SARA NEWS

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association
P.O. Box 449
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A Message from the President

What a great month. Applesauce and apple pie with the smell of cinnamon.

We may be moving our monthly meetings to a different spot so stay tuned.

I am trying to set up a second dual band antenna for use and the days will not cooperate with the wind and cold weather.

I am not the youngster I used to be.

I spoke to Stan, WA2UET on his new Fusion repeater and all I can say it was amazing on how clear people can sound in a digital mode.

I will be experimenting with this mode more. Just remember, experiment! It is what we are supposed to do and it can be fun!

73 to you from W2XAD!

Sara Dues Reminder

2015 - 2016 Membership Dues are Due

Membership dues are our primary source of income. Without "your" dues, "your" club cannot exist. Please consider paying your dues at the upcoming meeting or send in a check today. Please use the form on the last page or see Tim, W2UI, our Treasurer at the next meeting.

In January, we will send email reminders to anyone who has not paid their dues for 2015-2016. Anyone still not paying after that, will be removed from the club roster and removed from our email distribution list. Continue to be part of one of the best Amateur Radio clubs in the area, and don't miss an issue of this awesome newsletter 😊, write that check and pay your dues today.

If you already paid your dues, Thank You!

SARA General Meeting

Monday, November 2, 2015, 7:00 pm

ATTENTION: LOCATION CHANGE

The meeting location has changed. The meeting will be held in the Niskayuna High School "South Cafeteria". This room is "right around the corner" from the Little Theater.

"A Few Words from Your ARRL Hudson Division Director"

Presented by Mike Lisenco, N2YBB

Mike will discuss current issues in amateur radio that affect all hams--hot topics like new legislative issues, changes in ARRL leadership, band allocations, the dues increase(!), and many more.

Our Speaker: Mike Lisenco, N2YBB

In 2014, as the ARRL celebrated its 100th birthday, Mike celebrated 20 years as a ham! He was first licensed as a Tech Plus in 1994 and moved up the ladder to General, then Advanced and finally to Extra a number of years ago.

Mike is a firm believer in giving back to amateur radio—on January 1, 2013, he became the Director for the ARRL Hudson Division. For the four years prior, he served as the Section Manager for the ARRL New York City/Long Island Section. He has also served as the NLI Section ARES Section Emergency Coordinator, as the Assistant Section Manager, and as the ARES District Emergency Coordinator for New York City. In his role as ARES DEC, he was charged with rebuilding an organization that had nearly self-destructed. In recognition of that achievement, he received the ARRL Hudson Division "Amateur of the Year" award in 2004.

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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.

Our Speaker: Mike Lisenco, N2YBB
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Mike has served as the RACES Radio Officer for the City of New York, appointed by the Commissioner of the New York City Office of Emergency Management. He has been a moderator at Ham Radio University (HRU)--the NLI Section Convention--for the past 11 years. He has also been a mentor/instructor for the EC-001 course, leading in-house courses for New York City District ARES. He is a Volunteer Examiner (VE) for the ARRL and a SKYWARN spotter as well.

As to the "hobby" side of amateur radio, Mike is an avid DXer, a member of the Long Island DX Association (LIDXA), The Order of Boiled Owls, and the Yankee Clipper Contest Club (YCCC). He is a former Vice President of the Kings County Radio Club. He holds 5 Band DXCC and DXCC in Mixed Mode, Phone, CW and RTTY. He has the WAS, WAC, VUCC, CQ WAZ, DXCC Challenge, the Diamond DXCC Challenge, and the ARRL Triple Play Award (#53). He is also a member of the A-1 Operator's Club.

Mike's station currently consists of a Yaesu FTDX-5000MP, Ameritron ALS-600, Cushcraft MA-5B, Inverted V for 30/40/80 meters, various mics, Vibroplex and Bencher paddles, Rascal interface, random wire with an SGC-230 tuner, and assorted paraphernalia at the base.

Mike is a professional actor and has appeared in countless films, TV shows and commercials over the past 30 years. He is married, has two children and lives in Brooklyn where he grows antennas in his backyard farm.

Save the Date for December!

The SARA Holiday Dinner Event will be held December 7th at the United Buffet in Schenectady. This has been a tradition for the past few years. 50/50 raffle.

Here are the details:

Date: Monday, December 7
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: United Buffet, 2320 Watt St, Schenectady, NY 12304 (518) 388-8577

Cost: $11.49 dinner (all you can eat!) + $1.25 soft drink (optional) + tax & tip.

