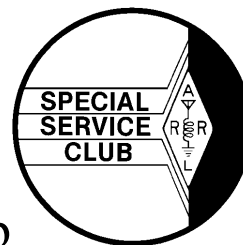




Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
Since October 7, 1953



Smoke Signal

May 2015

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Hello to May and warmer weather. I think we got to at least 70 yesterday (May 1). I hope we have more of this nice weather. I hope we get some rain overnight some of the time, so we are in a normal pattern of mowing several days a week (just kidding, but we do need some rain).

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 13, at 7:30pm but will be in the Human Resources Building, 3019 County Complex Drive (a little farther east of our normal spot and on the south side of the road). This is in the same building that our soon to be retired friend, WA2SSJ, works. This is the meeting that Steve, WB2VMR, will be hosting the Frequency Counter kit building. All of the kits he purchased have been spoken for and if you are building one, please have the \$21 (exact change please) for Steve at the meeting.

Thanks Steve for leading this fun project.

Past Events

Scott, N2UMH, gave us a nice and informative tour of the new 911 Center at the April meeting. We were able to see and hear the workings and saw our RACES desk. Out of the way, but within a good operational distance. Nice job to Scott and John, WA2SSJ, for getting us a spot in there. 25 members and guests attended. Thank you Scott!

Yesterday, our club sponsored two outreach events. First, was the Honeoye Library ham radio demo led by Norm, WB2GGM, and assisted by Lenny WA2ZNC, Scott, N2UMH, and Nate, NY2NC. They made a few contacts on IRLP to Australia (thanks to Den, VK3FDAS, who was up at 1am his time!),

had an ATV set up, and some digital HF contacts (with an antenna laying on the ground?). The highlight was a visit from an elderly ham (90+ years old) that was a radio operator in WWII. He was quite pleased to visit. Way to go Norm and team.

Second, was the 4H Ham Radio demo in Newark. This was led by Tom, KB2NCI, with assistance from Steve, WB2VMR, Dave, KB2KBY, Dale, KB2TNL, Jay, KC2TCM, Sabrina, WD2STK, John, WA2SSJ. We showed HF, Packet, CW, antenna building, VHF (IRLP to Australia) and the kids got to help raise the G5RV to the 40 foot level. We all had a good time. Thanks to Dave, W2ACC, and John, KD2GTA, for being off site to assist with comms for both events. One of our new hams, Mike, KD2IFF, and his two boys also attended.

The Drumlins Hamfest was a huge success from what I heard and saw. Thanks to donations from Dave, KC2DQS, we raised some money for the club coffers (Stan is doing the happy dance!). It was great to see so many familiar and unfamiliar faces and lots of flea market sellers and a couple of commercial ones too. Kudos to the Drumlins team for another grand effort. I look forward to 2016.

Upcoming Events

On Saturday, May 9, Norm, WB2GGM, will be doing another ham radio demonstration showing emergency preparedness at the Field and Stream store, in Henrietta. Anyone interested in helping out, please contact Norm soon at wb2ggm@yahoo.com. This is also the Cross Band exercise with the military MARS stations. Norm hopes to make some contacts with them as well.

Our **next VE Session** will be held at 6:30pm, on May 13 and Dave AB2WZ is always looking for Volunteer Examiners. **This session will be at different location, due a county auction at the Safety Training Center the same night. The May session will be at the County Human Resources Building, 3019 County Complex Drive, Hopewell, NY.** Contact Dave at ab2wz@aol.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 Dave needs at least 3 other examiners (extra class

preferable) to be present. The Drumlins ARC offers VE sessions on the even months. Contact WD2STK at wd2stk@yahoo.com for testing or to help as a VE.

As mentioned above, Steve WB2VMR will be doing another kit building. This one will be a frequency counter and the cost will be about \$21. **Steve will be doing this project at the May 13 meeting (this meeting will be at the County Human Resources Bldg on County Complex Drive).**

Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: 10-10 Spring CW contest, 7th Area QSO Party, Indiana, Delaware, Radio Club of America QSO party, New England, Nevada Mustang Roundup, Worldwide EME Contest, Armed Forces Communications Test, various international events and many others. See the May QST page 82 or the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

This year the following will be events we will support and I hope you can participate in all of them.

