



SARA NEWS

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association Inc.
"Service Through Amateur Radio"

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K2AE Repeaters

Meeting Monday, March 3, 2003 at 7:30 PM, Olin Hall, Union College

Public Service

There are no public service events scheduled for February.

On March 2, The Winter Marathon of the Hudson - Mohawk Roadrunners Club will be held. The Albany radio club is supporting this event and could use several volunteers from SARA. Ken Clikeman AA2CW has the details. He can be reached at 861-6825.

On May 4, SARA will again support the Crop Walk. Details will be given in the April edition of the NEWS.

River Watch

A potential flood situation exists this year in the event of a heavy thaw or rainstorm. Flood watchers may be needed. If you think a problem may exist and are able to help, **please monitor the SARA repeater, 147.06MHz, for any emergency activity.**

The National Weather Service puts out bulletins for weather watch and weather warning which can be heard on their NOAA weather radio, 162.55 MHz. They also will send bulletins as E-Mail to those interested. For more details and to sign up, use the Internet URL below.

<http://www.EmergencyEmail.org/>

Field Day Chairman Needed

SARA is looking for a volunteer to lead this year's Field Day activities. A new face is needed! Lots of help is available from our previous chairmen, so please consider taking on this task.

Are Our Records Up To Date?

SARA is planning to publish a new membership list. (See the minutes on page 2 for details.) We are asking all members to update our records for Name, Call, Address, Phone Number, and E-Mail Address, and **tell us how much, if any, of this information you want published in such a list.** Contact Tim Long, W2UI, at 399-7454, or E-Mail him at longt@empireone.net.

March Meeting

Making Effective Use of the Internet

Bob Saltzman WB2ARK will give a presentation about a variety of topics on making effective use of the Internet. Topics will likely include:

- A brief history of the Internet
- Searching, meta searching and language translation
- Buying and selling using eBay and PayPal
- The ARRL and other amateur related web sites
- Broadband connectivity and home networks
- Voice over IP (VoIP) and amateur radio
- Other related topics of common interest

Demonstrations will utilize a laptop computer connected to the internet and to the excellent projection system at Olin Hall (The main reason for using Olin Hall).

Depending on interest and time, other Internet topics can be discussed. So bring your questions!

Important: The meeting will be at Olin Hall, Union College this meeting only. Future meetings will return to Niskayuna High School.

Directions for Olin Hall are on page 2. Talk-in is available on the 147.06 MHz SARA repeater.

April meeting preview:

Phil Falconer will present a talk about "Weather Forensics" at Niskayuna High School. (Phil is the son of famed weatherman Ray Falconer). This subject should make for an interesting evening.

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From the Board

Meetings - Thursday preceding the SARA meeting. All members are welcome!

Schenectady Amateur Radio Association
Board of Directors Meeting January 30, 2003
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Siemers, WY2F, at 7:11 PM in the Union College Olin Hall Computer Lab.

Attendees:

President Paul Siemers, WY2F
Vice President Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR
Secretary Tim Long, W2UI
Treasurer George Williams, W2CSN
Director Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW
Director Dan Whelan, N2UD
Member Clark Gittinger, KG2AO
Visitor Tony Pazzola, W2BEJ

Minutes: - Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR, made a motion to accept the minutes of the Board Meeting held on January 2, 2003 as published in SARA News. Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW, seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: - George Williams, W2CSN, presented the Treasurer's report to the Board. Dan Whelan, N2UD, made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Tim Long, W2UI, and it passed unanimously.

New Members: - None presented.

Correspondence: - Tim Long, W2UI, reported that we had received several membership renewals, several repeater fund drive contributions, a bank statement, a Verizon statement, and the Nobarc Newsletter since the last Board Meeting. Howard, W2ODC sent a sympathy card to the family of Jim Hannell, W2JHO, on behalf of SARA.

Public Service: - No Report, no events scheduled.

VE Sessions: - No Report

Newsletter: - Duplication was done at Leonard Communications.

