SARA NEWS

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association

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A Message from the President

It is hard to believe that it is June. The excitement is in the air. Field Day…the premier event in Amateur Radio is just around the corner. An event that really showcases what Amateur Radio is all about. Constructing a station is work enough, but to put up 7 stations and keep them running for a 24 hour period on emergency power is nothing less than amazing. Not only is it a demonstration of the abilities to make contacts all over the country, but a show of teamwork. Everyone working together to make the event a complete success. From the raising of the towers to the hanging of the tarps to keep the sun and wind from interfering with the ops.

Are you new to the hobby? Has it been a while since you have enjoyed the sounds of HF? Have you only enjoyed the workings of 2 meters? Do you want to meet people that you have heard on the air or have not seen in a while? If so, this is the event for you. You can get on the air and talk anywhere on the bands using any mode. You can help set up a station. Learn how to tie a knot. Learn how to properly put a connector on feedline. Have some great food. Ask questions from people of all sorts of backgrounds and expertise. Eat more food. Talk with people about past Field Days. Speak with the Media. Show Amateur Radio to people coming by….but most of all…have fun.

There is truly everything to do and enjoy at Field Day. The only thing missing is you.

73 for now, James MacMurray N2UZQ, SARA President
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SARA General Meeting
Monday, June 4, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

"Broughton Memorial Field Day 2018"

Speakers: Tim Long W2UI and James MacMurray N2UZQ

Abstract: SARA and SMARA will again be joining forces for Field Day 2018. Tim and James will present preparations and plans for this unique event. Please read the message from the President to get a flavor of what is in store for us during Field Day!

Tim Long first got his start in amateur radio in 1961 when he passed his Novice exam given by his scoutmaster WA2FFJ and received call WN2KHQ. That call sign became WB2KHQ, then WA4DXR, then WB2SPN, and now W2UI. Tim has served SARA in various positions including many years as Secretary, two stints as Vice President, two tours as President, and countless years as Treasurer (dues cheerfully accepted). Tim holds BSEE and MSCS degrees and is employed by Bechtel Marine Propulsion Corp. in West Milton. Besides ham radio antenna work and Field Day, Tim enjoys golf.

James MacMurray was born in 1972 and grew up in Scotia. Licensed in 1993 and received his Extra while going to college for Data Communications. Currently the President of SARA, Radio Room Officer for SMARA, and Emergency Coordinator for Schenectady County ARES. He has served as a Director for SARA for the previous 3 years and served SMARA as a past President, Vice President, and Treasurer. Currently working full time as an Employee Retirement Examiner 3 for the State of New York Office of the State Comptroller. James has interests in VHF/UHF weak signal, HF phone, and HF Digital contesting.

psst…Please feel free to bring your SARA dues with you to Field Day!!

The June meeting is also our annual business meeting, including our annual election of Board Members and Officers. Officers and Board of Directors Nominations for 2018–2019 are as follows:

President: JR Hotaling N2PEQ
Vice President: Jim Silva KC2ZVK
Secretary: Jim Stewart K2PK
Treasurer: Tim Long W2UI
Board Member: Paul Siemers WY2F
Board Member: Bob Saltzman WB2ARK
Board Member: Skip Evans W2YJL
Board Member: James MacMurray N2UZQ

Please plan to attend this meeting.

Public Service Events

July 4th Alplaus Parade
July 14th Run the Ridge Mud Run

If you would like to help out with either of these great events, please contact:
James MacMurray N2UZQ
n2uzq@arrl.net

SARA News History Corner

From the June, 1980 edition of SARA News (50th Anniversary Issue):

"Club Organized Following Emergency"

"In January, 1930, a freezing rain took down power and telephone lines in parts of Saratoga and Warren Counties. Both of these public utilities desperately needed communications between Schenectady and Glens Falls, NY, a distance of about 50 miles, to help restore essential services. Amateur radio operators in both cities were contacted and soon established a Morse code radio circuit in the 80-meter amateur band which operated continuously until telephone service was restored.

