

SARA NEWS

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association

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Message from the President:

Greetings to all.

With winter approaching, now is the time to get all your antenna work done and tune up the snow-blowers. We also have a guest speaker for the November meeting and we look forward to our annual Holiday dinner at United Buffet Dec 5 at 6:00 PM.

On behalf of the SARA Board, we hope you all have a happy Thanksgiving with family and friends.

73, Skip W2YJL

Special Note: The United Buffet is located at 2400 Watt St., Schenectady. Pay when you enter. Tell the hostess that you're with the radio club and head to the back room. **Save your receipt to give to the waitress in the back room.**

Cost (including tax, tip, and soft drink):

Seniors: \$20.77

Non-seniors: \$22.74



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

Title: **Going QRP – What I've Learned and How it has Made Me a Better Operator**

Speaker: Manny Schulman NF2Q

Date: Monday, November 20, 2023

Time: 7:00—8:30 PM

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

Abstract: Manny will discuss his experience with QRP operation and give a demonstration based on an ICOM IC-705 rig and two antenna systems.

Our Speaker: Manny served in the US Army Aviation in 1980s, became a paramedic in 1989, and served as a police officer from 1990 to 2011. Since retiring from the police force in 2011, he has served as a nurse; he currently serves at Albany Medical Center as a vascular nurse. He also works part time as a fixed-wing flight nurse, and previously worked in the emergency department for 7 years.

Like so many of us, Manny was Introduced to ham radio in high school, but never attempted getting licensed due to the Morse code requirement. Once the Morse code requirement was lifted, Manny studied for two weeks and took the technician exam, then a month later took the 5 wpm code test and became a tech+. He was introduced to HF by a ham and started studying for the 13 wpm code test, which he passed a month later at a SARA meeting. Soon after that, he passed the general exam and the 20 wpm code test at the RPI club, followed by passing the advanced and extra class exams. Manny inspired several Guilderland Police Officers to become ham radio operators – three got their technician license and one has an advanced class.

Manny's hobbies include photography, scuba diving, metal detecting, sewing/computerized embroidery, 3D printing, biking, computer building, wood lathe work, flying model airplanes, ham radio, and anything else that catches his interest.

Manny has a YouTube channel, which can be found by searching "Manny Shulman".

Note: The meeting location is 309 Alplaus Ave, Alplaus, NY, and the building is at the corner of Alplaus Avenue and Bruce Drive. Please park in the paved lot adjacent to this building. Do not park in the restricted area in front of the building that houses the fire trucks. We meet in the Multipurpose Room (entrance is on the North side of this building).

2023-2024 Program Schedule

Date	Speaker	Call Sign	Topic
September 18, 2023	Anthony Luscre	K8ZT	Am I Getting Out? Simple Ways to Assess the Effectiveness of Your Station
October 16, 2023	Mike Molnar		KDKA and the Pioneers of Broadcasting
November 20, 2023	Manny Shulman	NF2Q	QRP Operation
December 5, 2023 6:00 PM	Holiday Dinner	-	Dinner at the United Buffet Restaurant
January 15, 2024	Ward Silver	NOAX	Grounding and Bonding
February 19, 2024	Tim Long	W2UI	Amateur Radio Projects
March 20, 2024	Courtney Duncan	N5BF	Amateur Radio's Contributions to Mankind's Biggest Projects
April 17, 2024	Open		
May 15, 2024	Mark Wohlschlegel (tentative)	WC3W	CQ Magazine DX Marathon
June 19, 2024	Tim Long & James MacMurray	W2UI, N2UZQ	SARA Elections, Field Day Planning, and Broughton Award Presentation

Have an idea for a **SARA program**? Have a topic that you would like to featured in a SARA program? Contact one of the program committee members: Dean Poeth II, Bob Saltzman, Skip Evans, Jim Stewart, Jim Silva.

What in the world is this thing? Do you have a ham radio-related item that you need help identifying? Bring it to a SARA meeting and we'll try our best to help!

SARA Board Meeting November 8, 2023**Hybrid meeting in-person at Alplaus Fire House and online via Webex (indicated by (W)).****Present:**

President: Skip Evans W2YJL

Board member: John Clement NM2R (W)

Vice President: Dean Poeth, II K8TM

Board member: Jim Silva WA2JMS

Treasurer Tim Long W2UI

Board member: Paul Siemers WY2F

Secretary: Jim Stewart K2PK

Board member: Bob Saltzman WB2ARK (W)

Meeting opened by President Skip Evans at 7:01 PM.**Secretary's Report:** Jim Stewart summarized the minutes of the board meeting of October 11, 2023 previously circulated to the board by email and published in SARA News. It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the SARA board meeting of October 11, 2023 as published.**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Tim Long presented and discussed the treasurer's report previously circulated to board members by email and shown via screen sharing to those attending remotely. Tim Long and Jim Silva reported on sales of estate equipment given to SARA. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the Treasurer's report.**Programs:** Bob Saltzman reported for the Program Committee (Jim Silva, Jim Stewart, Skip Evans, Bob Saltzman, and Dean Poeth, II) and described the programs scheduled for the rest of the current fiscal year. April 2024 is still open. The May 2024 program has been tentatively scheduled. Board members discussed a possible summer 2024 picnic.**Public Service Events:** Larry Zuravin KB2WZT is currently soliciting volunteers for the Schenectady parade on Saturday November 18.**Venue-related matters:** Jim Silva and Tim Long reported on arrangements for the use of Alplaus Fire Department facilities in 2024.**Repeater:** Tim Long reported and board members discussed the present status of the repeaters.**Old Business:** None**New Business:** None**Meeting Adjourned** at 7:59 PM.

Submitted by Secretary Jim Stewart K2PK

SARA Trading Post

Two **AB-577 Towers**
 (New in box)
 \$700 each (or best offer)
 contact Paul Siemers
 (see page 7 for contact information)



Kenwood TM-241A mobile 2M rig \$60

Kenwood MC-60 Microphone (excellent condition) \$75

(These items were donated by the estate of Sid Cramer W2SID, SK)

All proceeds are for the benefit of SARA.

Contact WA2JMS (518-877-8032)

ICOM SM-2 Desk Mic.
 Best offer. Contact
 W2UI



SARA Members—Have an item to sell? Looking for a piece of gear?
 Contact Jim WA2JMS with a description, asking price, and contact
 information, and we'll publish it in SARA News. Photos are welcome.

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.
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

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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.