



SARA Meeting November 1st, 2010

SARA Amateur Radio Meeting

The Schenectady Amateur Radio Association (SARA) will hold its November meeting with a presentation by Bill Proctor (KC2NXC) on uses of the Buddipole. The Buddipole is a small antenna designed for portable use, and has been used in a number of Dxpeditions, around the world. It also has applications for hams living in situations where traditional antennas are not possible.

Bill is an amateur radio enthusiast who follows new technological developments and implements their use in his amateur radio hobby.

The SARA meeting will be held Monday, November 1, 2010 at 7 PM in Cafeteria of the Niskayuna High School on Balltown Road.. Attendees should enter the school through the cafeteria entrance located on the side of the school, adjacent to the Nott Street Extension school parking lot.

Amateur radio operators and any interested individuals are invited to attend..

SARA President Dan Fiorello also submitted this Public Service Announcement to the Daily Gazette for publication in their Community Notes/News section.



Cancellations: If Niskayuna High School cancels evening classes and activities the SARA meeting will normally also be cancelled and possibly rescheduled. Listen in on the SARA 147.060 repeater for meeting status information and whether it is to be rescheduled.

Worth Noting:

The Conductor of choral music at Niskayuna High School, where SARA holds its monthly meetings, is Christina Pizzino. She holds an extra class amateur radio license, N2ZHR, and took her exam several years ago, as a teen ager, when it was necessary to pass a 20 wpm code test.

Chris' father is Dave Pizzino, ND2P.

I would like to encourage everyone to attend the concerts and programs at the high schools in our community. I think you will be impressed by the talent and dedication of the kids who take part.

Raleigh K2RI

Programs: Meeting programs are scheduled in four different areas: General Interest, Operating, Technical, and Emergency Preparedness. While this year's calendar is set, we're always looking for ideas for programs or people who have something they would be willing to present. If you have a suggestion for a program, something you'd like to learn about or speak about, please contact Jim, K2PK (see contact information on the last page).





Meeting	Program
November 2010	T Bill Proctor (KC2NXC) on uses of the Buddipole
December 2010	Holiday Party
January 2011	Andrew Ferraro AC@BC Power supplies and Radios
February 2011	Sid Wolin K2LJH: New Equipment available.

November Board Meeting Announced

SARA President Dan Fiorillo announces the November Board Meeting:

The next Board Meeting will take place at 7 PM Wednesday November 17th at **LT's Restaurant** at Balltown and Nott Street





SARA Board Meeting 13 October 2010 LT's Restaurant

Attending:

President	Dan Fiorillo KC2MER	Board Member	Bill Mischler KG2AC
Vice President	Jim Stewart K2PK	Board Member	Sid Wolin K2LJH
Secretary	Hal Post AK2E	Board Member	Craig Wood W2XAD
Treasurer	Tim Long W2UI		

Called to order at 7:03 PM by President Fiorillo

Agenda:

Secretary's report - Given and accepted as published.

Treasurer's report - Given and accepted.

New Members – no new members

Old Business:

Repeater: New controller and 220 Repeater – K2AE Trustee reported no progress.

Howard Lester Award – No report given.

Programs: Jim K2PK is working hard on next year's meeting programs. If there is a topic you would be interested in (like to learn about/or one you would like to present) please contact Jim.

Meeting Location for 2010 – 2011: Niskayuna High School Cafeteria until renovation of the Auditorium is completed.

Meetings start at 7 PM. Please be there well before the start. Due to construction and other evening class conflicts, the meeting room location may be change at the last moment. Bill is working to resolve a more firm location at the school.

New Business:

IRS: The Board discussed the new IRS 501 3(c) filing requirements. Tim W2UI will complete the IRS Form 990-N, (on line) in a timely manner.





Donated Amateur Radio Equipment to SARA: Sid K2LJH has volunteered to make space in his garage to store Radio equipment donated to the club. The equipment must be inventoried and transported to Sid's location.

The equipment will be listed in the SARA news. Contact Hal AK2E at ak2e@arrl.net if you are interested in purchasing any of the equipment. Checks payable to: Schenectady Amateur Radio Association.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Submitted by: Hal Post AK2E Secretary





Authors Needed for SARA News

Greetings, SARA members! I would love to hear from you. Please send your announcements, stories and news to me at antje1@yahoo.com. I hope to carry on in the fine tradition of all my predecessors. Please note: if you do not send me things to publish, I will have to make it up!

