



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
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Greetings to June and nice weather. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Memorial Day weekend. We are blessed to live in a country where so many have given so much for us.

Our next meeting, Wednesday, June 11, will be at the old stomping grounds again, 2914 County Road 48 at 7:30pm. As long as the weather cooperates, will begin outside by inspecting each others mobile installations or portable set ups. Bring what you want to show! Then we will go inside for the meeting and final Field Day preparations.

Past Events

Who went to the Dayton Hamfest? Please tell or show us about your adventure.

Steve and I finished up the Radio merit badge for Scouts (six) from Troop 50 in Farmington on May 31. We were at the EOC for the final session and the scouts got a chance to see our radio room and talk on the radio. Thanks to Jay KC2TCM and Lee WA2LEE for taking the time with them. We tried an HF contact from my car to Wes KD2GCI's brother in Tennessee, but that did not work out. We tried didn't we, Wes? Also, Thanks to Steve for being my partner in these classes. I could not do it without him.

I was able to help with communications for a marathon trail run at Letchworth Park on May 24. It was sure muddy and all the participants had

to work extra hard to complete this event. We did not have any medical issues on the course, but a couple of bee stings in the crowd. One ambulance had to be summoned for an allergic reaction. Hand helds worked for the most part, but I used a j-pole at about 12 feet to reach everyone successfully. Those are great antennas. If anyone else helps with one of these events, please let the group know so we can learn from you.

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 Alabama and West Virginia, June VHF contest, Kids Day, FIELD DAY (of course) and many others. See the June QST page 77 or the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

As mentioned above, Field Day in June 28 and 29. This will be a joint venture with the Drumblins ARC and set up will begin at 10am on Saturday, at the Farmington Fire Department field, at Rout 96 and Hook Road (across from the Finger Lakes Racetrack). Don N2VDE and Rich KC2TNJ, will be looking for a lot of hands for set up and operations and take down (Sunday morning). We will be setting up a large tent, donated for use by Gib KC2JTU, on Friday afternoon.

More details about this grand event will continue to roll out over the upcoming weeks.

Every one is invited to come, socialize and operate.

The next session of VE testing will be at the July 9th meeting, starting at 6:30. It will be held at the usual place, 2914 County Road 48. Please contact AB2WZ at d1161f@aol.com if you would like to help proctor or upgrade.

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.

The annual club picnic will be held this year on Saturday, August 2 at the home of John and Linda park in Stanley. Please mark your calendar for this event. We will not have a meeting in August. Details to follow.

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.

Nets

145.450 (110.9) W2ONT Sundays 8pm Ontario County RACES/ARES
training net
146.685 (no tone) WA2EMO Sundays 8:45pm Wayne County RACES net
146.610 (110.9) N2MPE Thursdays (except 4th) 9pm Monroe County
ARES net
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

As public service season ramps up, I encourage all of us to help out as much as you can. There are many events to choose from and they will all need operators to help keep the participants safe and moving. We have been asked to provide several operators to help with the MS Bike 150 in Yates County the weekend of July 19 and 20. Please see me if you can help, even for just one day. SIARC and RACES will be helping out with a couple of events locally in July and September. This is a good way to give back to your community and have fun on the radio.

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