



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club  
Since October 7, 1953



## Smoke Signal

January 2014

[www.siarc.us](http://www.siarc.us)

Happy New Year to all! What a way to start the year with all of this winter weather. Try to keep warm.

Our next meeting, Wednesday, January 8, at 7:30pm will be a program your radio night. We will have a few laptops with programs and cables set up to help program those hard to do radios. Please bring whatever radio you have that you need help with and the manual (may need to do it manually) and we will help each other with this.

### Past Events

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Our annual Christmas party was held at the AWA museum again. It was well attended and after dinner, we had a nice tour of the updated museum. Thanks to Ron W2FUI and Stan WM3D for the tour and hosting our club. They have done a bang up job in the creation of this fine collection of radio memorabilia. It took many hands over many years to compile this very unique collection. We are fortunate to have it in our neighborhood.

WB2VMR, KA2HQZ and KB2NCI made the trip on December 7 to the Buffalo National Weather Service office to help man the stations for Skywarn Recognition Day. We joined several ops from the area as well as Bill WB2SXY from Rochester. Many contacts on HF, VHF and digital modes were made. Once again, the roads were clear so it made for a safe and enjoyable trip. Thank you to our host, Judy N2TEZ, for the nice time

Dues are payable in September for the next year. Still \$10 for 1 year, \$14 for a family and \$100 for Life membership. Contact Stan to pay your dues.

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## Upcoming Events

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Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: QRP Pet Rock Sprint,ARRL RTTY Roundup, Kids Day, Straight Key Weekend Sprintathon, North American QSO party, DARC 10 meter contest, International United Teenager contest, January VHF contest, Winter Field Day and many more. See the January QST page 81 or the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

The 4H Expo for 2014 has been cancelled, due to a lack of instructors. Hopefully it will resume in 2015 and we can participate again.

I am working with N2UMH to set up a tour of the NEW 911 center for sometime in the next few months. I hear that we will have an area set up with coax from an outside antenna in case we need to assist them.

The next session of VE testing will be at the January 8 meeting, starting at 6:30. Please contact AB2WZ at [d1161f@aol.com](mailto:d1161f@aol.com) if you would like to help proctor or upgrade.

## Odds and End

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From Steve, KD2OM

K2BWK is now linked to the ircDDBGateway system. This allows users to link to Icom gateways and reflectors like REF030 for instance as well as the DCS and XRF gateways and reflectors. It more than doubles the number of repeaters/gateways available. The ircDDB system also allows linking to non-Icom hardware which allow homemade repeaters and gateways to be part of the system. A popular reflector is DCS006M which covers the entire US.

Along with the new linking, I have been checking registrations. As the sysop, I can view and approve registrations but can't modify them. I have discovered several problems with quite a few of the registrants on our system.

First users can only be registered on one gateway, I find several users that have registered on more than one. When I find them I remove them from our system so they are only registered on one site but some are registerd on more than two sites. I can do nothing about that. To check that your registration is ok, go to <http://dstar.prgm.org/cgi-bin/dstar-regcheck?>. Input your call to check your status.

You must be registered somewhere in order to use the gateway feature of D-Star. You will be able to listen to all traffic on a gateway but will not be able to make links or talk to

anyone outside of the local repeater. The registration is a two part process. First go to <https://k2bwk.dtstargateway.org> and register. Just ignore the certificate error that you may get with some browsers. The site is secure. Then the sysop will approve you and you need to go back in and complete the registration. If you only have one radio then you don't need additional terminal ID's. In my case I have an HH as well as a mobile so I use a P for the HH and M for the mobile. Be sure to only use the allowed id's. Some letters are reserved to system operation. I see several users with incorrect terminal ID's. For a list of correct ID's please check here: <http://www.hrodstar.net/g2reg.html>.

Please be sure to inform Stan WM3D and Tom KB2NCI if you change your preferred email address, or other changes in your contact information.

A reminder to renew your ARRL membership thru the club. We get a commission on each new and renewal if the club sends it in. See Ray AB2UY or Tom KB2NCI for details.

The new 442.200 antenna has been installed on the Sheriff tower and we are waiting for the repeater itself to be moved. It is at the 130 foot level and should give us very good coverage. Stay tuned for further details.

## Nets

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145.450 (110.9) W2ONT	Sundays 8pm	Ontario County RACES/ARES training net
146.685 (no tone) WA2EMO	Sundays 8:45pm	Wayne County RACES net
146.610 (110.9) N2MPE	Thursdays (except 4 <sup>th</sup> ) 9pm	Monroe County ARES net
3993.5 kHz LSB	State RACES net	Sundays 9am

## Club/RACES Repeaters

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K2BWK 146.820- (110.9) Canandaigua VA Hospital  
K2BWK D-Star 147.375(+) Honeoye  
K2BWK D-Star 443.500 (+) Honeoye  
W2ONT 145.450- (110.9) Gannett Hill  
W2ONT 442.200+ (110.9) Gannett Hill  
W2ONT 147.090+ (110.9) Geneva City Hall---off the air for now.

## President's Thoughts

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I am looking forward to 2014 and the opportunities we have to learn, grow and help each other. This hobby we are involved in gives us a chance to do all three. The choices are endless. Our club has several events to participate in this year, including the Wild Water Derby, Field Day, Red Cross 5K run, Finger Lakes Triathlon, Pumpkin Patrol, some youth outreach and several fund raiser runs as well as many weekly contests and special events. I encourage each of you to find many of these to do and enjoy. I also hope to hear many of you on the repeaters we support throughout the year.

Have Fun and Talk Up Ham Radio.

73, Tom KB2NCI

Ham Radio: Service, Science, Skill

### The Amateur's Code

Originally written by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA (1928)

The Radio

Amateur is:

**CONSIDERATE** Never knowingly operating in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

**LOYAL** Offering loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs and the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the United States is represented nationally and internationally.

**PROGRESSIVE** With knowledge abreast of science, a well built and efficient station and operation beyond reproach.

**FRIENDLY** With slow and patient operation when requested, friendly advice and counsel to the beginner, kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.

**BALANCED** Radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

**PATRIOTIC** With station and skill always ready for service to country and community