
SARA NEWS

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association
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A Message from the President

2014 was a great year! I am still in awe of the participation of many numbers of hams that had gotten involved with the ARRL centennial celebration.

I heard so many hams helping each other on the 147.060 that I am impressed.

The centennial created much needed ham chat and participation and it was great to work section managers, division directors, and folks that were handing out and taking the "points" on HF!

The last I heard is that K2HAT was the points leader.

Another thing that happened and I hope will continue will be the many number of hams who went to W1AW and warmed up the league radios. I bet they burned those radios in real good.

That shows a real Amateur Radio spirit.

Let all of us try to keep that Amateur Radio spirit alive for 2015. It would be so sad to lose the fun and camaraderie that was 2014! Let's keep it going.

73 to all de W2XAD

SARA General Meeting

Monday January 5, 2015, 7:00 pm, Niskayuna High School

“Telegraphers During the Civil War”

This presentation will explore the experiences of military telegraph operators during the Civil War. Telegraphers with the U.S. Military Telegraph Corps experienced many of the same dangers and hardships as front-line troops. However, the Telegraph Corps was not part of the Army's chain of command. Telegraphers indulged in legendary feats of drinking and pranks that no military commander would have tolerated.



Our Speaker: Dave Hochfelder

Dave Hochfelder is an associate professor of history at University at Albany, SUNY. He is the author of “The Telegraph in America: 1832-1920”.

Before returning to graduate school for history, he was an electrical engineer in the electric power industry. He is also an Extra Class amateur, call sign N2HTA, though he is not active on the air due to space limitations at home. When he was active, his favorite band and mode was 30 Meters CW. He still does broadcast band and longwave DXing.

Dave will also have copies of his book for sale at the meeting.

Meeting Location

SARA meetings are held in the Little Theatre of the Niskayuna High School on Balltown Road unless otherwise noted.

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.

Cancellations

If Niskayuna High School cancels evening classes and activities the SARA meeting will also be cancelled.

www.niskyschools.org for school closing information.

SARA Board Meeting

December Meeting

Due to the weather and limited attendance, it was voted to move the December Board meeting to January.

November Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2014

Present:

Craig Wood, W2XAD President
Tim Long, W2UI Treasurer
Jim Silva, KC2ZVK Vice President
John Comanzo, KD2FVN Board Member
Paul Siemers, WY2F Board Member
James MacMurray, N2UZQ Board Member
Visitors: David Wilkinson, KD2CDH (SMARA president)

Meeting opened by President Wood at 7:04 PM.

Treasurer's Report: Reported by Treasurer Tim Long and accepted by the board.

Secretary's Report: The Board accepted as published.

Contact New Member: None

Old Business:

November meeting in Niskayuna High School Cafeteria:

The November meeting was held in the cafeteria of Niskayuna High School (Room D267) instead of the Little Theater. The coffee and cookies were appreciated by those in attendance.

New Business:

Field Day Planning: Plans for field day were discussed.

Meeting Adjourned 8:21 PM.

Submitted by Vice President Jim Silva

Calendar of Events

January

January 5 at 7PM
SARA General Meeting

January 14 at 7PM
SARA Board Meeting

Website

Visit the club's website at:
<http://www.k2ae.org>

SEND IN YOUR IDEAS

If you have any articles, information, tips, tricks or items for sale you would like to include in the SARA Newsletter, send an email to KD2FVN@arrl.net with the subject "SARA Newsletter Ideas". Please include your full name and call sign.

SARA Party Dec 1, 2014

The almost perfect event. By Hal Post AK2E

December is not usually one of the kinder months regarding weather. Monday evening Dec 1st there was no snow, rain or sleet or icy surfaces to traverse!

On the way to the meeting I stopped and filled the car fuel tank with gas. Paid for my meal and had a great evening chatting with friends.

There was a very good turnout for the party and some folks had to sit outside the meeting room.

About the time I'd finished my meal the club had their 50/50 drawing. Thanks to SARA for the meal, a very pleasant evening chatting with friends and gas for the car!

Happy New Year, Hal AK2E

Looking for a fun project?

Submitted by John Comanzo KD2FVN

I came across this kit on the web and thought some of you might find this interesting. I am sure you all have some old AA batteries laying around and it might come in handy in an emergency.

HumanaLight is an easy-to-build kit for a bright, long-lasting LED mini-lamp that's powered by a surprising, but ubiquitous, resource: **the residual energy in depleted AA batteries.**

This simple light source is powered by a single AA cell and can last up to 5 weeks! The simple circuit dramatically extends the life of the AA cell. You can even insert a "dead" AA cell, and it will light for days.



<http://www.earstoourworld.org/humanalight/>

A Special Thank You!

Thank you to Antje Dirken-Post N2OMA for her past service as SARA News Editor.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Hal Post AK2E.

He was the winner of the December Social Event 50/50 Raffle.

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Schenectady County Emergency Net

SARA members act as Net Control Stations for the Schenectady County Emergency Net (SCEN) on Sunday afternoons.

Emergency Coordinator: James MacMurray - N2UZQ

DAY OF WEEK	TIME	FREQUENCY	MODE
Every Sunday	1:00 PM	444.200	K2AE Repeater
Every Sunday	1:30 PM	147.060	K2AE Repeater
1st Sunday	2:00 PM	3.953	LSB
2nd Sunday	2:00 PM	50.400	AM
3rd Sunday	2:00 PM	146.430	FM Simplex
4th Sunday	2:00 PM	28.325	USB
5th Sunday	2:00 PM	223.500	FM Simplex

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.

SARA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dues are gladly accepted (Please print legibly)

New Member

Renewal

Donation to the Repeater Fund. Amount: _____

Membership Class:

Full (Licensed Amateur) - Dues: \$20.00/year

New Member Initiation - \$5.00/one time fee in addition to Full dues
(Initiation fee is used to fund the Henry Primm Broughton Memorial Fund)

Spousal - Dues: \$5.00/year. Call sign of regular member: _____

Student (K-12 and full-time undergraduate college) - Dues: \$5.00/year

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Call Sign (if licensed): _____ License Class: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

(Newsletters will be distributed via email unless otherwise specifically requested)

Are you a member of ARRL ARES RACES NTS

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Please use a separate form for each member at your address.

Make checks payable to: Schenectady Amateur Radio Association

Mail your check and this completed form to:

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association
PO Box 449
Schenectady, NY 12301

You may also bring this form and your membership dues to the next SARA General meeting.

