

# SARA NEWS

**SCHENECTADY AMATEUR  
RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**"SERVICE THROUGH  
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**K2AE REPEATERS**

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SARA General Meeting, May 1st , 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](mailto:free2aa2cw2000@yahoo.com)

**May 7th** - Crop Walk noon - Meet at McDonald's on Union Street

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

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

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 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.

## **Power Supplies A Technology Orphan**

This month's meeting will feature Don Hornbeck K1EER discussing power supply topologies of the early days of amateur radio, the evolution of power supply technology up to present days' miniaturization. His wrap up will project the future of power conditioning equipment and the need to meet the requirements of amateur communication equipment of the next decade.

Don will have with him examples of power conditioning hardware and components of yesteryear and present.

## **Broughton Award Nominations**

This award to recognize outstanding contributions to SARA and/or amateur radio was established by the family of Henry Primm Broughton K2AE (silent key) an early electronics pioneer, active ham and past President of SARA. These awards usually denote a long term commitment to assisting the goals of amateur radio. Annual nominations for the SARA Broughton Award will close as of this upcoming SARA Meeting on May 1st so be sure to to get your written nomination to one of the Committee members. Hal Post AK2E [ak2e@arrl.net](mailto:ak2e@arrl.net), Dennis Hudson N2LBT [n2lbt@n2lbt.com](mailto:n2lbt@n2lbt.com).or N2UD Dan Whelan [n2ud@arrl.net](mailto:n2ud@arrl.net).



## Board Meeting

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association  
Board Meeting March 29, 2006 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President, Dan Whelan, N2UD, at 7:04 PM in the New Cafeteria at Niskayuna High School.

**Attendees:** President, Dan Whelan, N2UD, 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, Member, Paul Siemers, WY2F, Member, Bill Mischler, KG2AC, Guest, James Stewart, K2PK

**Minutes:** George Williams, W2CSN, made the motion to accept the minutes as published, Hal Post, AK2E, seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** George Williams, W2CSN, presented the Treasurer's Report. Joe Clement, K2UF, made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Hal Post, AK2E, and it passed unanimously.

**Correspondence:** Ramsay D. Seielstad, KC2GMW, reported that, since the last Board Meeting, we received one renewal, one Verizon statement, one Bank of America statement, one solicitation from Deluxe Business Checks, one Hamfest notice from Betty Parker and the East Greenbush Amateur Radio Club, W2EGB.

Also presented was an Article concerning Broadband over Power Lines and the effect on Amateur Radio from the March 20th, 2006 edition of USA Today.

**Public Service:** Volunteers desired for the upcoming events, Crop Walk, Sunday, May 7th; Niska-Day Parade, Saturday, May 20th and the Scotia Memorial Day Parade, Wednesday, May 24th. To sign up, or for further information contact Kenneth Clikeman, AA2CW, Phone: (518) 861-6825 or via email: free2aa2cw2000@yahoo.com

**Programs:** Hal Post, AK2E, reports the May program topic will be Power Supplies and be presented by Don Hornbeck, K1EER. June will be the Business meeting and

Frank Fallon, N2FF, will be in attendance for a short presentation. Tentatively scheduled presentation for September and October include the NJ DX Association our old friend Rob Leiden, K1UI (formerly KR2L), will make an appearance as our featured speaker.

**RFI:** Rudy Dehn, W2JVF, reported that he has been contacted on behalf of a local Amateur who resides within 400 feet of the WGY radio transmitting antenna and is having problems with significant interference using an Icom 757. Rudy will report his progress in resolving the issue as appropriate.

**Repeater Committee:** Dan Whelan, N2UD, reports that he has been notified in the upcoming months there will be preventative maintenance being performed at the repeater site. This maintenance will also be performed on our equipment, as time permits. Members may notice unscheduled outages of service on our repeater due to this work. We realize this may be an inconvenience to the members and visitors to the area. Please do not panic if the repeater is off the air, we have been assured that all downtime will be kept to a minimum during this work.

**VE Sessions:** Bill Mischler, KG2AC, reports that for the Monday night session he had a tentative examination expected but had not yet received a confirmation from the individual.

**Old Business:** Nominating Committee – Hal Post, AK2E, is soliciting members for open positions available on the Board of Directors for the 2006-2007 session. Dan Whelan, N2UD, states Field Day 2006 is rapidly approaching and we are still in need of a Field Day Chairperson. Any interested parties should contact Dan, sooner than later, via email: n2ud@arrl.net

**New Business:** Dan Whelan, N2UD, reported he has formally appointed the Chairperson of the Broughton Award Committee for this year, the committee members have been selected and the committee is progressing in the selection process.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ramsay D. Seielstad, KC2GMW



**ARRL Field Day June 24-25**

This year, Field Day will be on the weekend of June 24 & 25 so mark your calendar. This has been the major operating event for SARA for many years and it is a great way to acquaint prospective hams with a chance to see amateur radio in operation. It is also a great chance to get in some operating on all of the bands, no matter what your license class. As always this is an activity that requires a lot of help to put together so consider pitching in if you haven't before and of course if you are an old hand at this....we need you! More details at this upcoming meeting.....

**Board Meeting**

The next meeting of the SARA Board will be Wednesday April 26th, 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. Routine business more or less with SARA Key business for this month will be the SARA Field Day effort organization which is now getting close. SARA Members and invited guests are welcome to attend, please RSVP to President Dan Whelan [n2ud@arrl.net](mailto:n2ud@arrl.net) 895-2754.

**Hudson Division Awards Dinner**

Make a nomination, please. Forms available at <http://www.hudson.arrl.org/hudawd06.htm> The 2006 Hudson Division Awards Dinner will be held Saturday night, November 11th in NNJ and will be hosted by the Bergen Amateur Radio Association.

The Hudson Division will present awards to outstanding amateurs residing in the division in 2006. We hope many of you will make nominations and bring a deserving Hudson Division ham to the attention of the Awards Committee. Awards will be given for the Hudson Division Amateur of the Year, Grand Ole Ham, and Technical Achievement.

**SWAP**

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Used Rohn 25 @ \$40.00 and used Rohn 45 @ \$75.00  
365-1384 John, N20JY  
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**Free QST collection**

FREE to anyone who will take my entire collection of QST issues from 1962 to the present. Bill, W2PX, 399-3112, [wcoffey1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:wcoffey1@nycap.rr.com)



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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>		
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**VE Registration (518) 370-1350**

## Activity Calendar

### May

1 [SARA Meeting](#)  
7 Crop Walk  
13 [East Greenbush Hamfest](#)  
20 Niskaday Parade  
24 Scotia Parade

### June

5 [SARA Meeting](#)  
10-12 [ARRL June VHF QSO Party](#)  
24-25 [ARRL Field Day](#)

### July

8-9 IARU HF World Championships Rules

### August

5-6 [ARRL UHF Contest](#)  
19-20 [ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest](#)

### 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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