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# SARA NEWS

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## Schenectady Amateur Radio Association

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### A Message from the President:

Hello members and guests. I hope that you are enjoying the bands as much as I am. I really enjoy operating when the bands open and we have opportunities to work more countries.

That being said, there is always room for improvement in our operating etiquette . Let me share something that really bothered me the other day. I was on 28.415 on a Sunday afternoon. The band had activity. I was the station that folks wanted to work. All was going well until I heard the following, "What is your call?" When you say your call sign as much as I do that should never be a issue. Let's all be better hams and *listen* before we *transmit*.

I strongly encourage everyone to get a copy of the DX Code of Conduct.

73 DE N2PEQ

p.s. I share this information for educational purposes and for the betterment of our hobby.



# The March SARA General meeting will be held via Zoom

Topic: Radio and Amelia Earhart

Speaker: John Howard, W2JLH

Date: Monday, March 1, 2021

Time: 6:30—7:00 on air (147.06 Repeater)...Check-ins, announcements

7:00—8:30 PM (via Zoom).....Speaker Presentation

(Zoom link will be sent out separately prior to the meeting)

**Abstract:** This talk will focus on the role that radio played during Amelia Earhart's last flight—and how radio may have helped us “find” her.

**About our speaker:** By training, John is a biologist with over 40 years experience working as a biomedical researcher. His first Master's degree is in Virology (useful in today's pandemic). Through his mother, he became interested (some say obsessed) with two historical events on which he has become an expert: first, the Lincoln Assassination (why?- because his great grandmother saw Lincoln's body in NYC City Hall in 1865), and second, the Lindbergh kidnapping (because his mother listened to the NYC-Paris fight of 1927 on a crystal set).

For the past 10 years, until the pandemic, John led tours of all existing sites related to the escape of Lincoln's assassin John Wilkes Booth through So. Maryland and Va. He has also led discussion groups and tours of sites related to the Lindbergh kidnapping in NJ and the Bronx.

Regarding ham radio, John's dad wanted to get his ticket around 1964, so he purchased a used Lafayette KT200. They put up a wire antenna and started listening. Because of the sudden death of his father in January, 1965, John, then a teen, never followed through. Then at age 67 he got his license (KD2NRS). He upgraded to General about a year later and got his current call (which includes his initials). He joined FLARC right after his Tech was issued and has been active ever since. The hams who have elmered him (and still do) are Fred W2AAB ( a real cw maven) and Van W2DLT (avid contester). John enjoys DX and contesting and plans to try to master code this year to expand his repertoire. The main limitation to his on air time is that he teaches HS biology and works evenings full time as a Pathologist Assistant and is on call for autopsies at another local hospital (he has assistant at or performed over 1000 post mortems).

**SARA Virtual Board Meeting February 10, 2021**

**Note:** This meeting was held electronically due to concerns related to the corona virus pandemic.

**Present:**

JR Hotaling N2PEQ, President

Jim Silva KC2ZVK, Vice President

Jim Stewart K2PK, Secretary

Tim Long W2UI, Treasurer

Bob Saltzman WB2ARK, Board Member

Skip Evans W2YJL, Board Member

Terry Saunders N1KIN, Board Member

James MacMurray N2UZQ, Board Member

**Meeting opened** by President J. R. Hotaling at 7:13 PM.

**Secretary's Report:** The Board approved the minutes of the board meeting of January 13, 2021 as published in SARA News.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Tim Long reviewed the Treasurer's report shown on their screens to the board. The checking account balance is \$8,658.25. Jim Silva reported that there have been more sales of the estate equipment. Tim sent a letter of acknowledgment to the Jezierski estate. Tim will send a letter to thank Millie Gittinger for the Clark Gittinger estate. It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept the treasurer's report as given.

**Meetings:** Jim Silva reported that the scheduled March speaker is John Howard W2JLH from the Fair Lawn (NJ)

Amateur Radio Club on the Amelia Earhart story. April: Gordon West. May is still open. Jim will plan the May and June meetings to be held virtually as in the last few months. J. R. reported that the January meeting on the Broughtons is now on YouTube.

**Nominating Committee:** Board members discussed possible candidates for election at the June club annual meeting.

**Club QSL's:** Jim Stewart reported that he has responded to the requests for the K2AE QSL's. Bob Saltzman reported that he populated the database that is accessible through QRZ.com with the K2AE log information he has.

**Field Day:** Tim Long reported that some people he recently talked to expressed reluctance to participate in an in-person FD this June. Board members discussed matters connected to 2021 FD activity.

**New Business:** None

**90th Anniversary:** On hold until the situation regarding in-person meetings is clearer.

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

**Meeting Adjourned** at 8:32 PM.

Submitted by Jim Stewart K2PK, Secretary

Save the date: March 13-14, 2021

QSO EXPO

Here's the link for registration: [www.qsotodayhamexpo.com](http://www.qsotodayhamexpo.com)

Thanks to the generosity of Millie Gittinger (KB2SWR), SARA has the following items available for sale (from the collection of Clark Gittinger KG2AO, SK). All proceeds will go to SARA.