Membership: - Ramsey Seielstad, KC2GMW, reported that we had approximately 140 members at this time.

Public Relations: - No Report

Repeater Committee: - Clark Gittinger, KG2AO, reported that John Doblewski, N2OJY, wouldn't begin work on the 220 repeater until he gets a power amplifier and controller. Paul, WY2F, will call Howard, W2ODC, and get the story.

RFI - No Report

Programs: - Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR, reported that the programs for the February and March meetings would be switched. The March meeting will be held at Olin Hall on the Union Campus and will feature our own Bob Saltzman.

Old Business:

Raffle - Dan Whelan, N2UD, presented a proposal that we raffle two HT's to be held on the Sunday of Field Day at the end of tear down. Third and fourth prizes would also be awarded. Further details are contained in the attachment. George Williams, W2CSN, made a motion that we accept Dan's proposal. The motion was seconded by Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR, and it passed unanimously.

Repeater Fund Drive - Donations are starting to come in. The FCC and QRZ databases are available. Tim Long, W2UI, will obtain a copy of the FCC database and attempt to filter and sort it by area zip codes. Paul Siemers, WY2F, will contact Howard to determine how to compile the mailing list.

Membership List - Clark put a notice in the SARA News to remind members to update their info. Tim Long, W2UI, reported that no updates had been received yet.

Special Event / Message Fair at Rotterdam Square Mall - Dan Whelan, N2UD, will contact mall officials.

New Business:

Paul Siemers, WY2F, reported that Ray Wemple, KA2DVM, had agreed to serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Paul Siemers, WY2F, requested that Clark put an announcement in SARA News looking for a Field Day Chairman.

George Williams, W2CSN, will contact SARA's insurance agent and determine the extent of coverage that we should be carrying.

Millie Gittinger, KB2SWR, made a motion to adjourn at 8:17 PM and Paul Siemers, WY2F, concurred.

Respectfully Submitted, Tim Long, W2UI, Secretary

Morse Code Test

There will be a Morse-code test offered by the SARA VE team on Thursday, April 10 at 7 pm in Room A-215 of Niskayuna High School, 1626 Balltown Road, Niskayuna, NY 12309. To register, contact Bill Mischler, KG2AC, at 370-1350. If you have questions, call Bob Raffaele, W2XM, at 459-8435 (before 9:30. please).

Directions to Olin Hall

Enter Union College via the entrance at Nott St. and Van Vranken Ave. Bear left at the first road junction, drive around a curve, and bear right into a parking lot. From the lot, walk south through another parking lot (usually full) and along a short walkway, passing Achilles Rink on the left and the utilities plant and the Engineering Lab on the right. You will come to an east-west road with a large three story building (Butterfield Hall) across the road ahead of you and the athletic field to your left. Turn right (West) on the road and pass two traffic barriers. After the second barrier, bear somewhat left along a relatively new sidewalk which goes around the new Olin Hall to its glass front entrance. The meeting room is just inside, to the left. Walking Distance 350 Yards.

If all else fails, here are the GPS co-ordinates:

North 42 Deg. 49.061 Min. West 73 Deg. 55.694 Min.

Announcing the SARA Field Day "Double Header" TWO HT Give Away!

SARA will be giving away TWO Handie Talkies at this year's Field Day. The 1st grand prize will be a Yaesu VX-5 five watt three band (50, 144 and 440 Mhz) HT. The 2nd grand prize will be a Yaesu VX-1 one watt dual band (144 and 440 Mhz). There will be several other station accessories and publications as door prizes. The winners will be drawn at the SARA Field Day site in June. Those winning the HT grand prizes need not be at field day to win.

Tickets go on sale at the March SARA Meeting at \$3 per ticket. The total number of tickets available will be limited and there will be some special "early bird bundles" available at reduced rates of 2 tickets for \$5 and 5 tickets for \$10 so get yours early! All proceeds from the tickets go to fund SARA's many activities like Field Day. For tickets see Dan Whelan N2UD or other SARA club officers for tickets beginning at the March meeting.

