

# SARA NEWS

## Schenectady Amateur Radio Association

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### Message from the President:

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to each of you. Many thanks to Skip Evans W2YJL for a thorough introduction to DMR, an extremely powerful and versatile mode that leverages the internet for worldwide communication. Please forgive the delay in getting the November Webex meeting going—we did conduct a flawless practice run prior to the meeting, but Murphy managed to slip in unnoticed....

I hope to see you on Tuesday, November 29 for our annual Holiday Dinner—see the next page for details.

'73, Jim WA2JMS



**SARA General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 29**  
**6:00 PM**  
**“Holiday Dinner”**

**The December meeting will be held at the United Buffet,  
2320 Watt Street, Schenectady NY.**

Get out of the “Shack” for an evening and come join us for an all-you-can-eat buffet and great company!

**Place:** United Buffet, 2320 Watt Street, Schenectady  
(we have reserved the “back room”)

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Cost** (Meal, drink, tax, and tip):

\$19.67 for Seniors

\$21.51 for non-seniors

Please pay as you arrive (mention that you are with SARA), hang on to your receipt, and head to the “back room”. Masks are optional (subject to change).

Since the dinner format is a buffet, members are welcome to arrive at 6:00 p.m. (or any time after 6:00 p.m.), and stay as long as they want. No speeches, but plenty of time to share your latest stories with your amateur radio friends!!

**Happy Holidays from SARA!!**

## 2022-2023 Program Schedule

Date	Speaker	Call Sign	Topic
September 19, 2022	Tom Perera	W1TP	The History of Telegraph Keys
October 17, 2022	John Miller	K6MM	Dxpedition to Baker Island (2018)
November 21, 2022	Skip Evans	W2YJL	Digital Mobile Radio (DMR)
November 29, 2022 6:00 PM	Holiday Dinner		Dinner at the United Buffet Restaurant
January 16, 2023	Barry Feierman	K3EUI	Modulation
February 20, 2023	Michael Walker	VA3MW	Software Defined Radio
March 20, 2023	Bob Olsen	WA7WWP	RF Safety
April 17, 2023	Jim Murphy	-	Displays: light interaction and human health/circadian rhythm
May 15, 2023	Dean Poeth II	K8TM	Surface Mount Technology
June 19, 2023	Tim Long & James MacMurray	W2UI, N2UZQ	SARA Elections, Field Day Planning, and Broughton Award Presentation

**For Sale** from K8TM (K8TM@arrl.net):

All proceeds go to charity and SARA.

Knight T-150 CW transmitter. 150 watts, 80-6 meters, built-in VFO. Tested and has output. Includes original manual. Excellent cosmetic condition. \$75

Hewlett Packard 184A oscilloscope. 4 channel solid state analog scope. Works well \$30.

Heathkit DX-40. 75W CW transmitter with original manual. Excellent cosmetic condition. \$40

Heathkit SB-104 solid state transceiver with power supply and speaker. For parts. \$75

Heathkit SB-500 2-meter transverter. Rare. Untested. \$100

Meissner Signal Shifter Model EX. QRP VFO 6 Watt transmitter-exciter, 80-10 meters \$75

## 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](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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### 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](mailto: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.