



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club  
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## Smoke Signal

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Happy New Year and welcome to 2015. I wish you all a very healthy and prosperous new year. Looks like winter is finally here for awhile. One of my children was born in January and it always seems to be the COLDEST month. At least the days are getting longer!

Sorry to say that our last meeting, our Holiday get together, had to be cancelled due to a snowstorm. I apologize for cancelling at the last minute, but I felt I should err on the side of safety. We will hold an abbreviated version at the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. The club will once again provide pizza and drinks and those that want to bring appetizers or desserts may. We will eat after our program. As in December, guests are welcome.

Speaking of our next meeting, it will be on Wednesday, January 14, at 7:30pm. Our program will be by Bob Green and will center around Terrorism. I am sure it will be very interesting and informative. We will dispense with the business meeting this night. Our meeting follows the VE session at 6:30pm.

### Past Events

On December 6, WB2VMR, KD2GTA and KB2NCI traveled to the Buffalo National Weather Service office to assist in the celebration of Skywarn Appreciation Day. Many contacts were made on HF and VHF and John got some practice on HF. It was a very successful day.

## Upcoming Events

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Our **next VE Session** will be held at 6:30pm, on January 14 and Dave AB2WZ is always looking for Volunteer Examiners. Contact Dave at [ab2wz@aol.com](mailto:ab2wz@aol.com) if you can help.

These sessions have been very successful and are a great way to introduce prospective members to our club and RACES organization. They occur during odd months and Dave needs at least 3 other examiners to be present. The Drumlins ARC offers VE sessions on the even months. Contact WD2STK at [wd2stk@yahoo.com](mailto:wd2stk@yahoo.com) for testing or to help as a VE.

Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: Kids Day (see article later in the newsletter), 070 PSKFest, RTTY roundup, North American QSO Party, DARC 10 meter contest, YLISSB QSO party, International United Teenager contest, Winter Field Day, VHF contest, various international events and many others. See the January QST page 88 or the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

Plans are coming together quickly for the **ARRL Kid's Day event this coming Sunday**, January 4, 2015. We will be operating a couple of HF and VHF stations at the Safety Training Center from 11am to 3pm with set up commencing at 8am and take down afterward. (breakfast at Dennys at 7am if you are interested). We have been in contact with a couple of scout troops and working on getting the word out to some more, but if you want to let some youngsters know, they are welcome to attend. I look forward to a fun time for them and us. Please mark your calendar for this event. Contact KB2NCI if you can be there. I have heard from several that will be there and it should be a fun day for the kids and us. All are welcome to come by.

This year the following will be events we will support and I hope you can participate in all of them.

- Wild Water Derby in Shortsville (usually in April)
- ARRL Field Day, June 27 and 28
- MS Bike Event in Penn Yan, middle of July
- Run for the Red in Canandaigua, late July
- Finger Lakes Triathlon, September 13

---Pumpkin Patrol, October 30 and 31

## Odd and Ends

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Work on the 145.450 repeater on Gannett Hill is nearly complete and the repeater is working well. A new antenna and feedline have been ordered and this should complete the project. The new controller uses a voice ID and also announces the time. Nice addition. I encourage every one of you to help exercise the repeaters. They need the "attention". The Geneva repeater (147.090, pl 110.9) is next up for improvements. It is still linked to the 442.200 on Gannett Hill and seems to be working fine. (Thanks to W2ACC, KD2GTA and WB2VMR).

We are in the process of installing a new D-Star repeater on a tower site on Lake to Lake Road that will give us additional coverage for the county. KD2RPK, W2ACC and KD2GTA are making great headway and it should be up and running soon. When you decide to get a new VHF/UHF radio, please consider buying a D-Star capable model so you can take part in this exciting mode. We will be doing some programming training in 2015 so you will not be alone.

AB2WZ did a D-Lan training session in December on the 145.450 repeater and there were several members that checked in and learned a little more about this program. Thanks to Dave for doing this. There will be more training in 2015. If you need your user name and password to log in, please contact Dave at [ab2wz@aol.com](mailto:ab2wz@aol.com). The D-Lan website is [eoc.co.ontario.ny.us](http://eoc.co.ontario.ny.us)

**Dues were payable in September** for the next year. They are \$10 for an individual, \$14 for a family and \$100 for Life membership. Please see Stan WM3D to pay.

Please be sure to inform Stan WM3D or Tom KB2NCI if you change your preferred email address and phone number, or other changes in your contact information. Having up to date information helps if we need to reach you quickly (e.g. cancelling the Holiday party).

A reminder to renew your ARRL membership (you are a member aren't you?) through 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. I encourage

you to support the ARRL and become a member. They may not be perfect, but they try hard to represent all amateur radio.

There is a statewide linked repeater system that I want everyone to be aware of. The link in our area is on Bristol Mountain (443.600+ 110.9pl) and the system basically follows the I-90 and I-81 corridors. Check it out.

147.36+ no tone Albany/Lake Nancy N2FEP(K2LM)  
442.100+ PL 103.5 Frankfort KA2FWN/R  
444.400+ PL 103.5 Fonda/Ilion KB2AUJ/R  
442.575+ PL 103.5 Utica KA2FWN/R  
449.925- PL 151.4 Remsen KB2AUJ/R  
442.850+ PL 71.9 Cortland KB2FAF/R(new May 2013)  
443.100+ PL 103.5 Syracuse WA2AUL/R (is back on-the-air! April 28th, 2013)  
442.400+ PL 103.5 Syracuse KD2SL/R  
**449.225- PL 103.5 Watertown KA2FWN/R (NEW as of 8/29/13)-note; there may be changes to this frequency - STAY TUNED HERE, For updates as they become available!**  
442.350+ PL 103.5 Oswego K2QQY/R  
444.150+ PL 71.9 Auburn W2QYT/R  
443.600+ PL 110.9 Bristol N2XFX/R  
444.050+ PL 88.5 Attica N2XFX/R  
442.100+ PL 88.5 Colden W2IVB

see this link for a map: <https://maps.google.com/maps/u/0/ms?msid=204744181853433892681.0004de323ef01c88b9c77&msa=0&dg=feature>

## Nets

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

## 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—linked to 147.090  
W2ONT 147.090+ (110.9) Geneva City Hall—linked to 442.200  
WA2BQT D-Star hot spot 444.300+ Geneva City Hall—soon moving to the  
Lake to Lake Road site

## President's Thoughts

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I look forward to a great year for the Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club and you are ALL the reason for that thought. We have many bright and inquisitive minds in this group and they all bring a wide variety of talents to the table. Be sure to step forward and help this club to continue to be the best it can be. Tell us about what you are working on in amateur radio and help others to know what you know. That is what makes this the Greatest Hobby in the world.

Happy New Year!  
Have Fun and Talk Up Ham Radio

73, Tom Sanders 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.

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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.