So this is your chance to support SARA, Field Day and maybe be able to bring a brand new HT on vacation this summer!

Dan N2UD

Repeater Fund Drive

The K2AE/W2GBO repeater fund drive is well underway, and contributions are starting to come in. Send yours now to SARA, George Williams W2CSN – treasurer, PO Box 207, Alplaus, NY 12008. Make out the checks to Schenectady Amateur Radio Association, and mark them "Repeater Fund". Also indicate if you wish other than 50/50 allocation to the 146.94 W2GBO and 147.06 K2AE repeater. Letters are being sent to those who are friends of the repeaters, but may not be a member of SARA.

Hamvention 2003 to celebrate "Year of the Young"

Dayton Hamvention—the world's largest Amateur Radio gathering and trade show—celebrates its 51st year and its 52nd show, Friday, May 16, through Sunday, May 18, 2003. The focus in 2003 will be on the younger hams and attracting 12-to-18 year olds to Amateur Radio. Held at the Dayton, Ohio, Hara Arena complex, Hamvention includes forums; 500 inside exhibit spaces; and a 2500-plus space outdoor vendor area (a-k-a "the flea market"). Dayton Hamvention has become an Amateur Radio tradition for the 25,000 or so amateurs and visitors who attend each spring. More information is available on the Hamvention Web site <<http://www.hamvention.org>>.

From: The ARRL Letter, Dec 13, 2002.

SARA web site

<http://www.rpi.edu/~brandp/sara/index.html>

Get the latest on SARA activities

Silent Keys

With sadness we record the passing of two of our well known hams. Our sympathies are extended to their families.

W2JHO Jim Hannell - Jim was well known on the 2-meter scene, and also as a figure in the capital at Albany with his news stand. His helpfulness in the tower legislative efforts was highlighted by Frank Fallon, ARRL Hudson Division Director. Jim's call was held first by his grandfather, Sam Hannell, and this writer was privileged to know Sam and spend time at his world grade station in Latham before WW-II.

WA2DWU Bob Janack – Always active in the local ham organizations, both SARA and the Saratoga Club, he had been in failing health for a number of years. A man of many talents, he was known for his abilities in water colors. His son, Jim, is N2JJ in Galway. Howard, W2ODC

The Trading Post



FOR SALE - From estate of Ray Falconer, W2ZCV, - Kenwood TS830 with MC 50mike.

FREE - Hallicrafters S20R RX, Heath 12 V/5A PS. WW II ARC5 and BC 459

Rudy, W2JVF E-mail W2JVF@juno.com

WANTED : Loan of manual for Yaesu 227R 2M xcvt. Rudy, W2JVF

E-mail W2JVF@juno.com

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Come Join the Sunday ARES-RACES nets. All are welcome.

1:00 PM - K2AE 444.200 repeater

1:15 PM - K2AE 224.060 repeater (Off air temporarily)

1:30 PM - K2AE 147.060 repeater

2:00 PM - 3953 KHz, 75 Meter HF Band

Who to Contact in SARA

There are a number of ways to get in touch with the leaders of your club: contact on the air, E-mail (either direct or through sara@egroups.com) or by phone. The important thing is to let them know what you want your club to be!

Officers:

Pres: Paul Siemers, WY2F, (siemers@crd.ge.com) 371-0215
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 VE team: Bill Mischler, KG2AC

VE registration: (518) 370-1350

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Membership Application-Renewal Form

Regular Dues	\$20.00	\$_____
Spouse	\$ 5.00	\$_____
Student	\$ 5.00	\$_____
Repeater Fund Donation		\$_____
Initiation Fee	\$ 5.00*	\$_____

*New Members Only

Name _____ Call _____

Nickname _____ Class _____

Street _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

e-mail _____

Phone _____ Signature _____

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