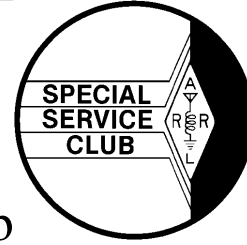




Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
Since October 7, 1953



Smoke Signal

April 2014

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Finally, some sun and warmer weather. It is sure welcome. Now becomes the time to begin planning for outside projects. What are some of yours? We would love to hear about them.

As you know, we did not have a March meeting due to the one day snow storm that shut many things down on the 12th. I hope the message reached everyone about the cancellation. If not, I apologize. I hope that does not happen again.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 9, at 7:30pm at the Safety Training Center, 2914 County Road 48, Canandaigua. We will hear from a representative from the MS Bike 150 to be held in Yates County and have a video of ham radio history to view.

Be aware that our May 14th meeting will be held at another location, Human Resources Department, Rooms 204 and 205, 3019 County Complex Drive, due to the annual county tax auction to be held the same night. Still at 7:30 and after the VE session. Contact me if you need directions.

Past Events

This past Saturday, a multi county ARES drill was held and we participated with Monroe and Wayne. It was a good test of our stations at the three hospitals and Geneva EOC, along with the tri-county communications. We had 10 stations participate (K2VJK, KD2EHU, WA2SSJ, WA2LEE, KC2TCM, AB2WZ, WB2VMR, KA2HQZ, N2UMH, KB2NCI). There were also 5 stations

that checked in that were unable to deploy (WA2LVP, WA2LTH, WB2GGM, KC2VQZ, W2TF). Please let Scott or Tom know if you did not receive the reverse 911 call out a little after 9am. Thanks to all.

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 Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, Georgia, Michigan, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Ontario, Florida (whew), Worldwide EME, Worked all Provinces of China, and many more. See the April QST page 82 or the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information. Anyone working on Worked All States or Continents? Tell us about it!!

Steve WB2VMR and I will be completing a Radio Merit Badge class to a troop in Farmington, probably in May. 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.

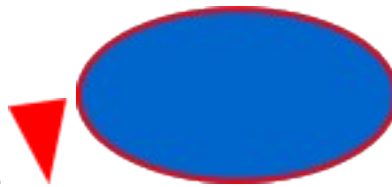
The **Drumlins Hamfest will be held on Saturday, April 5 at the Palmyra VFW** (same as last year and the place of our Field Day event in 2013). See www.drumlinsarc.org and the enclosed flyer for details. This is always a great way to start the hamfest season, so I hope to see you there!! **SIARC will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

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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

VENDORS Contacted KJI ELECTRONICS, Cedar Grove, NJ

www.kjieletronics.com

QuickSilver Radio Products

www.qsradio.com

Sauder Electronics

www.sauderelectronics.com

For a more up to date list, please visit: 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**. 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. We will be holding our quarterly breakfast at 8am that morning at the Villager Restaurant, 245 South Main St, Canandaigua. Notices will go out later this month.

It was agreed upon to hold our **Field Day event this year (June 28 and 29)** at the Farmington Fire Department Station 2 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 us learn a little more about the hobby. Thanks to Don, N2VDE, for coordinating for us. It is getting closer, so start getting excited about this fun ham radio event.

The next session of VE testing will be at the May 14th meeting, starting at 6:30. This session and club meeting will be at an alternate location, the County Human Resources Department, Rooms 204 and 205, 3019 County Complex Drive, (just down the road from our regular spot). See Please contact AB2WZ at d1161f@aol.com if you would like to help proctor or upgrade. There will be testing at the Drumlins Hamfest this coming Saturday.

Upcoming Public Service events also coming up include the:

Tour De Cure on June 8

Musselman Triathlon July 11 to 13

MS 150 Bike Race July 19 and 20

Red Cross Twilight Run for the Red in July (some mid week evening)

Finger Lakes Triathlon September 7 (our big event)

Odds and End

Dues are payable in September for the next year. \$10 for an individual, \$14 for family and \$100 for Life membership. Please see Stan WM3D to pay.

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.

Work is still ongoing with the Geneva repeater , but taking a Kenwood radio donated by Vern K2VJK, Steve KD2OM, has adapted it for D-Star use and it is installed at the Geneva City hall. The frequency is 444.300+ and callsign is WA2BQT_B (Thanks to David L. Foster for letting us use his callsign). It is not yet connected to the gateway, but is stand alone so give it try if you are in Geneva. Stay tuned for further updates. Thanks Vern and Steve.

Nets

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.
WA2BQT D-Star 444.300+ Geneva City Hall

President's Thoughts

April and spring are here and so it the annual Drumlins Hamfest to be held this coming Saturday, the 5th. Once again it will be held at the Palmyra VFW and should be a well attended event. It is a great way to see old friends and meet new ones, putting faces to the voice and callsign on the radio that you hear. Dave, Rich, Jay, Sabrina, Glen and the whole group do

a wonderful job of making you feel welcome. I hope all of you can attend and bring something to the SIARC flea market table. See you there!!

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