There is room in the SARA News for articles and stories of interest to members. If you have a story idea, an article ready for submission, or would like to write for the SARA News, please contact a club officer, director, or the interim editor. We're particularly interested in stories about the club, its members, and their amateur radio related activities.

Your article or pictures could be right here. Please send them to me and I will publish them in the next SARA News.

Remember: SARA News is also the place to advertise your ham related equipment. Please visit the offerings on our swap pages today!

Are you always taking pictures? I would love to see your pictures of SARA club events, meetings or celebrations. JPEG format is preferred.





SARA Dues Reminder

Have you paid your dues yet? The SARA membership year runs from July to June and the **2010-2011 dues are due**. Please use the form on the last page or see Tim, W2UI, treasurer at the meeting.

SARA Facebook Page

Join the SARA members on the Schenectady Amateur Radio Association Facebook page. To join the SARA Facebook group, navigate to facebook.com, enter "Schenectady Amateur Radio Association" in the Search box, and click on Join Group. Quick and easy!





Buy, Sell or Swap

If you have items you would like to sell or trade, or are looking for something, we'd be glad to list them in the SARA News (non-commercial only, subject to space limitations). To do so, please contact the SARA News editor. If you prefer, you could also post them on the SARA Yahoo Reflector at sara@yahogroups.com. To post on the reflector you'll have to join the e-group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sara/>. It's easy and it's free.

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Bill Fairchild, WO2V has donated the following equipment to the SARA radio club.

His intentions are that SARA may sell the listed equipment to interested individuals with the proceeds going to SARA for its use in operating the club and conducting its activities. The Board wishes to thank Bill for his donation of the equipment.

Anyone interested should contact one of the SARA Board members.

1. Collins 75A-4 Ser. 4322 With extra mechanical filter and original manual. No Collins spkr. I use a beat up Hallicrafter. Excellent condition - listened on 80 and 40 last night; such a sweet sound.
2. Hewlett Packard Signal Generator Model 650A Ser. 2435, replacement manual copied off the web.
3. Precision Apparatus Co. tube tester Ser. 9470; tube data on a scroll which is integral to the device.
4. Heathkit Audio Generator

Nos. 2, 3 and 4 were in good working order the last time I used them. The items below probably have failed electrolytic capacitors and maybe other component failures:

5. Eico model 753 triband (80, 40, 20) ssb transceiver Ser. 3833
6. Heathkit HW-16 (80, 40, 15) break-in CW transceiver with companion HG-10B VFO (80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2).

Tube List 10 Oct 2010 WA2FJV estate
Contact ak2e@arrl.net

never used ie NEW

Qty	Tube	Mfg	Asking
1	3-1000Z/8164	Eimac	700
1	833A	RCA	380
3	807	RCA	20
4	VT136/1625	Sylvania	20
8	829B	Sylvania/JAN	30
	socket 829B		15
	829B&socket		40
5	2E24	RCA	10
1	7Q7	Sylvania	5
14	6SJ7/VT116		15
36	12K8Y/VT132	RCA	5
1	83V /output varies/ <u>used</u>	RCA	5
1	83V	GE	15
1	2E26	RCA	10
1	1635	RCA	20
2	866A	RCA	25



SARA News Archive Project

Last month we initiated a project to complete the online SARA News archive from year 2001 forward as we were missing 25 issues. Paul Siemers, WY2F, was able to provide all but one of the missing issues and Tim Long, W2UI, was able to provide the last issue. Dennis Hudson, N2LBT, updated the website and that part of the project is now complete.

We're still looking for past issues of SARA News (prior to 2001) so that we can add to the online archive. Ideally this would be with electronic files. However, if we can't obtain electronic files, we can scan paper issues to create PDF files.

If you have any issues of SARA News older than those noted above (2000 or earlier), and would be willing to either loan or donate them for this project, or, if you own or have access to a scanner that can scan to PDFs, and would like to assist with this project, please contact the SARA News Editor. Loaned copies will be borrowed when the project is ready and returned as soon as they have been scanned and the file is reviewed.

Contact the SARA News Editor at antje1@yahoo.com or 518-306-6817.



SARA News is not mailed via the USPS anymore. If you know a member who does not have email (there are a few), print a copy and deliver it to them. Take care of your buddies.