"The Schenectady amateur station was in the home of bob Haight, W2LU, a well-known code traffic operator who was ably assisted among others by George Fuller, W2BSH, on the staff of the power company. In true ham spirit the job was well done, but these amateurs and others realized that some type of organization was needed to provide additional assistance under similar conditions. Schenectady should have an amateur radio club where members could meet regularly, discuss radio, and plan for future emergencies.

"Dr. A. F. Korn (N2XU), a busy dentist and ardent amateur, invited all interested persons to his office on February 9, 1930 for the purpose of organizing a radio club. The second meeting, in March, 1930, was held in Building 32 of the General Electric Company on Erie Boulevard in Schenectady with 45 present and the first SARA officers were elected: President, J.S. Mead, W2OP; Vice President, E. I. St. Clair, W2AAL; Secretary, Dr. A.F. Korn, W2AMM; Treasurer, R.E. Haight, W2LU."

SARA Board Meeting May 9, 2018 at Wendy's, Route 50 Glenville

Present:

James MacMurray N2UZQ, President — Jim Silva KC2ZVK, Vice President
Jim Stewart K2PK, Secretary — Tim Long W2UI, Treasurer
J.R. Hotaling N2PEQ, Board Member — Dave Bradshaw KD2FVM Board Member
Visitor: Skip Evans W2YSL, Hal Post AK2E

Meeting opened by President James MacMurray at 7:05 PM.

Secretary's Report: The Board accepted the minutes of the meeting of April 11, 2018 as published in SARA News.

Trailer Committee: James MacMurray reported $175 ($161.71 net after fee) has been received through GoFundMe from 3 donors.

501(c)(3): Jim Silva reported that the application form was submitted two weeks ago. The fee was $275.

Membership Survey: A notice will be in the next SARA News to ask everybody to complete the survey.

Repeater: James MacMurray reported that the 440 MHz repeater is operational again. A new K2AE trustee is needed as Hal said he does not want to continue.

Field Day: James MacMurray reported that the organization meeting was held as planned.

Web Site: James MacMurray reported that he talked to Dennis Hudson and he will let us do what we want. James will talk to Bob Saltzman and Jim Silva will talk to John Comanzo about making necessary improvements to the site.

Board and Officer Nominations for 2018/2019: Nominations for election at the annual meeting next month closed with the end of the May 6 club meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Reported by Treasurer Tim Long. Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the treasurer's report and welcome new member Rob Tracey KD2PGD.

Standing Request for SARA News Editor: The board is still looking for a volunteer to take over this position.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM. Note: The meeting adjourned earlier but immediately reconvened upon the arrival of the treasurer to hear his report.
Submitted by Jim Stewart K2PK

Calendar of Events

June 4 at 7 PM
SARA General Meeting at First United Methodist Church, Schenectady (Fellowship Hall)

June 22-24: Field Day

Sept 10 at 7 PM
SARA General Meeting

SARA Yahoo Group

Visit the club's YAHOO group:

https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/sara/info

SARA Website

Visit the club's website:

http://www.k2ae.org

Field Day Trailer needs to be replaced

The SARA board needs your suggestions on how to raise funds to purchase a new (or gently used) trailer for our field day operations. Please contact a board member with your suggestions. To replace the current trailer with a new unit of comparable size, the cost will be about $3,000.

Topics for Future SARA Meetings?

Your suggestions are welcome!!

If you have a topic that you would like to present, or know of someone who could present a topic of interest to the club, please contact:
Jim Silva, KC2ZVK at jsilva.ny@gmail.com.

SARA YouTube Channel

Did you miss the "**Who Invented Morse Code**" presentation by Dr. David Hochfelder at the September, 2016 meeting? Head over to our YouTube Channel and watch it ("control-click on the link):

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-lWKY0pj__cPdkq17dCJMQ

This Week in Amateur Radio (TWIAR)

Looking for something to do on a Saturday night?

