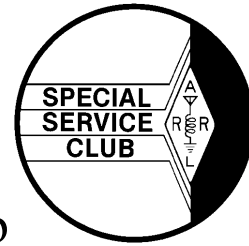




## Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club

Since October 7, 1953



# Smoke Signal

March 2020

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

Looks like a nice way to start March---SUN. Warming up this week as well and then back down to normal temps. Winter is not over yet, but beginning to tire of itself, I think. Come on Spring!! Don't forget to change the clocks NEXT weekend.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at 7:30pm in the Ontario County Safety Training Center on County Road 48. All are welcome. Our program will be by John WA2SSJ and cover some ideas for Ham Estate Planning. The meeting will follow the Laurel VE Testing Session at 6:30pm. See you then.

### Past Events

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Our program in February was by Dave W2ACC and covered some of the upgrades and changes made to the KD2HVC repeater in Stanley. He has added several more digital modes to the site, and there will be a follow up program later this year. Many thanks to Mobiletech Communications for the use of their site and support of the operation. This repeater would not have been possible without their help. Contact Dave if you have further questions.

We had 22 at the breakfast yesterday at the Villager. Great turn out and it was fun to see and talk to all of you. See you in May!

## Upcoming Events

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Dave N2EZY has selected the **ARRL Rookie Roundup on April 19** for our Contest time to operate at the EOC. This will give us a chance to become more familiar with the station (HF, VHF and UHF) and get some of our members on HF. If you would like to help Dave with this event, please contact him. Our station will allow Rookies to operate and for us to contact Rookies as well. See page 87 of the March QST for information. More details will follow, but the following is the League's definition of what a Rookie is:

- **How is A Rookie Defined?-**

In the Rookie Roundup, a Rookie is defined as having been first licensed in the current calendar year or the previous two calendar years, regardless of license class.

\*New for April 2017 and after\*: If you were licensed before the referenced period, you can also be a Rookie if you haven't made any contacts on the contest mode (SSB, CW, or RTTY) before the Rookie Roundup contest (if you qualify as such, send the current year in your exchange). Either of these reasons qualify you as a Rookie for just one year.

The AWA will be holding its Annual Conference. See below:

It will be held Tuesday August 11 through Saturday August 15 at the RIT Inn and Conference Center in Henrietta, NY (Rochester area).

The theme for this year's conference will be "The Evolution of Amateur Radio".

In addition to program sessions (including by the ARRL), an equipment auction, flea market, equipment contest and book fair are also scheduled.

Tickets before August 1st are \$60. Tickets after will be \$65.

More information at: <http://www.antiquewireless.org/annual-convention.html>

Best,

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Antique Wireless Association Conference Chair

The Chenango Valley ARA Bullthistle Hamfest will be held in Norwich, NY on Saturday, April 4, 2020 from 0700 to 1200. Talk in is on the 146.685- (pl 110.9) repeater. See <https://cvara.net/bullthistle-hamfest> for details.

The **Drumlins ARC Hamfest** will be on Saturday, April 18, 2020 from 0800 to 1pm at the Palmyra VFW on Route 31. Talk in is on the 146.745- (pl 71.9) repeater. There will NOT be license testing this year. SIARC will have a table for members to sell from, so please have your item marked with your call sign and price. If you cannot stay at the table, please work it out with one of our group to watch your stuff. See [www.drumlinsarc.us](http://www.drumlinsarc.us) for details. Our **next VE Session** will be held at the March 11, 2020, meeting at 6:30pm. Contact Russ at [rcharris@msn.com](mailto:rcharris@msn.com) if you can help. At least 3 examiners must be present, General or Extra Class. Having an Extra Class allows you to score for all three levels. Remember that the testing sessions occur on the meeting nights of the ODD months. There is complete information on the SIARC website.

Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: QSO Parties in North Carolina, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Idaho, and Virginia, the ARRL International DX Contest, 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint, South America 10 meter contest, North American RTTY Sprint, Celebration of PI Day (3.14) and many others. See the March QST pages 79 and 82 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!

The 2020 Field Day event with Drumlins is scheduled for June 27 and 28. The location has not been nailed down but we have the Hopewell EOC reserved just in case another location does not materialize. Bring your thoughts to the March meeting or contact Don, N2VDE, directly.

Our first public service event is the Wild Water Derby in Shortsville. It is usually the last Saturday in April, so mark your calendar to help out.

Pat, KD2PER, is keeping in contact with the XEROX group that holds fox hunts so we will be looking forward to hearing more about those.

## RACES and ARES

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RACES planning has been busy. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, March 24 at 7pm, and will cover final planning for our upcoming drill on Saturday, March 28. We will also discuss the Geneva Station and specifications for the purchase in 2021 of a new UHF repeater for Gannett Hill. All RACES members are welcome to these meetings held at the Safety Training Center. Steve, WB2VMR, has been working hard on preparing our newly acquired UHF handhelds and their Go-Kits for distribution to RACES members.

Scott, N2UMH, has sent out a couple of emails regarding the groups change over from the ARRL Radiogram to using the ICS213 form for communications, migrating to sending messages digitally only and the use of UHF for the digital messaging. Please be sure to update John WA2SSJ of any changes to your contact information.

Public Service events that I know of (or believe I have the correct dates for) are as follows:

Wild Water Derby, Shortsville, April 25

Tour de Cure, Webster, June 13

Musselman Ironman Triathlon, Geneva, July 19

Bike MS Roc the Ride, Rochester, September 12

Finger Lakes Triathlon, Canandaigua, September 13----CANCELLED

Wineglass Marathon, Bath, October 6

Pumpkin Patrol, Ontario County, October 30 and 31

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 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 W2ONT 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 **March** meeting. They are \$10 each and payable with cash or checks made out to SIARC.

## **STANLEY REPEATER:**

Dave W2ACC reports that the KD2NOL 146.985- (82.5) repeater is up and running in Dundee and gives very good coverage for Seneca County. This is the former frequency for the N2LSJ repeater in Penn Yan.

There is a **new 6 meter repeater** on the air, from Naples. The call sign is W2WDS. It is on a tower site space provided by Dean, W2WDS, and the frequency is 53.110- (pl 82.5). The **440 repeater on the same site**, 442.500+ (82.5) is on the air as well. Thanks to Dave W2ACC and Dean for these upgrades.

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. Steve has also started posting the Minutes of the Board Meetings, which will be held at various times throughout the year. 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).

From Dave, W2ACC

"There is a **220 net** on Tuesday night 7:00 pm and three nets on Friday night. 7:00 pm is the Syracuse world net followed by Tech net and the a swap net My 220 is tied into all of them along with KA2NDW and KD2SL

My 900 MHZ repeater is up and running"

927.212	902.212
5	5

With an 82.5 tone

All are welcome

73

Dave

W2ACC

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
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 (plus DMR, Fusion, P25 and NXDN)
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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As you can see here, the Club is gearing up for a busy spring, summer and autumn. Great times are ahead for hams in Ontario County. I am working on getting my gear and station ready for the upcoming operating times being outside again. Public service, Field Day and contesting will be fun to participate in, help our communities and spend time with like minded persons. I always learn something new by doing these things and know I will this year. I hope you will be able to be a part of many of these events and be active with the club and amateur radio.

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

73, Tom Sanders KB2NCI

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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.