When you enter, just say you are with the Schenectady Amateur Radio Club, and head to the back room. Everyone pays for his/her own dinner.

October Board Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2015

Present:
Craig Wood W2XAD President
Jim Silva KC2ZVK Vice President
Jim Stewart, K2PK Secretary
Tim Long, W2UI Treasurer
Paul Siemers WY2F Board Member
James MacMurray N2UZQ Board Member
John Comanzo, KD2FVN - Board Member
Dave Bradshaw, KD2FVM - Board Member
Visitors: Hal Post AK2E

Meeting opened by President Wood at 7:02 PM.

Secretary's Report: The Board accepted the minutes of the annual meeting of June 1, 2015, as published. There was no Board meeting in September.

Letters received:

- June 2nd letter from ARRL Foundation announcing the four 2015 recipients of the Henry Broughton, K2AE, Memorial Scholarships.
- Thank you notes for the scholarships from Carolyn Tobice, KC1DBV and Brittany Decker, KB1OGL.

Treasurer's Report: Reported by Treasurer Tim Long and accepted by the Board. FY 2015/2016 budget accepted by the Board. Notices will be in the November and December SARA News to encourage delinquent members to pay. We need the funds.

New Member: Application for membership from Bruce Goldstein WA3AFS approved.

Public Service Events: The Chamber of Schenectady County has asked SARA to provide marshals for the annual Schenectady parade. Details to be in November SARA News. James MacMurray reported that the recent Simulated Emergency Test went well.

Meeting Location: Discussion on future meeting location possibilities. The December dinner meeting will be at the United Buffet the same as recent years.

Repeater: Hal reported on interference to the repeaters. Do not acknowledge interference. Ignore it.

New Business: None

Meeting Adjourned 8:22 PM.

