



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
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BRRRRRRRR, baby its cold outside! What a month, huh? Average temperature for Rochester in January, was 20.3 degrees, which was 4.3 degrees below average. So you were right, it was colder than normal. Not as much snow overall, but miserable nonetheless. Here is hoping February is kinder to us.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 12 at 7:30pm at the Safety Training Center. We will hear from one of our own, Steve, WB2VMR, on Emergency and/or Back Up Power Sources. A very timely topic.

Past Events

At our January meeting, we did a little programming of radios. Dave KC2DQS, Steve WB2VMR and Jay KC2TCM all helped set up some radios. How does yours work now, Sandy? I think Dean W2WDS, was even able to get a difficult Kenwood HT to work. Way to go everyone. True Ham Spirit!! Dave is working on a common database on CHIRP to see if that would make it easier. I will be anxious to hear his results. We will be doing a similar session for D-Star radios in the future. There is more activity locally and increasing all the time, so if you have one those radios, try it out.

We had a very nice showing for our January breakfast. 15 souls made it out. Nice to see everyone. Remember, everyone is welcome so see you next time. It will be publicized a few weeks in advance.

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.

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: the ARRL Centennial QSO party continues throughout 2014 (see www.arrl.org for details of which states are active at any given time), QSO parties in Vermont, Minnesota, Delaware, New Hampshire, British Columbia and North Carolina, Ten-Ten Phone QSO party, various CW and RTTY contests and many more. See the February QST page 88 or the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

Steve WB2VMR and I will be teaching a Radio Merit Badge class to a troop in Farmington, starting this month. It is fun to interact with the youth and we may even get some interested in learning more about the hobby. We will keep you posted.

Any interest in teaching a Technician class? Bill WB2SXY would be glad to help out.

The RARA Winter Fest (Stewart Lodge) will be held this coming Saturday at Mendon Ponds Park, so if you would like to go, I am sure they would welcome you, whether you are a member or not (you could always join).

The Drumlins Hamfest will be held on Saturday, April 5 at the Palmyra VFW (same as last year and the place of our Field Day event in 2013). See www.drumlinsarc.org for details. This is always a great way to start the hamfest season, so I hope to see you there!!

The next session of VE testing will be at the March 12th meeting, starting at 6:30. Please contact AB2WZ at d1161f@aol.com if you would like to help proctor or upgrade.

Odds and End

A followup to Steve's article last month on the D-Star repeaters, you can go to xreflector.net/neu3 for information on the DCS reflector system. If you go to the individual DCS site and click on the Group Info, it will tell you how to set up the UR field in your radio for access to the system. It is a great way to contact a wider variety of D-Star hams.

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. It is still has yet to be moved as far as I know. Coming soon!!

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 ARES net | Thursdays (except 4 th) 9pm | Monroe County |
| 3993.5 kHz LSB State RACES net | Sundays 9am | |

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
W2ONT 147.090+ (110.9) Geneva City Hall---off the air for now.

President's Thoughts

The February QST has a couple of articles on the founding members of the ARRL. These were men with a lot of foresight and desire to develop something out of nothing. Their determination, in science and politics, gave amateur radio the foothold it needed to be around 100 years later. They believed that radio could benefit society in many ways and they were right. Their ideas created the groundwork for the communications systems we have today. It shows what individuals can do. What can you do to improve your neighborhood, village, town, or state? We all can do something. Amateur radio is but one way to help. I encourage you to find those things and then let your club members know. It is ok to do a little self promotion once in awhile and I for one, would love to hear about it. Who knows, you may just spark an interest in someone else.

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

