

# Sparks from the Spa



A PUBLICATION OF SARATOGA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

## June 2023 Club Meeting

The June meeting was our annual business meeting.

The Treasurer gave an annual report, summarizing our annual receipts and membership. We presently have 84 current members. There were 21 members whose dues lapsed in December 2022 and have not yet remitted for the current year.

Discussion was held on both the upcoming Field Day effort, and our September 9 Hamfest. See the hamfest poster in this newsletter. Contact Fred W2EMS (W2EMS@arrl.net) to let him know how you are willing to help in the hamfest.

Elections were held. The results are:

President: Mike Levy - K2ZIP  
Vice Pres.: Peter Miller—W2BEW  
Secretary: Jim McKnight—K2LM  
Treasurer: Jim Polewczak—KG2H

Directors : Randy Woessner—KC1NN  
Brian Szewczyk—NJ1F  
Fred Halley—W2EMS  
Fred Brown—W5BN

## Join our Groups.IO

For flash announcements and items of interest please join our Groups.IO group.

If you're not already in the group simply subscribe by sending an email to K2DLL+subscribe@groups.IO You will get a reply back after you have been approved.

You can make appropriate Amateur related announcements of your own and see what others may be thinking about.

## Field Day 2023— K62H

June 24 and 25 was the Annual Field Day, sponsored by the ARRL. It is an annual test of emergency preparedness for amateurs. It is not a contest (wink wink)

Temporary stations are erected and operated for a 24 hour period. We started to assemble the various antennae on Friday afternoon, and finished on Saturday morning. We had a temporary 40 foot tower with 2 beams and 2 dipoles, which gave us operating capability from 80 meters to 6 meters. Everything was torn down and off the site by 4 PM Sunday afternoon.

We started operations at 2 PM on Saturday with 4 stations simultaneously on the air. We also had a GOTA (Get On The Air) station for visitors and hams who have not operated recently, and may have been shy to get into the fray. This is in an effort to get their feet wet.

Our operation was a great success. We had 26 individuals who assembled, operated, or otherwise joined in the effort. That is the greatest number of people who have participated in this person's memory. Here is the QSO breakdown for the K2DLL effort:

Band	CW	Digital	Phone
80 Meter	1	59	
40 Meter	165	16	160
20 Meter	165	47	46
15 Meter	16	67	16
10 Meter		42	
Totals	347	251	240

In addition the GOTA station had 3 operators participate

Susan Polewczak	N2LPW	20 QSO
Francis Grey	KE2BCZ	10 QSO
Ethan Grey	KE2BDE	7 QSO

We had 1,635 bonus points for various non operating goals. That should give us a total score of 4,507 points, another all time high for our club.

I can't wait to see the results issued in QST so that we can compare our efforts against other clubs in our category.

## Item of note

Remember that the club suspends meetings in July and August. That means that we will not be meeting in person at the Fire Training Center, but be sure to keep an eye on the K2DLL groups.IO group.

The next in-person meeting will be September 11. Enjoy your summer.

*Saratoga County Amateur Radio Association  
presents our 37th annual*

# HAMFEST 2023

Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>; Gates open at 7:00 am

Saratoga County Fair Grounds, 162 Prospect St, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Only \$10 per person includes door prize drawing, plus 8'x 8' "tailgate" space



- NEW AND USED gear and accessories to haggle over
- KJI Electronics will offer the latest radios, books, etc.
- VE exam to be held at 8:30 am (on site this year!)
- Plenty of room to display your sale items
- Demonstrations: TBA
- Fox-hunt on the fairground property
- Under-cover tables available for \$10 each
- Delicious Food served all day

#### Directions:

- I-87 to Exit 12
- West on Rt 67 to Ballston Spa
- At intersection of Rts 50 & 67, follow 50 North; look for HAMFEST signs
- In village, turn left at Citgo station on Prospect Street; up hill on left

#### Talk-In

K2DLL Repeater System  
147.000 or 147.240  
PL = 91.5 Hz.  
GPS Coordinates  
43.007438 ° -73.855821 °

For Information or reservations contact: Jim Polewczak - KG2H  
231 Northline Road, Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Email: [kg2h@arl.net](mailto:kg2h@arl.net)

SEE US AT [www.K2DLL.ORG](http://www.K2DLL.ORG)

## Did you Forget?

In preparing my annual treasurer's report for the board, I noted that 21 members whose dues lapsed in December 2022 have failed to remit this year's dues. If you are one of those, please us the form below in order to update your membership.

If you are unsure, please feel free to contact me, KG2H@ARRL.NET

You can also save money by paying now for future years at this year's bargain rate of just \$10 per year.

Thanks.

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Callsign \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

ARRL Member      YES      NO      License Class    N    T    G    A    E

Amt \_\_\_\_\_ Cash or Check #      # of years \_\_\_\_\_      Was      Now

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

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](http://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



## Officers and Board Members

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### 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