

RADIO TIMES

NEWS FROM THE SCHOHARIE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

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FIELD DAYS

Field Days this year was conducted at the Town Pavilion next to the Carlisle Town Hall. The membership of the association sincerely thanks the town for allowing us to use their facility. While the weekend had some challenges, they were met with good humor and the desire to over-come the obstacles Mother Nature decided to throw our way. Denis (N2USN) Bulgar is the Chairman of the event.



The membership would like to say Thank You to this year's sponsors which helped made the event a success. Yogi Mart (Sloansville), Burger King (Cobleskill), McDonald's (Cobleskill), Little Italy (Cobleskill), Hannaford (Esperance), Valley Market (Middleburgh), Arby's (Cobleskill), Race Printing (Cobleskill), and Price Chopper (Cobleskill).

NEW MEMBERS

SCARA would like to welcome the following new members.

Steve White (N2RWE) from Syracuse, NY.

Greg Losapio (WD2L) from Jefferson, NY

Avery Sodul (K2AVY) from Johnstown, NY

MONTHLY ARES NET

The club conducts a monthly ARES Net on the 4th Thursday. The net takes place at 7:00 pm on our repeater.

VE SESSIONS

Thursday, September 12th

Thursday, October 10th

Location: Schoharie Fire House. Doors open at 5:45 pm. Advanced registration is required (via our website). The examination session will be held prior to the club's monthly meeting so please be considerate when entering for the meeting as an examination may still be in progress.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS

To date the club has **44 members**: 15 hold Amateur Extra, 21 hold General, and 7 hold Technician licenses. We have 1 member not yet licensed. The club also has 8 members with VE credentials.

NOT-FOR-PROFIT

The IRS approved in July the club's status as a Not-for-Profit 501(c)3 organization. Simply put this now means any contributions to the club are deductible on your income tax. It also assures that we do not have to pay any sales tax when purchasing equipment.

POTA ACTIVATION



Kevin (N2GCT) has a POTA event at Petersburg Mountain on May 26th. He was joined by **Matt (NQ2U)**.

HAMFEST

The **Southern Adirondack Hamfest** will be held from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the town park in Speculator, NY. The event will take place on Saturday, August 10th.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dan (WB2QMX) Sommers just successfully upgraded his license to Amateur Extra.

CLUB'S ARES / RACES NET

A reminder that the club conducts a monthly **ARES/RACES Net**. The net takes place from 7:00 to 8:00 pm on the 4th Thursday of each month. The net takes place on our repeater.

NEW BYLAWS

The members of the association approved a new set of By-Laws as required to complete our Not-for-Profit application. The new By-Laws reflect many of the provisions as contained in the original but with some modification related to how we actually conduct the business of the club. One of the changes requires the election of Officers to occur (in even numbered years) during the December meeting with the newly elected officers beginning their terms at the end of the year. In the past, we nominated individuals for the officer positions in December (of even years) and elected them during the January meeting. This change also means that nominations will occur in November versus December. Along with the new By-Laws there was an amendment made to our Articles of Incorporation (as required) to specifically state that we are a not-for-profit organization.

SPECIAL EVENTS STATION

On Sunday, July 14th our members conducted a Special Events Station in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Presbyterian Church in Esperance, NY. The event was chaired by Bert (KC2ABB) Mayne.

