



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club  
Since October 7, 1953



## Smoke Signal

March 2014

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

New month, same weather. Will it end soon? No one knows, but I kind of believe it may be awhile until we see some really warm weather. Oh well, at least we do not have tornadoes, hurricanes or big grassland fires.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 12, at 7:30pm (after the VE session) at the Safety Training Center, 2914 County Road 48, Canandaigua. After our regular meeting, Dave AB2WZ and I will talk a bit about the changes, current and future, going on at the EOC and Geneva City Hall for us.

### Past Events

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After our last meeting, Steve, WB2VMR, gave a timely presentation on Emergency Power and Battery Back Up. Steve did a very nice job and gave us lots to think about and plan for our own situation. Contact him with any questions.

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

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Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: the ARRL Centennial QSO party continues throughout 2014 (see [www.arrrl.org](http://www.arrrl.org) for

details of which states are active at any given time), ARRL International DX contest, YL CW party, Worldwide EME contest, QSO parties in Idaho, Wisconsin, Virginia, Oklahoma and Louisiana, Russian DX contest, North American RTTY and Phone contests, CQ WPX SSB contest and many more. See the March QST page 84 or the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

Steve WB2VMR and I will be teaching a Radio Merit Badge class (part 2) to a troop in Farmington, this month. One of the requirements is for the scouts to have a qso on the air, so we may be eliciting some assistance from the club. 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.

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](http://www.drumlinsarc.org) and the enclosed flyer for details. This is always a great way to start the hamfest season, so I hope to see you there!! **SIARC will have a table at the flea market, so gather the items you would like to sell and see me.** I plan on being there to man the table (could use some relief though). We can set up at 7am so I would appreciate it if you could get your stuff there, with prices on them, before 8am. I will have a power supply and mag mount antenna available for demonstration of the item if necessary. For items not sold, I will do my best to get them back to you, but again, I may need some help depending on what happens. As you probably know, the Rochester Ham Fest will NOT happen this year. They are taking a year off, so Drumlins could be a VERY big event.

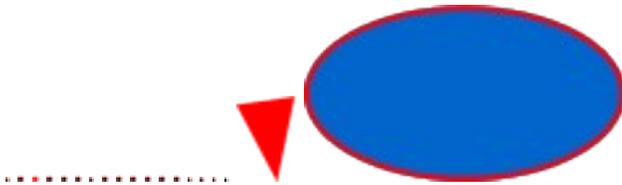
Contact person: Dave Taylor KB2KBY (315) 597-4293

**Palmyra VFW Post 6778**

4306 Route 31, Palmyra, NY 3 miles east of Palmyra  
5 miles west of Newark



TALK-IN



146.685 No tones

Electronics – AMATEUR RADIO GEAR – Computers

Breakfast – GRAND PRIZE – Door Prizes Admission  
\$5.00 Tables (6 ft.) \$5.00 - Tailgaters \$3.00

FREE Amateur License Exams will be  
held at the Hamfest site

Registration & Testing 9am - 11am

Walk-ins accepted Test Doors open at 8:45 AM

For more info call or email Sabrina Tel: 585-727-2091, Email: [WD2STK@yahoo.com](mailto:WD2STK@yahoo.com)

**VENDORS** Contacted KJI ELECTRONICS, Cedar Grove, NJ

[www.kjieletronics.com](http://www.kjieletronics.com)

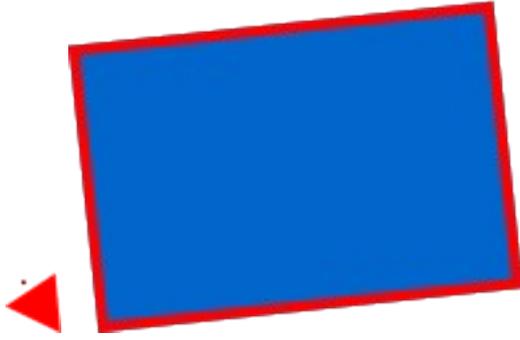
QuickSilver Radio Products

[www.qsradio.com](http://www.qsradio.com)

Sauder Electronics

[www.sauderelectronics.com](http://www.sauderelectronics.com)

For a more up to date list, please visit: [www.drumlinsarc.us/hamfest.htm](http://www.drumlinsarc.us/hamfest.htm)



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# APRIL 5, 2014

Venders 7am Public 8am Till

Directions to the Drumlin's Hamfest:

Coming from the East or West on Interstate 90:

Take the NY Thruway to Exit 43 (Palmyra/Manchester). Turn left after the toll on Route 21 North. Follow Route 21 into Palmyra. Turn Right on Route 31 East.

Follow Route 31 East 3.4 miles to the Palmyra VFW.

Coming from Rochester on Rt. 31:

Take Interstate 490 East to Exit 26 (Route 31). Turn right at end of the exit ramp on Route 31 East. Follow route 31 East through Macedon and Palmyra centers. The Palmyra VFW is 3.4 miles from Palmyra center.

Coming from the East on Rt. 31:

Follow Rt 31 through Newark. The Palmyra VFW is 5 miles west of Newark (before Palmyra center).

**LOOK FOR THE TANK OUT FRONT**



**Drumlins Ham  
Palmyra VFW**

**Exit 43  
NY Thruway**

We will be providing support for the **Wild Water Derby in Shortsville, on Saturday, April 26.** (possibly meeting after our quarterly breakfast). We will need several operators for this fun event, so please plan on being there. An HT is usually all most of us will need.

It was agreed upon to hold our **Field Day event this year (June 28 and 29)** at the Farmington Fire Department field at the corner of Route 96 and Hook Road. This location will provide a lot of exposure to the public and local fire personnel, so plan on being there. It is always a great time and each of learn a little more about the hobby. Thanks to Don, N2VDE, for coordinating for us.

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

#### Odds and End

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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 442.200 is working great, especially now that Steve WB2VMR went back up this past week to basically plug it back into power. Almost that easy, but it did take an extra trip and with this weather, well, you have to be careful traveling. Thanks Steve for your continued efforts on this front. I hope we all can make use of this great asset we have, along with all of our other repeaters.

#### Nets

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|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| 145.450 (110.9) W2ONT<br>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                      Thursdays (except 4<sup>th</sup>) 9pm Monroe County  
ARES net  
3993.5 kHz LSB State RACES net    Sundays 9am

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

### President's Thoughts

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Last month, we had three guests at the meeting. They all had an interest in amateur radio, but it was the friends they knew, that got them to come to our club. I believe that all of them will pursue licenses and the hobby, at least initially, but that continued contact with existing hams and SIARC members and will ensure they remain active and engaged. We all know of someone who was initially interested in our hobby and public service, but for one reason or another, drifted away. Each one of us can do our part to get them back into the "fold" and part of the group again. The first step is to be friendly at the meetings and in any contact you have with them. The next is to seek them out and check in with them. That little effort may be all they need to start attending again. We as a club would like to increase membership, both for new ideas and to replace members that leave the area. We do a good job to keep members, but it is easy to become complacent. And even the regulars in the group, like to be appreciated. So, THANK YOU for all YOU do to make SIARC successful. Please contact me or one of our officers to let us know of things we can do to help in this endeavor. I look forward to catching all of you on the repeaters also.

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.

**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