



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
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Hello to June and 50 degrees and rain. Jeeesh!. Does anyone have a combine I can borrow for my lawn? And then a tow tractor to get it out! At least we have not seen the flooding they have in Texas. (so far as of yet).

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 10 at the Safety Training Center. Dave, KC2DQS will do a D-Star talk in on the Stanley repeater (KD2HVC 444.300+) probably starting at 6pm and then lead an informal D-Star training session at 6:30pm. The regular meeting will start at 7:30, with a "show off your mobile, portable set up" in the parking lot. So bring your D-Star stuff to learn about and what ever you want to showcase in the parking lot. If the weather does not cooperate, we will just start inside at 7:30pm.

Past Events

The final outreach event was on Emergency Preparedness and Ham Radio and was held on May 9 at the Henrietta Field and Stream store and Norm WB2GGM, was the lead, accompanied by Steve K2SRF and Ross KC2LOC from Monroe County. There were a few that stopped by; the weather kept people away from the store and therefore Norm's event. Those that came by were interested. There may be other events at this store in the future.

Steve, WB2VMR, lead the Frequency County kit building at the last meeting. I believe they all worked well at the conclusion. Thanks Steve for helping us through these projects.

Upcoming Events

The Rochester Hamfest will be held Saturday, June 6, 2015 at the Barnard Firemen's Field, 360 Maiden Lane, Rochester (Greece), NY. Gates open at 7am and the talk in repeater is the 146.610 (110.9). See www.rochesterham.org for details.

Our big June event is the ARRL Field Day, June 27 and 28, and this year, in conjunction with the Drumlins ARC, we will be operating from the Watkins Lodge, Ontario County Park at Gannett Hill, Naples, NY. See the SIARC website for the poster!! Nice job Rich KC2TNJ. Set up will begin at 10am on Saturday, with the operating to begin at 2pm. You can also see the location by going to www.arrl.org/field-day-locator. Rich and Don N2VDE held a meeting recently to organize this and will have a report at the June meeting. (menu??) This is a 24 hour event and everyone, hams and non-hams, is invited to attend, enjoy and get on the air. There will be plenty to do and see. Spread the word!

Our **next VE Session** will be held at 6:30pm, on July 8 and Dave AB2WZ is always looking for Volunteer Examiners. It will be held at the Safety Training Center. 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.

Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: QSO parties in Alabama and West Virginia, the RSGB National Field Day, ARRL June VHF contest, Kids Day, the 10-10 International Spirit of 76 QSO party, various international events and many others. See the June QST page 86 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.

---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

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

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

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.

We will be looking for a volunteer to host the annual August club picnic. Think about it and let me know if you are interested.

RACES and ARES

Part of our privilege for having amateur radio licenses requires us to be of assistance in the case of communications emergencies. Our club is part of two organizations that help to participate in this. One is RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) and the other is ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service). RACES is an arm of the Emergency Management Office of Ontario County and they are our boss and sponsor. This office has been very supportive of us for many years and has allowed us to amass many assets to assist in the directive to provide emergency communications. ARES on other hand, is a program of the American Radio Relay League, and is there to provide assistance to non-governmental organizations (NGO). These include the Red Cross, Salvation Army, various charitable groups, etc. RACES and ARES members often hold membership in both organizations and just "wear different hats" as needed. Our boss at

the time, is who ever called us out to help. In real emergencies, we could be called out to help both types of groups. So, membership in both makes this easier.

My point to all of this, is that for us to be effective, we need to prepare. Preparation includes your equipment, yourself and your family. You can have the greatest station and equipment, but if you don't know how to use it to its fullest, you are not quite there. If you have the equipment, but don't use it, you are not quite there. That is why we have weekly training nets, so that you feel comfortable using your equipment to communicate. There is protocol for passing traffic and practicing regularly helps with that comfort level. Checking in every week is not necessary, although I like to speak and hear from everyone. You get to know each other better, their call signs and names and locations, so when you are working together, there is a comfort zone.

So, I encourage you all to check into our weekly RACES/ARES net (you are invited to check into any other net also) and practice those skills that someday you may be called upon to use. If you have ANY questions, feel free to contact me with kb2nci@arrl.net or 585-924-0752.

Odd and Ends

The WA2EMO UHF repeater is back up and running and they are looking for usage and signal reports. The frequency is 444.750+mHz (110.9). Reports can be forward to Glen, KC2YGH at kc2ygh@gmail.com.

Dave, W2ACC, has resurrected the 145.130- (pl110.9) repeater at his home in Waterloo. Add it your memories and use it when you can.

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	New York State RACES net Sundays at 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—linked to 147.090
W2ONT 147.090+ (110.9) Geneva City Hall—linked to 442.200
KD2HVC D-Star 444.300+ Stanley (now coordinated!!)
KD2HYJ D-Star 444.750 (no offset) Victor hot spot—very local coverage for now

President's Thoughts

As stated above, Field Day is rapidly approaching and I hope you all can participate, either with our group or another or on your own. It is a great

event to show what we can do and the fun we have with our hobby and friendships.

Get out 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.