



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
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Happy New Year to all and I hope that Santa, et al. was good to you.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 13 at 7:30pm at the Safety Training Center in Hopewell. After a short business meeting, we will have a Flea Market/Swap Meet for the membership. You can bring any items you would like to sell or swap and display them. Please mark your items with call sign and price. This will follow the 6:30pm session of the Laurel VE License Testing.

We are also planning on the Club Shirt/Hat distribution at the January meeting. John KD2GTA will have the items you ordered and the amount owed. Please bring cash or checks made out to the club as payment.

Past Events

December 5 was Skywarn Appreciation Day and SIARC and Drumlins were well represented. Making the trip to Buffalo were, KD2GTA, KD2CZW, KA2HQZ, KC2TCM, KC2TNJ and KB2NCI. Also in attendance from Monroe County were K2SI and N2JAC. There were 2HF stations as well as a VHF and PSK31 station. It was nice to help activate the National Weather Service in Buffalo for the event. I believe the station made over 100 contacts around the country.

December also saw our annual Christmas Party at the AWA. We had a tremendous crowd, which included 5 Boy Scouts and their leaders, and a pot luck dinner at the Conference Center. We were treated to a tour by Ron, W2FUI, of the storage area there and the Museum across the street. The

museum now has the console that once broadcast the Voice of America. We are lucky to have this in our back yard. Thanks to Ron and Stan WM3D for hosting us again.

Upcoming Events

Our **next VE Session** will be held at 6:30pm, on January 13, 2016, and Dave AB2WZ is always looking for Volunteer Examiners. It will be held at the Safety Training Center. Contact Dave at 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 (extra class preferable) to be present. The Drumlins ARC offers VE sessions on the even months. Contact WD2STK at wd2stk@yahoo.com for testing or to help as a VE.

Our next Breakfast will be on Saturday, January 16, at 8am at the Villager Restaurant, 245 S. Main St, Canandaigua. All are welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship. If you know you are coming, please let me know by January 8 so I can alert the restaurant to the numbers.

Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: Original QRP CW contest, ARRL RTTY Roundup, Kids Day event, January VHF contest, North America QSO Party (SSB and CW), Old New Year Contest, Winter Field Day and many others. See the January QST pages 86 and 95 and the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

Plans are coming together for the trip to Dayton for the Hamvention in May. KD2GTA, WB2VMR, W2ACC, KD2CZW and KB2NCI are planning on attending with a van leaving Thursday morning and returning Sunday. There is still room for a couple of more riders, but you need to get your hotel reservation done (we all have ours). Contact KB2NCI if you would like a ride.

We are looking to do a flea market/swap meet at our January meeting. If you have equipment that you would like to sell, get it ready and bring it in January.

Probably starting at the February meeting, Steve, WB2VMR, will be offering up a 40 meter QRP CW Kit for us to purchase and build. He will mention it at the January meeting. He keeps coming up with these great ideas for kits and to improve our shacks!!

RACES and ARES

If you do not have your Disaster Lan user name and password, contact Dave AB2WZ at ab2wz@aol.com . You do not want to find out at the wrong time that you do not have it.

Also, I encourage all of you to check into our weekly RACES/ARES net (you are invited to check into any other net also) and practice those skills that someday you may be called upon to use. If you have ANY questions, feel free to contact me with kb2nci@arrl.net or 585-924-0752.

For 2015, we held 46 nets (including Run for the Red and Triathlon) with 714 check ins and an average of 15.5 check ins per week. Kudos to all that made the nets a success.

We will begin planning soon for the Wild Water Derby (usually late April), Finger Lakes Challenge MS event in Penn Yan (July 16 and 17), Run for the Red in Canandaigua and the Finger Lakes Triathlon. Please keep those in mind throughout the year as we can always use a few more operators.

Scott, N2UMH, will be able to attend more of our meetings, due to a work schedule change for 2016. Scott is our Radio Officer (RACES) and Emergency Coordinator (ARES) and he is looking to get some more activity for the group in Emergency Communications. One of the areas is in training and he will be looking to offer a way for members to take the ARRL Emergency Communications course. There will be more information in the coming weeks.

Odd and Ends

Club Shirts and Apparel will be distributed at the January meeting. As mentioned above, John KD2GTA will have your items and amount owed.

The Statewide UHF system has a change at the Bristol site. The repeater frequency has changed to 444.550+ (110.9) and sponsored by W2HYP and W2COP. It is also linked into the 442.000+ (110.9) repeater in Wethersfield, which gives it good coverage into Buffalo and beyond. Many hours and dollars have been spent to get this system on the air and it is a fun and useful system to access and use along the NYS Thruway and I-81 corridors. See <http://www.upstateham.com/2012/12/uhf-ny-statewide-linked-repeaters.html> for more information. They are still updating the Bristol changes, but this gives you good information on the rest of the system.

There is a new D-Star repeater in the area. It is based near Clyde in Wayne County and its frequency is 443.075 (+ offset) and call sign is KA2NDW. You would enter in Repeater 1 KA2NDW B and Repeater 2 KA2NDW G.

Dues are 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.

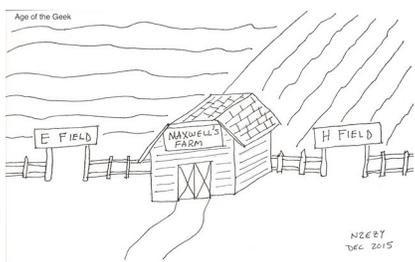
Please be sure to inform Stan WM3D or Tom KB2NCI if you change your preferred email address and phone number, or other changes in your contact information. Having up to date information helps if we need to reach you quickly (e.g. cancelling the Holiday party).

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 or maintain membership. They may not be perfect, but they try hard to represent all of amateur radio.

The “Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015” now has a companion bill in the US Senate, S.1685. See <http://www.arrl.org/news/senate-sponsor-of-amateur-radio-parity-act-of-2015-said-bill-promotes-regulatory-transparency-equali> to see how you can help get this passed and into law.

From Dave N2EZY



ask him about “Maxwell’s Farm”. Thanks, Dave.

Nets

145.450- (110.9) W2ONT
training net

Sundays 8pm Ontario County RACES/ARES

146.685- (71.9) WA2EMO

Sundays 8:35pm Wayne County RACES net

146.610- (110.9) N2MPE
RACES net

Thursdays (except 4th) 9pm Monroe County

3993.5kHz LSB
9am

New York State RACES net Sundays at

Club/RACES Repeaters

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
KD2HVC D-Star 444.300+ Stanley
KD2HYJ D-Star 444.500 (no offset) Victor hot spot—very local coverage for now

President's Thoughts

Welcome to 2016 and a new year of amateur radio fun and fellowship. I look forward to seeing all of you at the meetings, our events and hearing you on the air. We have a lot of infrastructure in the area and it is just waiting to be warmed up and used by you. There are many like minded individuals in our area that would love to get to know you and finding a repeater to use should not be a problem. There are FM, D-Star and even some Fusion repeaters in the area. There is even a Tuesday night net on 80 meters SSB. If you know of other nets around, please let your friends know the particulars so they can enjoy them as well. We are always looking for new programs for our meetings, and if you can provide one or a person to present one, please let me know so we can schedule it in.

Have Fun and Talk Up Ham Radio and I hope to catch you on the radio!

73, Tom Sanders KB2NCI

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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.