Tune in to This Week in Amateur Radio on the K2CT repeater (145.190) on most Saturday nights at 9PM. This Week in Amateur Radio is a weekly news bulletin service dedicated to news and information useful to the amateur radio community. Along with the news, special segments air regularly that may be of interest to amateur radio operators. Some segments of interest include the Gateway 160-meter net report, the Random Access Thought, the Ancient Amateur Archives, and the technology report.

SARA News Editor Position Open!!

We need a new **SARA News Editor**. I**f you can use a computer and word processing software, you are qualified!**
Please contact a Board Member for more information about this important (and fun) job.

K2AE Repeater 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: w2sfd@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.

Coming Soon…2018 SARA ONLINE SURVEY

We are setting up an online survey to find out what you think or would like to see in the future for SARA. Check your email inbox soon for a link to the survey.

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Public Service Events
Schenectady County ARES
James MacMurray N2UZQ
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VE Team
Vacant - Please consider volunteering for this position

FCC Exam Registration
Phone: (518) 604-4128

Schenectady County Emergency Net

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

Emergency Coordinator: James MacMurray - N2UZQ

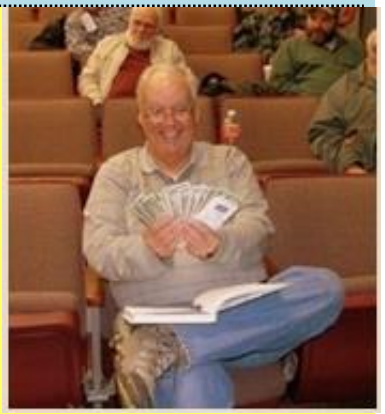
Day of week	TIME	FREQUENCY	MODE
Every Sunday	1:00 PM	444.200	K2AE Repeater
Every Sunday	1:30 PM	147.060	K2AE Repeater
1st Sunday	2:00 PM	3.953	LSB
2nd Sunday	2:00 PM	52.525	FM Simplex
3rd Sunday	2:00 PM	146.435	FM Simplex
4th Sunday	2:00 PM	28.325	USB
5th Sunday	2:00 PM	TBA	TBA

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 2016-2017 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

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
Schenectady, NY 12301

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

Directions to First United Methodist Church

Parking lot address is 610 *(Google shows it as 650)* Chapel Street Schenectady NY 12305
Chapel St is a One Way street from Nott Terrace to Lafayette Street. If this lot is full, park across the street. Enter the building through double doors, take an immediate right, go through another set of double doors, turn right then left and the Fellowship Hall is on your right (follow signs).

From the East (Colonie, State St Rt 5)

Turn Right onto Nott Terrace then take your first Left onto Chapel Street. Parking lot is on Left.

From the West (Scotia, Glenville, Eire Blvd)

THERE IS NO LEFT TURN FROM STATE STREET TO NOTT TERRACE

Take State St (Rt 5) to Lafayette St and turn right then immediately turn Left to continue up State St. At Veeder Ave (Traffic Light) turn Left. Cross over State St (Rt 5) then take the first Left onto Chapel St. Parking lot is on Left.

From the South (I-890 Exit 5, Broadway, Rotterdam)

Take Broadway North to Millard St and turn Right, First Traffic Light. Millard St becomes Veeder Ave at Hamilton St (Schenectady FD on Left). Continue over Veeder take first left after State St onto Chapel St. Parking is on left.

