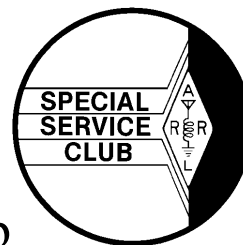




Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club  
Since October 7, 1953



## Smoke Signal

February 2015

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

Hello to all and another winter storm warning is in effect and just in time for all the Super Bowl parties. Be safe out there!!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 11 at 7:30pm at the Safety Training Center. We will be discussing several topics: Field Day, upcoming public service events and a couple of outreach events. Bring your D-Star radio and if we have time, we can show some programming and operation tips. We can all help each other.

I hope you all can attend and participate. It is always good to see you there.

We lost another of our members in January. Roger Kessler, KD2RPK, became a Silent Key on January 19. Although Roger was a new ham, he brought a wealth of talent and enthusiasm for public service and amateur radio. He was a volunteer with the Cheshire Fire Department, American Red Cross as a Disaster Action Team leader and at Thompson Hospital. He was instrumental in the placement of the new D-Star repeater in the Town of Seneca, KD2HVC and had a great love of lanterns. We will all miss him. We will be taking up a collection at the next meeting to donate in his name. Rest in Peace, Roger.

### Past Events

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Kids Day, January 4, 2015, was a very successful day for the Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club and Ontario County RACES/ARES. We had a total of 8 kids and 5 adults attend to see our 2 HF and 1 VHF stations set up. There were able to make contacts with other amateur stations that were also hosting kids from around the USA. We set up an amateur television transmitter that displayed its pictures on a TV screen in Room 1 where we were operating. We were also able to receive data signals from the International Space Station, which made two

passes over us during the event. A total of 11 hams were in attendance and they all helped with operation, antenna and radio installation and take down. They were: WB2VMR, KD2GTA, KC2TCM, WD2STK, KD2HNJ, WB2GGM, N2UMH, WA2SSJ, KD2EHU, AB2WZ, KB2NCI. A huge thank you goes out to the Emergency Management Office for their support of this event. And to all of those who attended this event.

We finally had our Christmas party at the January meeting. It was a very well attended event, the food and snacks were good and we had a very interesting program by Bob Green on Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction. If you were not there, you missed a good one!

We had a great showing of 21 for the latest breakfast get-together on January 24. Besides our regulars, we saw some friends from Monroe and Wayne counties. There is a lot of knowledge and enthusiasm surrounding these tables, and I know we all enjoyed the time together. See you at the next one in about 3 months.

## Upcoming Events

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Our **next VE Session** will be held at 6:30pm, on March 11 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: QSO parties in Vermont, Minnesota, British Columbia, New Hampshire, and for OMISS, AM, Ten-Ten Phone, School Club Roundup, CQC Winter QSO Party, various international events and many others. See the February QST page 91 or the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

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, April 25

- 4H Amateur Radio Demo, sometime in May
- Field and Stream Emergency Preparedness Amateur Radio Demo, May 9
- ARRL Field Day at Gannett Hill Park, June 27 and 28
- MS Bike Event in Penn Yan, July 18 and 19
- 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, KD2HVC, on a tower site on Lake to Lake Road that will give us additional coverage for the county. W2ACC is the new trustee and he and others are working hard to get it on line and fully operational. 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.

AB2WZ has been sending out messages to RACES members to answer emails from him on the D-Lan site. He will continue to give us some bits of training. 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.

## 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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Once again, we lost a good friend. Roger will be missed by many as he touched many lives. It makes me realize that life can be cut short too quickly and I need to enjoy each moment I have with my loved ones and friends.

We have a very busy spring and summer planned and I look forward to working with all of you on these very worthwhile events. There is something for everyone and I hope you can make time to be a part of at least one of these events.

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.