



## SARA Meeting January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011

### SARA Amateur Radio Meeting

The Schenectady Amateur Radio Association (SARA) will hold its January meeting with a video presentation entitled "Midway Atoll, Stepping Stone of the Pacific", an Official video of the 2009 DXpedition "Well known as a World War II battleground, a military base, and a transoceanic fuel stop.

Today, Midway is a national wildlife refuge and gateway to the remote Northwest Hawaiian Islands. Working closely with Midway's new caretakers and mindful of the sensitive environmental issues, this DXpedition demonstrated how Amateur Radio is now a welcome activity inside one of America's most protected wildlife preserves."

The SARA meeting will be held Monday, January 3, 2011 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 interested individuals are invited to attend.

**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).

SARA Board Meeting

15 December 2010 LT's Restaurant

Attending:

President Dan Fiorillo KC2MER Board Member Frank Simon WB2PUH

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 7:05 PM by President Fiorillo

**Agenda:**

Secretary's report - Given and accepted as published.

Treasurer's report - Given and accepted.

New Members – The Board elected new members:

Lee Hatfield K2HAT

Rick Manocchi KR1CKM

and Jim Silva.

**Old Business:**

**Howard Lester Award** – Sid K2LJH has taken on the project.

**Programs:** Jim K2PK – reported Holiday party at the United Buffett was a big success. 41 members enjoyed the food and chatting with friends. George Williams W2CSN traveled from California to join us. (and to visit family in the area).

**New Business:**

**Donated Amateur Radio Equipment**

The equipment will go on Ebay if there are no bids from our SARA members. See last month's SARA News for the equipment list. Contact Hal AK2E at [ak2e@arrl.net](mailto:ak2e@arrl.net) if you are interested in purchasing any of the equipment. Checks payable to: Schenectady Amateur Radio Association. The SARA Board thanks Bill Fairchild WO2V for his generous donation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Submitted by: Hal Post AK2E Secretary

Pictures from Dec 2010 Holiday Party



# SARA NEWS



December 2010	Holiday Party
January 2011	Andrew Ferraro AC@BC Power supplies and Radios
February 2011	Sid Wolin K2LJH: New Equipment available.





## Of Interest to HAMs

W2XM is again accepting orders for the gold-colored SARA golf shirt. The cost is still \$18, and there is no charge for shipping, assuming that the total club order is for at least 5 shirts. Indicate the name and callsign you would like embroidered. Bob requests payment in advance and a phone number at which you can be reached.





## **Frankford Radio Club to Donate Complete Station to Radio Contester**

The Frankford Radio Club is one of the premier radiosport contesting organizations in the world. The club is looking to promote contest operating and will donate a complete station to one licensed amateur radio operator who wishes to get started in the contesting experience but is unable to put together a station.

The station will be donated by FRC President Ray Sokola K9RS and, while used, is complete and working including everything needed to get on the air on both SSB and CW. (See the attached for a description of what is included.)

Applications are now being accepted which must include name, callsign, contact information (phone and/or email) and one page or less on why the applicant feels he or she is deserving of a station with which to start contesting. Please send the application via e-mail to:

Mark Kempisty – FRC Secretary at [aa3k@arrl.net](mailto:aa3k@arrl.net) by February 15, 2011.

Since the beginning, FRC members have been leaders in both operating and technical excellence in pursuit of dominance in the sport of amateur radio contesting. The FRC has historically been at the top of the club competitions in the major DX contests. In addition, its members hold many contest records either individually or as part of multi-operator efforts, both U.S. and worldwide.

In addition to looking for someone deserving of a complete station the FRC is also interested in new members who would like to be a part of the contesting experience. We are particularly looking for those who are willing to enter and submit a log in at least two of the four major ARRL and CQ World Wide SSB and CW radio contests each season. Participation can be at an individual's station (either large or small) or as part of a multi-operator effort at some of the best equipped and competitive stations around. As a member, every point counts and it is a chance to make a difference as the club competes to win in these contests. Take a look at our web site: <http://gofrc.org/>. If you want to join, please fill out the membership application at: <http://gofrc.org/frctest/node/46> and send it to [k9rs@yahoo.com](mailto:k9rs@yahoo.com)

Be a part of it and GO FRC!



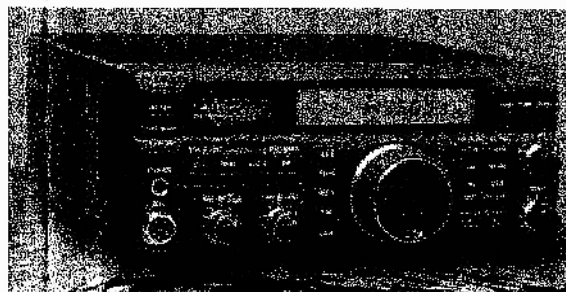
# FRC Donating a Station

Yaesu FT-840 HF Transceiver

Samlex 1223 23amp Power Supply

Hygain AV-620 6m-20m Vertical

Bencher Paddle, keyer, coax, mic etc.





## 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.)

## 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





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