Submitted by Secretary Jim Stewart K2PK

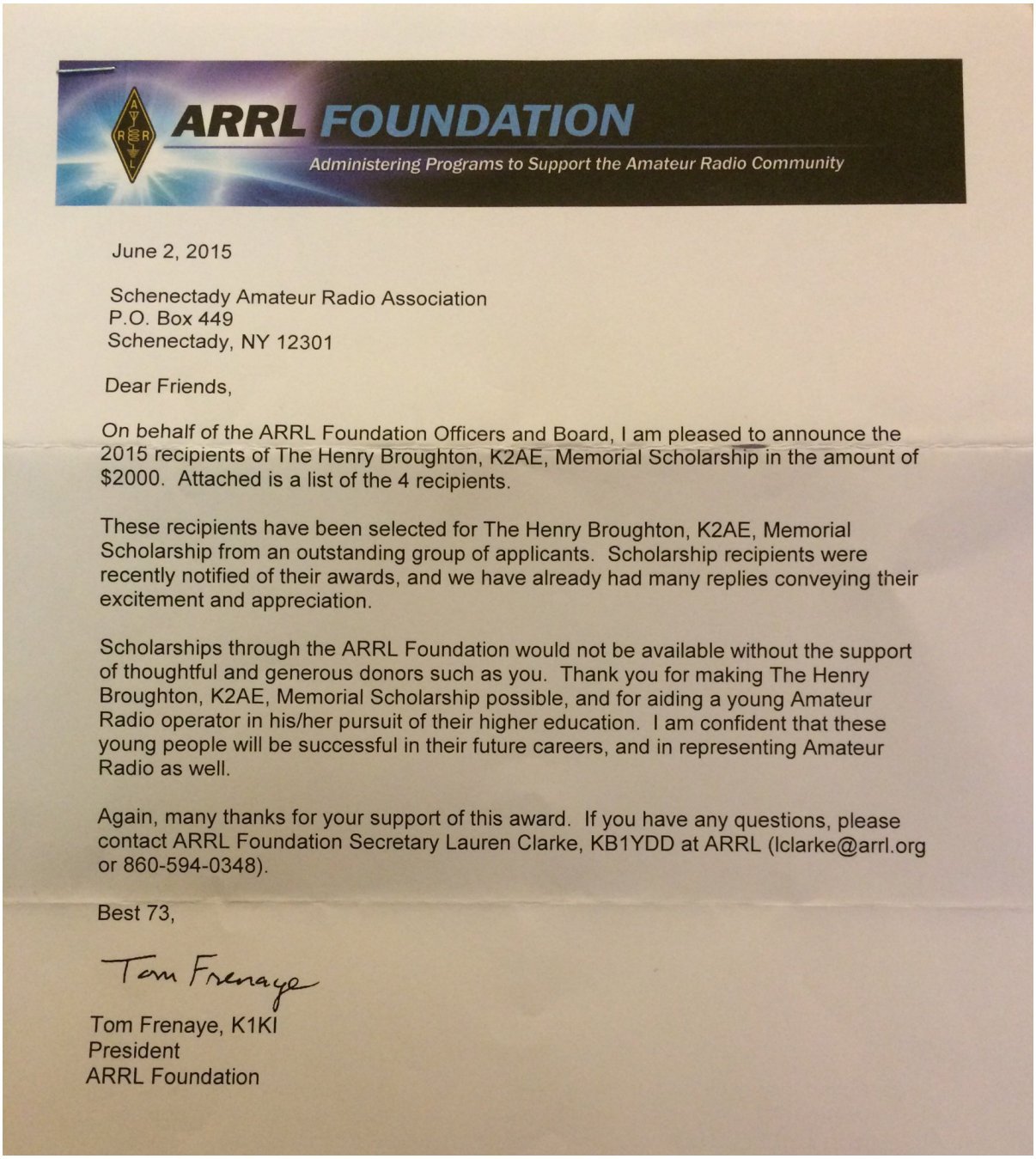
Calendar of Events

November 2 at 7PM
SARA General Meeting

November 11 at 7PM
SARA Board Meeting

Website

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



ARRL FOUNDATION

Administering Programs to Support the Amateur Radio Community

June 2, 2015

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association
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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the ARRL Foundation Officers and Board, I am pleased to announce the 2015 recipients of The Henry Broughton, K2AE, Memorial Scholarship in the amount of $2000. Attached is a list of the 4 recipients.

These recipients have been selected for The Henry Broughton, K2AE, Memorial Scholarship from an outstanding group of applicants. Scholarship recipients were recently notified of their awards, and we have already had many replies conveying their excitement and appreciation.

Scholarships through the ARRL Foundation would not be available without the support of thoughtful and generous donors such as you. Thank you for making The Henry Broughton, K2AE, Memorial Scholarship possible, and for aiding a young Amateur Radio operator in his/her pursuit of their higher education. I am confident that these young people will be successful in their future careers, and in representing Amateur Radio as well.

Again, many thanks for your support of this award. If you have any questions, please contact ARRL Foundation Secretary Lauren Clarke, KB1YDD at ARRL (lclarke@arrl.org or 860-594-0348).

Best 73,

Tom Frenaye

Tom Frenaye, K1KI
President
ARRL Foundation

The 2015 Recipients of the Henry Broughton, K2AE Memorial Scholarships are:

1. Daniel Burke, W2AU
2. Brittany Decker, KB1OGL
3. Bernard Socha, KB3YWW
4. Carolyn Tobia, KC1DBV

Congratulations!

K2AE Repeaters Guidelines

K2AE Repeaters are open and visitor friendly.

1. There will be a control operator monitoring at all times. If there is no control operator, the repeater will be unavailable. (97.103 and 97.105)
2. Control operators will not discourage anyone from using the repeater.
3. Conduct on the repeaters should be governed by common sense and courtesy. Conversations should be in plain language and suitable for all listeners. (97.112 and .113)
4. No commercial business use is allowed.
5. Pause a few seconds between transmissions. The repeater will recycle. This gives a chance for other users or emergency traffic to call in. (Give even a longer pause in Winter.)
6. If someone calls “Break”, operators will yield the frequency for emergency traffic. Yielding to a “breaking” or new station is common courtesy. New York State and Federal law prohibit interference with emergency traffic.
7. Operators are encouraged to use simplex whenever possible. Operators are encouraged to use the minimum power necessary to maintain clear contact, i.e. 50 Watts or more is not appropriate in close proximity to the repeater when 1 or 5 watts achieve full quieting. (97.313)
8. Use of the repeater for non-SARA public service events is prohibited unless permission from the Trustee is obtained. Please forward requests to: ak2e@arrl.net.
9. In the event of an emergency (SKYWARN, flooding, weather conditions or other emergencies) control operators will turn the repeater on if it is down.

