

the Salami Merchant

The Official
Newsletter of the
Silvercreek
Amateur Radio
Association

Tidbits from KA8MPH

I am sad to report the death of WB8FEP. Vic was a long time member of the barometer net.

Feb. QST had an article about how to make a cw keyer from an old computer mouse and also how to make one from an Altoids peppermint container. Are you listening KB8UHU?

KB8YSB will be just about to retire when you read this newsletter.
Best wishes Jan.

Mary, KA8MPH

VE sessions

Sun. Feb. 22 Millersburg
Contact Rose Emich 330-359-5527
Sat. Feb. 28 Canton
Contact Gary Kline 330-837-2927
Sat. March 28 Akron
Contact Mary Wagner 330-882-6387

Newsletter Editor / Web Site Maintainer Wanted

The March '98 issue of the Salami Merchant will be my last one. March of 1998 will mark my 13th issue. It's been fun, but it's time to pass on the post of newsletter editor and web site maintainer. If you have any interest in becoming the newsletter editor and/or web site maintainer, please let me know.

What it Involves:

SARA issues a monthly newsletter, currently on both paper and on the Internet. It will be up to the future newsletter editor to choose if they would like to maintain both forms along with SARA's growing web site. Just to give an idea of how things are now, I'll describe the system as it exists.

If it is desired to keep SARA's newsletter and web sites in a form similar to the one they are in now, a future newsletter editor should have access to:

- Internet Web space (many internet providers supply this with their accounts). SARA currently has free space available at the QSL.Net site, but there are numerous restrictions and reliability issues involved with QSL.Net. You can try it and see if it works for you.
- A decent HTML (web page) editing program (I use Microsoft Frontpage 98, and

the site is currently set up for that, but there are many programs available, many for free, that will do the job)

- A decent Publishing program. I use Microsoft Publisher '97, but any decent word processor will suffice.

Here's how the process works now

The editor collects articles and other contributions from the membership during the month. Over the past year, these contributions have varied from 5 articles in a month, to several months with no contributions at all.

Near the end of the first week of the month, all the articles are collected and assembled into a web page using Microsoft Frontpage '98, which is then posted to an Internet server. An e-mail is sent to all of the members that currently have an e-mail address on file, notifying them that the newest newsletter is now available.

The contents of the newsletter is then transferred into Microsoft Publisher '97, and is formatted into a form suitable for paper printing. The newsletter is currently printed in paper form by the employer of one of our members. The editor currently sends a print file via e-mail to the printer. The printer prints the copies from that file and staples the newsletters. Between 50 and 60 copies are usually printed each month, and are usually ready within 3 to 4 days. The 60 copies are then folded, have stamps & mailing labels attached, and are then mailed. Currently, the editor prints the mailing labels, and either the editor or another volunteer folds, stamps, & mails the newsletters. As a side note, the newsletter can also be provided to the printer in an old-fashioned paper format, but this takes more time and loses considerable resolution. The goal is to have the newsletters in the hands of the members a few days before the normal monthly meeting on the third Thursday of the month.

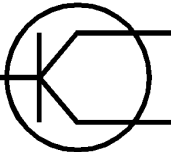
I find that I spend between 10 and 20 hours per month, including assembly, formatting, uploading, editing, writing articles, finding articles, and other miscellaneous web site maintenance. The newsletter occupies about 75% of that time.

What I Will Do:

I can provide existing newsletters and web site files as templates to you on diskette, Zip disk, or via FTP. I will provide very limited help to get someone going on this. I will continue to maintain the SARA web site until no later than June 1, 1998 if the new editor wishes, to give the new editor a chance to come up to speed on web page authoring (it's not that difficult if you have the right tools)

John, N8CD

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**February's
S.A.R.A. Meet-
ing will be held
on February
19th in the
basement of the
Doylestown Vil-
lage Hall at
7:30PM. Call on
147.39 MHz
+600, PL 110.9
for directions**

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In This Issue...

Upcoming VE Sessions, WANTED: Newsletter Editor...

S.A.R.A. Repeaters

Doylestown:

147.390 MHz + CTCSS 110.9 Hz

Packet:

145.070 MHz Node: SARA

S.A.R.A. Officers

President:

Joe, KC8DKF 335-8861

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Tom, KB8MUK 334-7111

Secretary:

Bob, KB8UHU 336-8940

Treasurer:

Margaret, KC8DES 334-7111

Activities:

Gary, N8OGK 927-1838

Operations:

Steve, KC8DJV 825-6093

Committee Chairs

Newsletter Editor:

John, N8CD 927-6319

Disaster Operations:

Bob, KB8UHU 336-8940

Adjourning:

Garlock, K8BYR

Club Trustees

Mary, KA8MPH

Larry, WD8ITF

Chuck, KB8DMT

Control Operators (COPs)

KA8MPH, Mary 882-6387

KB8UHU, Bob 336-8940

KI8BS, Barry 925-1706

N8OFF, Del 925-8277

N8ZCC, Bob 658-3608

KC8DJV, Steve 825-6093

KC8DER, Tony 769-3688

N8OGK, Gary 927-1838

S.A.R.A. Nets

Barometer Net - Monday through Sat-
urday at 7:30 AM

Weekly SARA Net - Each Wednes-
day evening at 8:00 PM.

Skywarn - When Required

S.A.R.A. on the Internet

WWW Site:

<http://www.qsl.net/w8wky>

E-Mail: W8WKY@amsat.org

S.A.R.A. Meetings

SARA members meet on the third
Thursday of each month, at 7:30 PM.
in the lower level of the Doylestown
Village Hall. SARA meetings are
open to the general public.