



## Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club

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# Smoke Signal

February 2019

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Hello to February. January was brutal and I hope the groundhog is right and we have just a few weeks until Spring arrives.

Our **next meeting will be Wednesday, February 13, 2019** at 7:30pm at the Safety Training Center, 2914 County Road 48, Canandaigua. The meeting will follow a Board Meeting at 6:30pm. Our program will be by Carla Jordan, formerly of the county Planning Board, on the County's Communication system. She is now the Director of the County Department of Sustainability and Solid Waste Management, but has still graciously agreed to present to us. See you at 7:30pm.

### Past Events

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The January meeting featured a program by Ev, W2EV, on the upcoming January VHF contest and demonstration on how to participate. The hands-on format allowed all of us to practice an on air qso exchange. Thanks Ev. We also held our small flea market for members. A few items were sold or traded.

### Upcoming Events

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The RARA Winter Fest will be held February 9 at the Stewart Lodge in Mendon Ponds Park.

Our **next Board Meeting** will be held at 6:30pm before the February 13 meeting. All are welcome to attend, but it is important for all board members to attend.

Pencil in **Saturday, February 16, for our next Breakfast**. It will be at the Villager Restaurant, 245 South Main St, Canandaigua at 8am. All are welcome. Please let Tom know if you are attending so we can alert the restaurant to our numbers.

Our **next VE Session** will be held at 6:30pm, on March 13, 2019, and Russ N2IZV is always looking for Volunteer Examiners. Russ needed to take January off, but will resume in March. This session will be before the regular SIARC meeting at the Safety Training Center. Contact Russ at [rcharris@msn.com](mailto:rcharris@msn.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 Russ needs at least 3 other examiners (extra class preferable) to be present.

Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: OMISS QSO party, CQC Winter QSO party, ARRL School Club Roundup, ARRL International DX Contest CW, AWA Amplitude Modulation QSO party, South Carolina QSO contest, North Carolina QSO contest and many others. See the February QST pages 89 and 99 and the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information. These events are a great way to build up your DXCC, WAS and other scores for stations worked. And they are fun!

I know it is a few months off, but our May 8 meeting and VE testing session will be in another location. The Safety Training Center will be used for a police training class, so we will be moving to the Human Resources Building, 3019 County Complex Drive, Canandaigua. More details as we get closer.

Our Field Day event with Drumlins, is still up in the air for a location. If you have ideas, bring them to the February meeting. Some venues need to be secured well in advance, so we want to work on those if necessary.

## RACES and ARES

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There will be an **administrative/planning RACES meeting** this coming Friday, February 8 at 9am at the EOC. All are welcome.

## Net Report Totals for 2018

We had a total of 644 check ins for the nets and events we participated in last year. Besides the weekly nets, we supported the Wild Water Derby, Finger Lakes Triathlon, Pumpkin Patrol and a drill. Total events were 47 giving an average of 13.7 participants per event. Thanks to all who made RACES/ARES successful and especially to our partners in Wayne County.

We have received some new equipment for construction of an HF Go-Kit. Steve, WB2VMR, is working on this and would appreciate the help. Plus, it is good experience.

The Wild Water Derby in Shortsville, is usually the last weekend in April, and if that holds this year, it will be the same day as the Drumlins Hamfest. In that case, we will not have a table at the hamfest and will be asking those that can help us to arrive in Shortsville by 11am. More details to follow, but I wanted to let everyone know of the possible conflict.

I encourage all of you to check into our weekly RACES/ARES nets, which are on Sundays at 8pm (except around holidays) (you are invited to check into any other net also) and practice those skills that someday you may be called upon to use. They are held on the W2ONT 145.450- (pl 110.9) repeater. We are also looking for additional stations to practice being Net Control and Assistant Net Control. In the event we are called out, having some experience as Net Control will be very beneficial. If you have ANY questions, feel free to contact me at [kb2nci@arrl.net](mailto:kb2nci@arrl.net) or 585-924-0752. If you are not, and would like to become a member of RACES/ARES, please see or contact me.

Monitor the 145.450 repeater in times of severe weather or area wide power outages. And if you do not hear anyone, start up an informal net.

I will have the **magnetic signs for ARES use** during public service events (runs, walks, etc) at the February meeting. They are \$10 each and payable with cash or checks made out to SIARC.

