

Hello all fellow SCARA members, Happy October 2013

You are not getting a regular newsletter this month, because the editor is homeless, and the regular PC is packed away. Seriously, I sold my old home, and the new home is not yet ready for me to move into, so that's why you are getting an abbreviated and unformatted newsletter. I hope to be moving into the new house very late October, so the November newsletter is most likely going to be in this same informal format. If we have a volunteer who would like to be editor, something could be arranged to make your day. Contact the present editor at [KG2H@ARRL.NET](mailto:KG2H@ARRL.NET)

Now – on to the news.

**FIRST UP**, the regular monthly meeting will be held this Monday, October 14, at the Wilton EMS building where we regularly hold our meeting. The following is the announcement from Tim Kemp, N2MBX, our president:

The monthly meeting of the Saratoga County Amateur Radio Association (SCARA) will be held as follows: Monday October 14<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm.

At the Wilton EMS Station - Jones Road in Wilton

Topic of the evening: Solar Power and Amateur Radio presented by Peter Miller W2BEW and Tim Kemp N2MBX  
Hope to see you there.

73s,

Tim

Remember the Board meeting is held at 6:30, immediately preceding the general meeting. Yes, I know it's a holiday, but that doesn't stop us.

**SECOND ITEM** Peter Miller, our non secretary, presents us with the notes from last month's meetings.

#### NOTES from SCARA Meeting – Sept 9, 2013

- \* No secretary's report
- \* KG2H reported that he will be moving soon and newsletter preparation is uncertain
- \* Treasurer's report: August EOM balance - \$11,027.84 Post hamfest balance (9/9) - \$15,059
- \* (PM note: \$30 payment to Dept of Health will be submitted for reimbursement)

#### OLD BUSINESS

- \* Tim Kemp reported that FD pins will be distributed at October meeting
- \* FD results discussed; score < 2012, QSOs down

- \* Darlene submitted written hamfest report show 2013 was our most profitable fest EVER!
- \* Board authorized Darlene to book date for next year on SUNDAY with option for Saturday, if it becomes available.
- \* KG2H reported on VE test session: 14 testees; 4 new techs, 5 new genls, 2 Xtras
- \* Sid, K2LJH, suggested we invite an ARRL rep for QSL card checking to next year's fest

### NEW BUSINESS

- \* Jim, K2LM, reported that we may obtain a free communications shelter from NY state police per Tom Leonard. Jamie, N2ZTC, has offered to transport it to the 147.24 repeater site. Frank, KA2QYE, will handle tower work, and has identified a qualified helper for task. Board authorized Jim to spend <\$600 to reimburse for site relocation expenses. Shelter installation, stripping existing tower and installing new antenna will likely have to be done by EO October.
- \* Fred, W2EMS, reported that Echolink is now working properly again.
- \* Future proposed meeting programs: Oct – Bob Raffaele's Jepardee; Nov – Solar power (Note Bob R is not available for October; Solar program will substitute)  
Steve, WA2TTP, volunteered to present remote station operation in January
- \* Public Service events:
  - Rosie's Walk, 9/14, Galway, N2FEP
  - Mohawk Towpath Duathlon, Oct 20, W2EMS
  - Boy Scout Camporee, 10/5, Fulton County Airport, N2MBX
  - BS Jamboree On The Air – Oct 19

### GEN'L MEETING NOTES

- \* Fred, W2EMS, reported on upcoming Simulated Emergency Test on Oct 5; details to come
- \* Fred reported that ARES registration for ENY is going SLOWLY. To register go to ARRL.org and search ENY to reach registration site.
- \* Fred directed members' attention to recent letter from DMV attorney advising that ham radio operation is NOT in violation of NYS distracted driving law.

**THIRD UP.** For you contesters, the NY QSO party is coming up. Here is the announcement:

From: NYQP [mailto:nyqp-bounces@nyqp.org] On Behalf Of NY QSO Party  
 Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 11:38 AM  
 To: [nyqp@nyqp.org](mailto:nyqp@nyqp.org)  
 Subject: [NYQP] 2013 NY QSO Party is Next Week-end

The 2013 NY QSO PARTY is next weekend, October 19th & 20th

We have a record number of awards available this year, so get on the air and have some fun, and win a plaque.

- \* Check out the rules and award availability on the homepage of our Sponsor, the Rochester DX Association at: [www.rdxa.com](http://www.rdxa.com)

See you on the air next week-end, CQ New York QSO Party !!!

Thanks, Paul K2DB

**FOURTH UP** for the ARRL members in our fine club, here is a bit of information about your ARRL.NET forwarding address:

ARRL Member,

On October 15, 2013 ARRL will be switching providers for the ARRL.NET email forwarding service. The change will take place at 8:00am Eastern Time. There should be no interruption in the forwarding of messaging during this transition. If you find that delivery of messages to you has been disrupted, please e-mail [itstaff@arrl.org](mailto:itstaff@arrl.org).

Thank You,

ARRL HQ Staff

That's all for now, hope to see you on Monday evening. Now, I'm going to enjoy my Red Rose.  
(if you know what is referring to , you're in my wife's college days)