SARA Public Service Events

SARA provides communications support for a number of events throughout the year. If you're interested in participating in any of the PSEs, contact Ken, AA2CW. His contact information is on the last page or see him at a Club meeting.

Skywarn Training - Winter Session

The Winter Workshop for this year will be held at the Niskayuna Town Library on November 8th from 6PM until 8PM. The Niskayuna Branch Library is located on Nott Street across from the Town Hall. It is always important that the ham community is ready to support the NWS because accurate information that we provide improves their mathematical models and forecasting. You should register with the NWS in advance at their web site - <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/aly/Skywarn.htm>.

Coming Events

Ham fest and Flea Markets	Location / Website	Date	Time
N/A			
N/A			





Schenectady County Emergency Net

SARA members act as Net Control Stations for the Schenectady County Emergency Net (SCEN) on Sunday afternoons. The nets are open to all amateurs; ARES RACES membership is not required to participate. The purpose of the nets is to train, pass any traffic that you might have and any announcements of general interest.

440	444.200 Repeater	1:00 PM	Raleigh K2RI
2-Meter	147.060 Repeater	1:30 PM	Raleigh K2RI
HF	3953 KHz	2:00 PM	Larry NT2B

SARA Repeaters

Status	ON AIR	ON AIR	OFF THE AIR	ON AIR
Band	6-Meters	2-Meters	1.25-Meters	70-Centimeters
User TX	52.570 MHz	147.660 MHz	222.460 MHz	449.200 MHz
User RX	53.570 MHz	147.060 MHz	224.060 MHz	444.200 MHz





SARA People in the News

From Hal Post, AK2E:

My cousin, Paul Post, attended our last meeting and wrote a story in The Saratogian newspaper about Ray Wemple's Civil War ballooning presentation. You can find it at The Saratogian website (saratogian.com <<http://saratogian.com>>). Paul recently published a new local history book, "Soldiers of Saratoga County: From Concord to Kabul." It's all about local veterans from The Revolution right up to Iraq and Afghanistan. I think you'd find it interesting. To order a copy you may contact Paul directly. (\$24.50 covers the book, tax and handling) at Paul Post, 93 McDonald St., Glens Falls, NY 12801.

Report in the Saratogian, October 10, 2010

Fight or flight ... or both: Balloon corps gives Union upper hand during Civil War

Ray Wemple, K2DVM, last month's speaker received a write up by Paul Post. Read the whole article by following the link below.

<http://www.saratogian.com/articles/2010/10/09/news/doc4cafbc8bd357502190347.txt>





SARA Website Changes

We've continued making changes to the SARA Website. The calendar on the Home page now shows General and Board meetings, Public Service and other events, SARA Licensing Exam sessions, and the publication dates for SARA News. The SARA News archive has been completed from 2001 to present and is updated monthly. The Licensing Exams page has been changed to reflect SARA Licensing Exam sessions as well as linking to the ARRL Licensing Exam page. The People & Contact information is current and updated as needed, the Monthly Meeting Info is routinely updated, and the Public Service Event and Field Day information is updated as needed. Let us know if you see something that needs to be updated. If you think something should be added to the SARA website contact an Officer or Director. All suggestions will be given due consideration.

SK Reports

No SK report this month!





Volunteer Examiner Session

SARA conducts VE sessions at 6:00 PM on regular meeting nights, the first non-holiday Monday of each month except July, August, and December. Those interested in taking an exam are encouraged to contact Bill Mischler, KG2AC, several days prior so he can arrange for sufficient VEs to be present. You can find Bill's contact information on the last page. Non-members who successfully complete the exam will be given SARA membership for the physical year (June – June.)

SARA News Publicizing VE Session Results

SARA News will follow the ARRL Guidelines.

Reference: ARRL VE Manual - 9th Edition Page 64 (see below).

Publicizing Your Examination Activity Statistics

Your team's test session activities will gradually mount up to some impressive numbers. Many examinees will be grateful for the service your team has provided. Yet, the ARRL/VEC has been asked what parts of this information can be shared?

You and your team can share any numerical statistics that relate to your past test sessions. You should not, however, publicize the names of any persons who were tested by your team--unless these persons have given you their expressed written consent.

Although information from the FCC's records is public information, unless the FCC receives, processes and publicizes applicant data, an examinee's information is not considered public.

If you are concerned with sharing information about one of your past test sessions that includes session information other than numerical statistics, don't share it. It's nobody else's business other than yours, the ARRL/VEC's and the FCC's.

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