

Sparks from the Spa



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SCARA Elections Held in June

The big news at the June General meeting was the club's annual election of officers and directors. Jim Polewczak, KG2H, had agreed to run for treasurer to replace Al, KA1IEG, who moved to TN. All other officers had agreed to serve another term. There were no other nominations for officer positions.

Two directors at the meeting agreed to serve on the board again, and two members volunteered for the board. The final results of the election for 2011-2012 were as follows:

President—Dave Atwell, N2FEP
Vice President—Darlene Lake, N2XQG
Treasurer—Jim Polewczak, KG2H
Secretary—Peter Miller, W2BEW

Directors—
Dave Bargovic, NR2J
Dennis Kagel, WA2JWO
Diana DeAvila, W2NU
Tim Kemp, N2MBX

The four directors agreed to work together as a program committee to line up programs for club meetings beginning in September.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE
ELECTED FOR THE COMING YEAR!
AND THANK YOU!



**Thanks to all who supported our Field
Day efforts**

(Results and pix later in newsletter)

Board of Directors Meeting May 9, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm by President, Dave, N2FEP.

- Acting Treasurer Darlene, N2XQG, reported an opening balance of \$11,191.76. After interest, the closing balance was \$11,192.62..
- Board approved purchase of two radios for the Hamfest door prize. We will purchase both a Yaesu FT-7900R and FT-8900R for \$700 +/- . Sid, K2LJH, will obtain bids from KJI Electronics.
- Jim McKnight reported on progress on the new radio system at the Fairgrounds. He and Frank have donated several handhelds to the group, and the board approved \$480 for the purchase of a UHF repeater. This should secure our rental for the annual HamFest for several years to come.
- The Buckmaster antenna has been removed from the Wilton EMS tower (thanks, Frank) to be used at Field Day and re-installed farther from the building

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.



Calling all Hams! Help us operate at the County Fair July 19—24

In order to keep our rental cost low for our September HamFest, we have agreed to help with Fair communications, once again. We use the fair's radio system to coordinate among the staff, buses and contractors, etc. We operate in **two shifts Tuesday 7/19 thru Sunday 7/24**. We need operators for those six days.

Jim, K2LM, will train us on the new radio system. Please contact me to volunteer for a shift or two (petermil@verizon.net or 893-7484). It's FUN and you get to see the fair!

Shift A = 10 am—1:30 pm

Shift B = 1:30—5 pm

TUES 7/19	WEDS 7/20	THURS 7/21	FRI 7/22	SAT 7/23	SUN 7/24
A	A	A	A	A	A
B	B	B	B	B	B

Weekly Radio Net

Please join us on the air each Sunday evening at 7 PM for our weekly net. This regular gathering offers on-air practice in net operation in preparation for emergency situations. It also provides timely information to area amateurs, and serves as a forum for selling/swapping gear and discussing topics in a formally directed net environment.

The 147.00 and 147.24 repeaters are linked by the 448.225 MHz machine during this net, so feel free to check in on any of these repeaters. PL tone is 91.5 Hz.

We are looking for volunteer Net Control Stations for this net. It's easy. Just keep track of the check-ins and give everyone a chance to speak.

Upcoming Public Service events

The following events are supported by SCARA members and other amateurs. All could use volunteers to help facilitate communications. Please contact the person listed for each if you can help. Thank you.

July 16—MS Bike Event

West Mountain

Need 20 amateurs

Mike Mollica, K2SWF, k2swf@yahoo.com

July 19-24 —Saratoga County Fair

County Fairgrounds, Prospect St, Ballston Spa

Need daytime ops from 10 am to 5 pm. (3.5 hr shifts)

Sign up at June mtg. or contact Peter, W2BEW, at petermil@verizon.net

September 10—Double H Bike Challenge* TBA

September 10—SCARA Annual HamFest

Saratoga County Fairgrounds

Don't Miss It!

October 15—Rosie's Walk, Lions/Diabetes

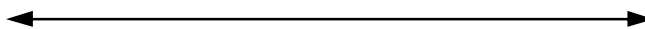
Galway High School

Dave Atwell, N2FEP. datwell@nycap.rr.com

October 16—Mohawk Towpath Duathlon

Fred Halley, W2EMS, w2ems@arrl.net

*To be confirmed



.At Field Day, there *will* be rain!

Field Day 2011 Results

From Jim—KG2H

Another Field Day has come and gone. The wx mostly was cloudy and threatening, but except for about 2 hours on Saturday PM, not raining. We had 19 club members sign the log, but I think a few more showed up, and forgot to sign the log.

On our ARRL entry we claimed 3484 total points, and that included 700 bonus points. Our QSO's are as follows:

<u>Band</u>	<u>CW QSOs</u>	<u>Phone QSOs</u>
80	126	109
40	38	160
20	42	857
15	4	89
10	0	10
6	10	65
GOTA	0	12
Total	220	1302

Next year we have to punch up 80 and 40 phone operation. Darlene on 20 meters seems to have outdone everyone else. 6 Meters was pleasant surprise, as the band had quite a few opening to the Midwest.

This year's menu included Chicken, Hotdogs, and Hamburgers. Thanks to Dave and Tim for the cooking duty on Saturday and Sunday.



Dave invents a crooked 6-meter antenna to take advantage of the band opening

Tim tries to straighten it, but that spoils the pattern

Field Day Memories

Does anyone remember how this goes up?



Oh yes, it's supposed to keep the rain out.



Why don't you let Diana talk?



The CQs continue as the sun sets in the West.





K2DLL ON THE INTERNET

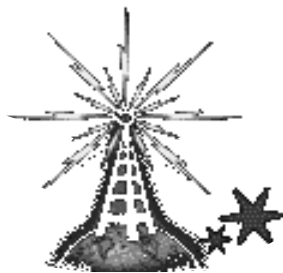
The club has a website at:

<http://www.k2dll.net>.

Here you will find the latest club news and events.

The club operates two 2-meter repeaters. The 147.24 repeater is located 15 miles west of Saratoga Springs at Lake Nancy. The 147.00 repeater is located 10 miles north of Saratoga Springs on Spruce Mountain, near Corinth, NY. This repeater offers an “emergency” phone patch. These two machines, in combination, offer excellent North to South and East to West communications far beyond Saratoga County. Both repeaters have a +600 kHz input. These repeaters are now linked together full-time by the club’s third repeater on 448.225 MHz.

PL Tone for all club repeaters is now 91.5 Hz.



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