

# SARA NEWS

## Schenectady Amateur Radio Association

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### Message from the President:

I hope to see you at our SARA Christmas dinner on Tuesday, December 5, at the United Buffet. See the next page for details. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**73 Skip W2YJL**



# SARA General Meeting

## Tuesday, December 5

### 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):

\$20.77 for Seniors

\$22.74 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”.

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

## Happy Holidays from SARA!!

## 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, and 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 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](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 (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

### President

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## SARA Standing Committees

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### K2AE Repeater Trustee

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Email: [w2sfd@arrl.net](mailto:w2sfd@arrl.net)

### Repeater

Scott Krone - N2YCA

Email: [n2yca@nycap.rr.com](mailto:n2yca@nycap.rr.com)

Phone: (518) 273-1610

### 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.