#### Odd and Ends

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Russ, N2IZV, is heading up a Technician License class that Drumlins ARC is sponsoring. He is looking for anyone who would like to help with the classes, which will probably be on Saturdays, starting in March. Contact him at [rcharris@msn.com](mailto:rcharris@msn.com)

Below is the information on ordering SIARC shirts and hats.

Hello all,

Below is the information I spoke of for Club Shirts, etc. You would deal directly with the vendor in Victor. If several of you want to get together for the orders of 12 or more pieces, Shane will look at the pricing and see what he can do. I would be happy to pick up your orders and deliver them at a club meeting if that helps out.

73

Tom Sanders, KB2NCI  
Ontario County ARES/RACES

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All pricing is based on a quantity of 5 pieces or less.

Navy t-shirts with left chest and full back print = \$30.00 each

Navy t-shirts with a left chest print only = \$25.00 each

Navy Baseball hat with logo on front and name and call sign on back = \$25.00

Navy polo with left chest logo and name and call sign on right chest = \$40.00

Please note the pricing above is for small - extra large clothing only. Add \$3.00 for 2xl and large.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Best Regards,

Shane P. Maher



Office:585-924-5118

[Apparel Printers Plus Web Page](#)

Drumlins ARC has started a weekly weather/rag chew net on the WA2AAZ 146.745- (pl 71.9) repeater. It is held on Tuesdays at 7pm and is open to all. Check in and see what is happening.

As a reminder, the Smoke Signals and meeting minutes are posted as soon as possible on the SIARC website. This is an easy way to keep up with the group if you miss a meeting. Thanks to Steve, KD2OM, for keeping the website up to date.

For local repeaters, you can go to [www.rochesterham.org](http://www.rochesterham.org) and click on Useful Links to find a quick reference. You can also go to [www.unyrepco.org](http://www.unyrepco.org) and [www.wnysorc.org](http://www.wnysorc.org) for repeaters in western New York. Lots of information is available, and the councils are continually trying to keep it current. I recommend becoming a member of UNYREPCO as that covers our immediate area.

If you travel, look at [www.repeaterbook.com](http://www.repeaterbook.com) for lots of repeater information. They have an app for your phone that shows repeaters within 50 miles of where you are. And for scanner listeners, go to [www.radioreference.com](http://www.radioreference.com) for nationwide information.

Dave W2ACC has repeaters up in Waterloo that can offer good coverage to our east. They are on 145.130- (pl 110.9) and 442.225+ (pl 82,5). Give them a try. Dave's 220mHz repeater (on the Stanley tower) is now up and waiting to be used. The frequency is 224.26 (-1.6mHz offset and pl of 110.9). He is also working on a 900mHz repeater in Stanley. Stay tuned for more details.

Check out [www.dstarusers.org](http://www.dstarusers.org) and [www.dstarinfo.com](http://www.dstarinfo.com) for lots of information on D-Star.

**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 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.**

What projects are you working on or involved in? We would love to hear about them, either at the meeting or in the Smoke Signal. Let me know.

## Nets

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145.450- (110.9) W2ONT	Sundays 8pm Ontario County RACES/ARES training net
146.685- (71.9) WA2EMO	Sundays 8:35pm Wayne County RACES net
146.745- (71.9) WA2AAZ	Tuesdays, 7pm Drumlins ARC Weather Net
146.610- (110.9) N2MPE	Thursdays (except 4 <sup>th</sup> ) 9pm Monroe County RACES net
3993.5kHz LSB	Sundays at 9am 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
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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

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## President's Thoughts

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With the upcoming warmer weather (we hope!), we will begin planning for the events we support. The first is the Wild Water Derby, followed by Field Day, Finger Lakes Triathlon and Pumpkin Patrol. There are other public service events that can use hams and those include the Tour De Cure, Palmyra Canal Town Days parade, Roc the Ride MS event, and the Wineglass Marathon. If you listen, you will hear of other events in our region, so the opportunities are limitless to use our skills and equipment for charitable events. Let the group know if have found others. Taking your handheld (at least) on trips can yield more fun to be had. Take care and enjoy the thaw!

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

73, Tom Sanders KB2NCI

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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.