- Field and Stream, Henrietta, Emergency Preparedness Amateur Radio Demo, May 9
- ARRL Field Day at Gannett Hill Park, June 27 and 28
- MS Bike Event in Penn Yan, July 18 and 19
- Red Cross Run for the Red in Canandaigua, August 20
- Finger Lakes Triathlon, September 13
- Pumpkin Patrol, October 30 and 31

Field Day—June 27 and 28—will be a joint effort with the Drumlins ARC. We will be at the Watkins Lodge at Ontario County Park at Gannett Hill. Don N2VDE will be leading our part of the great event. I hope that everyone can attend and make this the most successful Field Day in our history. **The shirt, etc order has been placed and will be handed out at the May meeting. The price for shirts will be \$12 each to club members, hats are \$10 and patches are \$5. Please have exact change for your purchase to give to Tom, KB2NCI.** The club is subsidizing the cost of the shirt by \$2.95 to get your cost down.

Our **next breakfast will be sometime in July**, at the Villager Restaurant, 245 South Main St, Canandaigua. Look for the announcement in June.

Dave W2ACC tells me that there will be a get together at the Cheshire Fire Department for Roger KD2RPK on Sunday, June 28, following our Field Day event. There will be more details to follow.

Rochester Hamfest will be June 6. See www.rochesterham.org for details.

The Tour De Cure bike event for Diabetes will be held Saturday, June 13, based out of Webster and running mostly through Wayne County. See the public service tab of www.rochesterham.org for details and to sign up.

Before the June 10 meeting, there will be an informal D-Star educational session beginning at 6:30. Dave, KC2DQS, suggested this and I think it is a great way to begin to learn more from each other on this new mode. As you know, we have a few of the D-Star repeaters in the area and to increase their usage, we need ops to feel more familiar with their radios. So please bring your radio and laptop along with a programming cable (if you have one) along with your questions. We will try to help each other. Dave is also planning on activating the EOC radio for D-Star talk in. There will be more details in the June Smoke Signal.

RACES and ARES

The April QST, page 81, Public Service article by Rick Palm, K1CE, contained some very practical tips for the upcoming public service season and events. Here is an excerpt: "Golden Rules: operating protocols and procedures are developed from many hours of examining what went right and wrong during deployments. Know them and familiarize yourself with them by practice in either tabletop or field exercises. Arriving at a public event or disaster scene without prior preparation will only cause problems." I would recommend finding and reading that article to help prepare you for future events.

Odd and Ends

Dues were 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 Ray AB2UY or Tom KB2NCI for details. I encourage you to support the ARRL and become a member. They may not be perfect, but they try hard to represent all of amateur radio.

Nets

145.450- (110.9) W2ONT training net	Sundays 8pm Ontario County RACES/ARES
146.685- (no tone) WA2EMO RACES net	Sundays 8:35pm (NEW TIME) Wayne County
146.610- (110.9) N2MPE RACES net	Thursdays (except 4 th) 9pm Monroe County
3993.5kHz LSB 9am	New York State RACES net Sundays at

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—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 444.750 (no offset) Victor hot spot—very local coverage for now

President's Thoughts

Recently, Norm, WB2GGM, received a card from his local representative in congress, Chris Collins, regarding his thoughts on Amateur Radio. He then called the office and had a nice conversation with a staffer who seemed to be very interested in his thoughts on how ham radio can help local governments. To me, it shows how important the local constituents are to them and how personal interaction can give them insight. They don't know we would like them to support HR 1301, the Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015, unless we tell them. Every letter counts.

Have fun with Amateur Radio and be sure to include Field Day, June 27 and 28, on your calendar.

And, take amateur radio along with you on your travels. It is fun and could be the communication tool you need.

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.