Not in the Study Guides / Helpful Operating Tips

By Hal Post, AK2E

Listen, listen, and listen, before joining a QSO. Do not change the subject or bulldoze others that were part of the active QSO.

When there are more than two persons in a QSO, at the end of your transmission give your call sign, and turn it to the next in line. The ID is a courtesy to the others in the QSO, and if you don’t get your turn back, or have to leave for some reason, you have met the FCC requirement of ID (ing) once every 10 minutes or at the end of your transmission. If a station wants to join the QSO bring them in immediately, not after your self-allotted dissertation. Keep the sequence of rotation.

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Interference! HF and VHF/UHF from time to time may be interfered with. **Do not recognize, comment or otherwise dignify the interference**. If the interference continues, simply sign, keep quiet and listen on the input frequency and record the signal strength. Forward the information to the Trustee. If interference is acknowledged than you are having a QSO with an unidentified station, which is not allowed by FCC rules. You are also making the interferer very happy. OO's, the FCC and the Trustee cannot help a willing station be free from the interference. You only make the problem worse. So make no remarks about the interference. **It is better to lose 10 minutes of talk than have an ever expanding problem.**

Please remember Amateur Radio is not for everyone. We will conduct on the air activities as ladies and gentlemen. Never say anything that is hurt full or disrespectful of another person. Many hams and non-hams listen to our QSO's; give them a good impression of Amateur Radio hobby.

Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteers for these upcoming events:

1. The Stockade-athon, Sunday November, 8th. The race starts at approximately 8am.
2. Schenectady Holiday Parade, Saturday, November 21st. The parade will step off at 5pm. The event organizers have asked us to be "Marshals" this year and provide communications to help control the flow of the parade. This is a great opportunity for our club to show off our skills.

If you wish to help please call or email Karen KS2O (ks2o@n2ty.org) or Tony Pazzola W2BEJ and they can fill you in on all of these upcoming events and their start times.

So if you can, please help! Remember all of us are for public service!

2015 PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

If you can help out with one of these events please contact Tony Pazzola - W2BEJ for more information.

Note: You don't need to own a radio to participate in one of the Public Service Events. The club can supply a radio to use.

May 3 Schenectady Crop Walk
May 3 Literacy Run/Walk, RPI Tech Park
May 16 Niska Day
May 20 Scotia Parade, Mohawk Ave, Scotia
May 21 Rotterdam Parade
May 21 CDPHP Workforce Team Challenge, Albany
May 22 Maplewood Parade
May 25 Watervliet Parade, Watervliet
May 30 Freihofer's Run for Women
June 7 Tour de Cure
June 7 Run For Help, Goff Middle School, East Greenbush
July 4 Alplaus Parade
Sept 12 Mud Run (RAID Series)
Sept 19 Bike MS: Hudson River Ramble
Sept 26 Race For Hope, 5K Race For Cancer, Slingerlands
Sept 27 Dunkin Run (Bagel Run), Albany JCC
Sept 27 Arsenal Run, Watervliet
Oct 11 Mohawk Hudson River Marathon
Oct 30 Pumpkin Patrol (Bridges on the NYS Thruway)
Oct 31 Pumpkin Patrol (Bridges on the NYS Thruway)

Nov 8 Stockade-athon, Schenectady
Nov 21 Schenectady Christmas (HOLIDAY) parade

List subject to change. More information and updates to follow.

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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

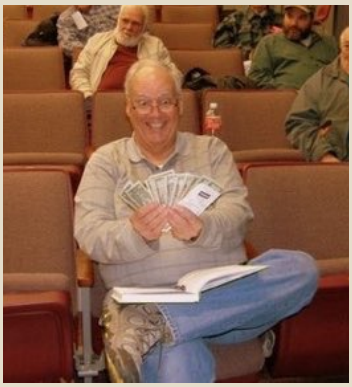
The nets are open to all amateurs. ARES RACES membership is not required to participate. The purpose of the nets is to train, pass any traffic that you might have and any announcements of general interest.

SARA NEEDS YOU!

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 saranews@k2ae.org with the subject “SARA Newsletter Ideas”. Please include your full name and call sign.

Do you know why “*Dues are Gladly Accepted*”?

Because it makes Tim happy!



SARA DUES REMINDER

Have you paid your dues yet? The SARA membership year runs from July to June and the **2015-2016** dues are due. Please use the form on the last page or see Tim, W2UI, our Treasurer at the next meeting.

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

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