Johnson Viking II Transmitter with VFO	\$100
ICOM IC-R70 Receiver	\$40
Heathkit 100 kHz crystal calibrator, HD-20	\$5

For information on any of these items, please email Jim Silva KC2ZVK (JSilva.NY@gmail.com)



Thanks to the generosity of the estate of Paul Jezierski (AB2FZ, SK), SARA has the following items available for sale. All proceeds will go to SARA.

GE 12V, 1.5A Power Supply	\$15
ICOM IC-V86 H/T	\$30
Kenwood TH-K20 + charging base	\$55
Kenwood TM-281A transceiver (NIB)	\$100
ICOM HF/VHF IC-706 MKII (not MkIIG)	\$400

Items from the Jezierski Estate (continued)

Yaesu HF/VHF/UHF Transceiver FT-857D (Zebra stripes on display)	\$400
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Radio Shack TRC460 40 CH CB/Weather	\$5
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Stardust M-400 CB Antenna (NIB)	\$20
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Trap Dipole with Hi-Q 1:1 Balun	\$20
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SG-230 Smartuner	\$275
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LDG RT-100 Tuner & RC-100 Control (NIB)	\$150
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MFJ-495 Memory Keyer (2 each)	\$80/each
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Logikey K-3 keyer	\$40
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Vectronics Keyer CK200	\$40
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Vibroplex Presentation Bug	\$142
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Vibroplex Chrome Deluxe Iambic Paddles	\$85
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Vibroplex Chrome Deluxe Single Lever Paddle	\$85/ea
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Bencher Chrome Iambic Paddles PY-2	\$80/ea
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ARRL Repeater Directory 2018	\$5
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ARRL Handbook 2016 (hardcover)	\$20
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ARRL Handbook 2011 (hardcover)	\$20
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ARRL Extra Class License Manual 11th Ed	\$10
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ARRL Wall Map (2)	\$10/each
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For information on any of these items, please email Tim Long W2UI (tlong1@earthlink.net)

Free! Issues of QST and CQ Magazine (from W2UC Amateur Radio Club, Union College)

### QST Magazine

Year(s)	Status (Complete or issues that are <u>missing</u> )
1968	January
1972-1980	Complete
1981	May
1982	November
1983	Complete
1984	Full year missing
1985-2000	Complete

### CQ Magazine

Year(s)	Status: Complete or issues that are <u>missing</u> )
1972-1974	Complete
1975	Full year missing
1976-1980	Complete
1981	May
1982	November
1983-1988	Complete
1989	Full year missing
1990	July, October-December
1991	April, September
1992	October
1993	January-April

Please send an email to KC2ZVK ([jsilva.ny@gmail.com](mailto:jsilva.ny@gmail.com)) to arrange for pickup. Issues are in good condition and are bundled by year. First come, first served!!

## 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 97.113)
4. Commercial or business use is not 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 the wintertime.)
6. If someone calls "break", operators should 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, and 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](mailto:w2sfd@arrl.net).
9. In the event of an emergency (SKYWARN, flooding, extreme weather conditions, or other emergencies) control operators will turn the repeater on if it is down.

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

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	28.350	USB
5th Sunday	2:00 PM	TBA	TBA

## SARA Board of Directors/Officers

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### Public Service Events

Schenectady County ARES

James MacMurray - N2UZQ

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### Volunteer Examiner Team

Vacant - please consider volunteering for this position

### FCC Exam Registration

Phone: (518) 604-4128



# Schenectady Amateur Radio Association Membership Application

(Please print legibly)

- New member (some eligibility requirements apply)  
 Renewing member  
 Donation to the Repeater Fund. Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership Class:

- Full: \$20.00 per year dues  
 New member initiation: \$5.00 one-time fee in addition to full dues  
 (The initiation fee is applied to the Henry Primm Broughton Memorial Fund)  
 Spousal: \$5.00 per year dues. Name or call sign of full member: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student (K-12 and full-time undergraduate college): \$5.00 per year dues

Call Sign (if licensed): \_\_\_\_\_ License Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(The *SARA Newsletter* will be distributed via email, unless otherwise specifically requested.)

Member of:  ARRL  ARES  RACES  NTS \_\_\_\_\_ another club (specify)

Please use a separate form for each SARA membership application at your address.

Make checks payable to: **Schenectady Amateur Radio Association**

Mail this completed form and your check to:

**Schenectady Amateur Radio Association**

**PO Box 449**

**Schenectady, NY 12301-0449**

You may also submit this form and your membership dues to the treasurer at any in-person SARA meeting.