



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
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Hello everyone and welcome to Spring! No snow and although the temps could be a little warmer, my lawn loves it! We are fortunate to not have the severe weather that is running through much of the country at this time. I hope that none of you have had family affected by these events.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 7:30pm but in a different location due to the annual county auction. **We will be meeting at the County Human Resources Building, 3019 County Complex Drive, Rooms 204 and 205.** This is just to the east of County Road 48 and the EOC. Contact KB2NCI if you need directions. Program to be announced.

Past Events

The Drumlins Hamfest was great success, although there were not many commercial vendors. All of the flea market tables were full and our group did well. I think we sold most of everything our members brought. I know that WA2LEE sold several of his homemade aluminum J-Poles. Lee will have more, right?? It was good to see many of those we hear or talk to on the radio and meet some new faces. I hope you all can make it next year.

This past Saturday, we supported the Wild Water Derby in Shortsville and the 10 (plus Larry in the boat) of us there provided the scoring figures and some eyes for safety to the event organizers. Matt Schaertl's comment was "You guys are awesome" when we gave him the thumb drive with the information on it. Thanks to all who participated: WA2LEE, KD2EHU,

KB2TNL, KD2FPU (nowW2ACC), W2WDS, KC2LOC, KA2HQZ, KD2GCI, KC2TCM, N2MLH (with the water rescue team) and KB2NCI. See you next year.

Upcoming Events

This coming Saturday, May 3, is the annual AWA Spring Meet. It starts at 7am and runs til noon across Routes 5 and 20 from the AWA museum.

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 7th call area, Indiana, New England, Nevada, Armed Forces Communications Test, Worked All Britain 7mHz, Worldwide EME contest, and many others. See the May QST page 79 or the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information. Anyone working on any special awards? Tell us about it!!

Steve WB2VMR and I will be completing a Radio Merit Badge class to a troop in Farmington on May 31. We hope to use the station at the EOC to complete the badge. 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. Look for final information later in May.

There will be a planning meeting between the Drumlins ARC and SIARC held on Saturday, **May 10 at 9am at the Villager Restaurant, 245 S. Main St, Canandaigua** for the upcoming Field Day event which will be held June 28 and 29. All are welcome to attend or send ideas. I have heard from several that will be there and from Gib on the use of a large tent he has. (Thanks Gib!) Contact N2VDE or KB2NCI with your ideas or if you are coming to the breakfast meeting (unless you already have).

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.

The Dayton Hamfest is in May and if you are attending, I hope you will give us a little report on the event.

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)

As stated just above, **we have been asked to help with the MS Bike 150 to be held July 19 and 20 around Keuka Lake.** They are in need of 8 to 10 additional hams to provide communications on the course. Since this is a two day event, any operator that works both days will be provided room and board at Keuka College for Saturday night. They are wanting to place self contained operators into their support vehicles (sag) so having a portable station available will be very helpful. That is not a deal breaker, though, so if you can help, even for just one of the two days, please let me know. We can find equipment to place in their vehicles, or place your mobile station along the course.

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 and Dave.

The EOC and Geneva EOC stations are also under reconstruction. Dave AB2WZ is working on Geneva and Vern K2VJK, Scott N2UMH and Tom KB2NCI are working on the EOC station. The idea is to make them more usable for our needs.

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

We have several new members that have joined in the last few months and it is great to have them in the club. They bring some new skills to our group and I look forward to working with them and learning more about those

skills. Be sure to listen for them on the repeaters and say hello. They are Roger KD2RPK, Wes KD2GCI, Dave W2ACC (formerly KD2FPU), Norm W2NWT.

See you on the 14th.

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