From the North (Union Collage, Niskayuna, Union St)

From Union St, take Nott Terrace South and turn Right onto Chapel St. Parking lot is on Left

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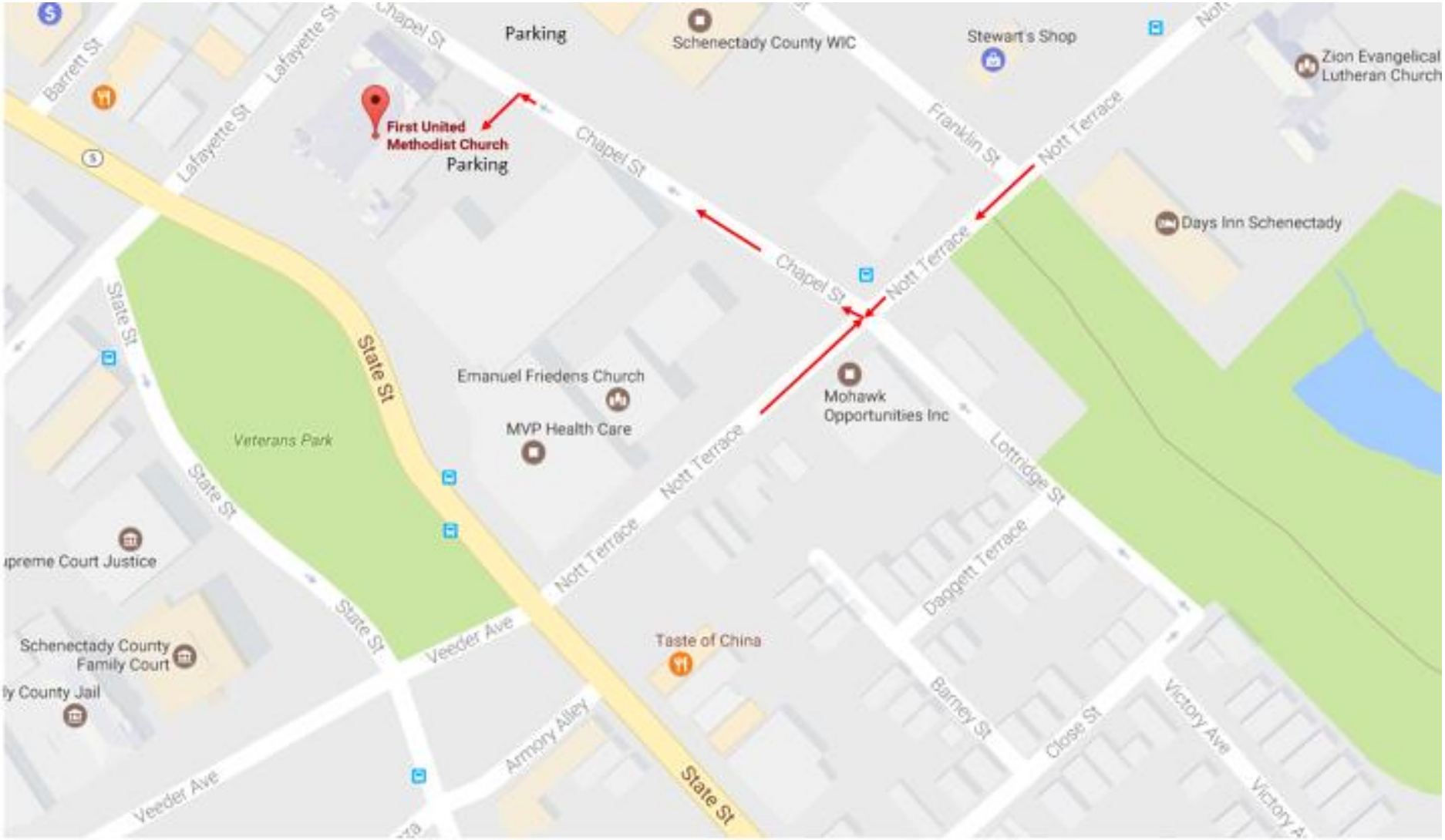
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Days Inn Schenectady
State St
Emanuel Friedens Church
MVP Health Care
Mohawk Opportunities Inc
Veterans Park
Lottridge St
Daggett Terrace
Taste of China
Schenectady County Family Court
Veeder Ave
Armory Alley
Barney St
Close St
Victory Ave