

Sparks from the Spa



A PUBLICATION OF SARATOGA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Jan 10, 2022 Board meeting

Attending KG2H, W2EMS, W5BN, K2ZIP, NC1NN, W2BEW, WA2TTP, K2LM

- KG2H gave a treasurer's report
- WA2TTP made a motion to donate \$50 to Trinity United Methodist Church for the use of their facilities for our holiday party. Motion Passed.
- The March Swapfest meeting is confirmed at the Solar Building, Saturday March 19
- The Fairgrounds has confirmed that we are booked for September 11, 2022 for our ham-fest. They have dramatically increased their rental fee, from \$600 to \$1200. We asked them to omit the fee for the use of the kitchen, as we will have an outside vendor do catering. The new fee is \$1,000. The board agreed to increase our admission fee to \$7, up from last year's \$5. K2ZIP will look into using Everbright to presell admissions at a reduced fee.
- Randy NC1NN volunteered to be team leader for this year's Field Day in June.

February Club Meeting

The February SCARA Meeting Program will be on Winlink presented by our very own Fred - W2EMS.

Winlink Global Radio Email®...

...is a network of amateur radio and authorized government-licensed stations that provide worldwide radio email using radio pathways where the internet is not present. The system is built, operated and administered entirely by licensed "Ham" volunteers. It supports email with attachments, position reporting, weather and information bulletins, and is well-known for its role in interoperable emergency and disaster relief communications. It is capable of operating completely without the internet--automatically--using smart-network radio relays. Licensed Winlink operators/stations use both amateur radio and government radio frequencies worldwide.

Items for Sale

Club member, Joe Mastandrea, KD2ODA has some vintage equipment he would like to sell, to help fund his purchase of a new radio. Some of the items are:

Heathkit SB 303, Heathkit SB 401, Heathkit Transistor checker
Hammarlund HQ 100A
Simpson VTVM Model 260
Simpson O-Scope Model 458
Sonar Model 1301 VLF / LF receiver

Joe has pictures you can view if interested, You can contact him via email ravenman2@msn.com

Some New Rules Going into Effect this Year for ARRL Field Day

After taking a few detours over the past couple of years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ARRL Field Day rules are being updated on a permanent basis starting this summer. ARRL conducted a Field Day community survey with invitations propagated far and wide, and direct emails sent to more than 15,000 individuals and ARRL-affiliated clubs. After sorting through, reviewing, and discussing the survey results, the ARRL Programs and Services Committee recommended a number of rule changes for ARRL Field Day, which will take place this year over the June 25 - 26 weekend.

Starting this year, the maximum PEP output for a transmitter used by anyone submitting a Field Day log will be 100 W. The power multiplier of 2 will remain in place, and the high-power category will be removed from the rules. Until this year, the maximum low-power limit had been 150 W for most ARRL-sponsored operating events. The power multiplier will remain at 5 for QRP participants running a maximum of 5 W or less. As previously announced, 100 W is now the low-power category limit for all ARRL and IARU HF Contests, effective January 1, 2022.

A couple of changes instituted initially as accommodations for the COVID-19 pandemic will remain. Class D (Home) stations will continue to be able to earn points for contacts with other Class D stations. The club aggregate scoring change initiated in 2020 as a temporary measure will become part of the permanent rules. In the aggregate scoring plan, the scores of individual stations are combined under the score of a single club.

Another change, involving Rule 7.3.2 Media Publicity, has been modified. Rules to date have offered 100 bonus points for attempting to obtain publicity and demonstrating same. With the ease of posting via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and various other media websites, Field Day participants will now be required to obtain publicity, not just try to do so. Any combination of bona fide media hits would qualify for the bonus points. For example, posting the details of your upcoming or ongoing Field Day activity, or your Field Day results, on a club or news media site, on Facebook, or via Twitter and Instagram would meet the bonus criteria. Photos and videos are encouraged as part of media posts.

REMINDER

We had a ton of members who gave us their membership dues for 2022 while they were at the hamfest.

For those of you who missed the opportunity at the hamfest please use the form below to send me your renewals. Remember that I will gladly accept multiple years of dues, at only \$10 per year.

At the end of December, I emailed each of the members their status information, and I am pleased that I have received so many responses so quickly in the early weeks of January. In case you missed it or if you are unsure of when your dues expire, please drop me an email to KG2H@ARRL.NET.

Thanks.

KA2NWF, KB2QDA, KC1NN, KC2RP, KD2HDD, KD2ODA, KD2PZY, KD2YOA, KF2QT, KF2ZR, N2NHX, N2SHC, W1NXB, W2MLB, W2PAS, W2QCY

Also we welcome KA2NWF - Donna, KD2YOA - Jesse, and N2NHX - John. If you hear them, please give them a hearty hello.

Saratoga County Amateur Radio Association Membership Information **Please Print CLEARLY**

Name _____
Callsign _____ License Class N T G A E
Email Address _____

Address _____
City State Zip _____

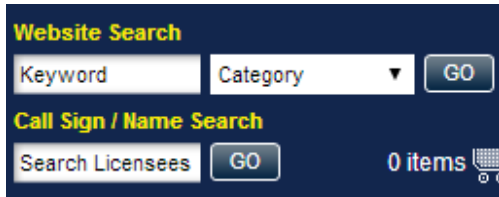
ARRL Member YES NO

Dues are \$10 per year, Payable to **Saratoga County R.A.C.E.S.**

You can mail your dues with this form to Jim Polewczak KG2H, 231 Northline Road, Ballston Spa 12020

Admin use – Amt _____ Cash Check # _____ # of years _____ Was _____ Now _____

Have you checked the expiration date on your license? It's very easy to do. One way to do it is to go to WWW.ARRL.ORG, and just fill in your call sign in the search box on their home page. You do not need to be a member of ARRL to use this service.



K2DLL repeater system:

Corinth NY
147.000 MHz +600KHz 91.5 Hz CTCSS encode/decode
448.225 MHz -5.00 MHz 91.5 CTCSS encode/decode

Providence NY
147.240 MHz +600 Hz 91.5 Hz CTCSS encode/decode.
147.360 MHz +600 Hz (add 91.5 Hz CTCSS to connect to the NYS Network

Sacandaga Reservoir aka Fraker Mountain
147.03 MHz +600 KHz 91.5 Hz CTCSS encode/decode

Middleburgh NY
448.925 PL 107.2 WA2TTP-R Steve's Repeater is linked to ours via UHF



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Got News or information you would like to get published? How about your own projects or other things you think would be of interest to Club Members? How about (GASP), a letter to the editor? Contact us at our email address :

K2DLL@OUTLOOK.COM

Upcoming program note

We are looking for input from the membership as to what YOU would like to hear. Program suggestions are always welcome. Please let any of the Board Members know of your ideas.
Thanks