his coverage of the US space program. Cronkite, who has narrated two ARRL Amateur Radio videos, will receive the Ambassador of Exploration Award February 28 during a ceremony hosted by the University of Texas at Austin Center for American History at the studios of KLRU-TV. "His marathon, live coverage of the first moon landing brought the excitement and impact of the historic event into the homes of millions of Americans and observers around the world," NASA said in a news release announcing the award. NASA is presenting the Ambassador of Exploration Award to the 38 astronauts and other key individuals who participated in the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo space programs for realizing America's vision of space exploration from 1961 to 1972. Cronkite is the first non-astronaut and only NASA outsider to receive the award, which consists of a small sample of lunar material encased in Lucite and mounted for public display. The material is part of the 842 pounds of moon rocks brought back to Earth during the six Apollo expeditions between 1969 and 1972. Cronkite will, in turn, present the lunar sample to University of Texas President William Powers. He will accept the award on behalf of the Center for American History, the archival home of the Walter Cronkite papers, and the sample will be on display in the Center's exhibit gallery. Cronkite is the best-remembered journalist for his commentary and enthusiastic coverage of the historic progression of missions from the early Mercury launches, through the groundbreaking Gemini missions, to the Apollo 11 and subsequent moon landings.

Area Club News

The [Albany Amateur Radio Association](http://www.k2ct.net) is having its annual dinner on April 7, 2006 at the Shaker Ridge Country Club. All are welcome. Contact Harry Hovey wf2b@verizon.net 283-2337 <http://www.k2ct.net>

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Yaesu FT-757GXII

FS: YAESU FT – 757GX II (w/manual, cables and power supply) Reduced \$250.00 Call joe@k2uf.com 237-4999 (leave message) or cell 852-2345

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

Regular Dues	\$20.00	\$ _____
Spouse	\$5.00	\$ _____
Student	\$5.00	\$ _____
Repeater Donation		\$ _____
Initiation Fee	\$5.00*	\$ _____
<small>*New Members Only</small>		
Name _____	Call _____	
Nickname _____	Class _____	
Street _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip _____
E-mail _____		
Phone _____	Signature _____	
ARRL _____	RACES _____	ARES _____ MARS _____

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Activity Calendar

March

4-5 ARRL Phone DX Contest
5 Lancaster ARC Hamfest - Williamsville, NY
6 SARA Meeting
18 Orange Co. ARC Hamfest New Windsor NY
26 Spring Flea Market, Framingham, MA

April

3 SARA Meeting
4 144 Mhz Sprint 7pm-11pm
12 222 MHz Sprint 7pm-11pm
20 432 MHz Sprint 7pm-11pm

May

1 SARA Meeting
20 Niskaday Parade
24 Scotia Parade

Sunday SCESN Nets

12:30PM - K2AE 53.57 repeater
1:00 PM - K2AE 444.200 repeater
1:30 PM - K2AE 147.060 repeater
2:00 PM - 3953 KHz, 75 Meter Lower SSB

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