
SARA NEWS

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association

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Message from the President:

Last Tuesday, Larry Zuravan, Tim Long, and I completed outfitting shelving for our new Field Day trailer. Each piece of our Field Day equipment now has a customized space. We have moved everything of value from the old to the new trailer. We still need to wash some of the Field Day tables and organize the beam elements.

Next Monday's General Meeting will be the last meeting of our fiscal year. Lots of important items will be covered, including elections and, after a six-year hiatus, the awarding of the Broughton medal. Tim Long and James MacMurray will walk us through the final preparations for Field Day, which is slated for the weekend of June 24-26. I hope to see each of you at the meeting and at Field Day!

'73, Paul WY2F



The June SARA meeting will be Hybrid: in-person at Alplaus Fire House and via Zoom.

Topics: Field Day 2022 and Annual Business Meeting

Speakers: Tim Long W2UI and James MacMurray N2UZQ

Date: Monday, June 20, 2022

Time: 7:00—8:30 PM

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

Tim Long 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 now retired after a career with 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. James was licensed in 1993 and received his Extra while going to college for Data Communications. He is past president of SARA, current treasurer for SMARA, Emergency Coordinator for Schenectady County ARES, and Assistant Section Manager for Eastern NY. He has served as a Director for SARA for the past 6 years and served SMARA as a past President, Vice President, and Treasurer. Currently James is a full time 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.

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 2022-2023 are:

President:	Jim Silva WA2JMS
Vice President:	Skip Evans W2YJL
Secretary:	Jim Stewart K2PK
Treasurer:	Tim Long W2UI
Board member:	John Clement, NM2R
Board member:	Dean Poeth, II, K8TM
Board member:	Paul Siemers, WY2F
Board member:	Bob Saltzman, WB2ARK

Please plan to attend this meeting.

2022-2023 Program Schedule

Date	Speaker	Call Sign	Topic
September 19, 2022	Jim Murphy	-	Displays: light interaction and human health/circadian rhythm
October 17, 2022	Dean Poeth III	KD2WLO	Surface Mount Technology
November 21, 2022	Skip Evans	W2YJL	Digital Mobile Radio (DMR)
December 5, 2022 6:00 PM	Holiday Dinner		Dinner at the United Buffet Restaurant
January 16, 2023			
February 20, 2023			
March 20, 2023			
April 17, 2023			
May 15, 2023			
June 19, 2023	Tim Long & James MacMurray	W2UI, N2UZQ	SARA Elections, Field Day Planning, and Broughton Award Presentation

For Sale: From the estate of William Schultz, KB2IZ (SK)
 Kenwood TS-520TS
 Kenwood VFO 520-S Remote VFO
 Heathkit HM-102 RF Power and SWR Meter
 All in good condition
 \$300 for the lot (Funds to benefit SARA)
 Call Jim Silva WA2JMS for details

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 an even 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 prohibits 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 achieves 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, 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 (70 cm)*	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

*This net is temporarily suspended, pending repairs/improvements to the repeater

SARA Board of Directors/Officers

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Repeater

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RFI/TVI

Vacant—please consider volunteering for this position

Public Service Events

Schenectady County ARES

James MacMurray - N2UZQ

Email: n2uzq@arrl.net

Phone: (518) 369-2298

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.