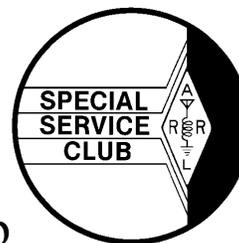




Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
Since October 7, 1953



Smoke Signal

June 2016

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Hello June! Are we ready for summer? I sure am and I am looking forward to all of our fun events over the next 4 months.

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at 7:30pm in our usual spot, the Safety Training Center, 2914 County Road 48, Canandaigua.** We will be discussing the Field Day event with Drumlins June 25 and 26 and the National Parks on the Air Activation at the Women's Rights Historical Site in Seneca Falls on July 10.

Past Events

Our VE session on May 11 yield 3 new licenses:
Robert Dugan KD2KOR NEW Extra Class
Stephen Smiley KD2KRG New General Class
Daniel A. McGregor Jr. KD2LBM New Technician Class

Congratulations to all three!!

There was a nice contingent from Ontario, Wayne and Monroe Counties that made the trip to the Dayton Hamvention, May 20 to 22. I apologize if I missed someone (it was hard to see everyone) but those I know that went were: KD2GTA, WB2VMR, W2ACC, KC2TCM, WD2STK, N2IZV, N2ZVP, W2WES, KC2DQS, WM3D, KB2SOZ, and KB2NCI. Thanks to all of those who gave up some or all of their time to administer VE sessions. It was a fun weekend, with lots to see, learn and buy. I look forward to hearing all the stories.

Did anyone operate for the Armed Forces Day Cross Band Communications Test on May 14? Please tell us about what you did, who you worked and what you learned.

This past Saturday was the RARA Rochester Hamfest. I was unable to attend, but their newsletter says it was a grand success. I would hope to hear from those of you that went.

Upcoming Events

Our **next VE Session** will be held at 6:30pm, on July 13, 2016, 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, ARRL VHF Contest, ARRL Kids Day Contest, IARU HF World Championships, RSGB National Field Day, ARRL Field Day and many others. See the June QST pages 86 and 99 and the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

The **National Parks on the Air contest (NPOTA)** will be going on all of this year and we will be activating the Women's Rights Historical Site in Seneca Falls on Sunday, July 10. AC2SA, WA2SSJ and myself have met with the leadership of the Historical Site and they are very supportive and excited about the event. The ARRL has spent a lot of time and effort working with the National Park Service to make this a very successful program to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Park Service. All are welcome to help in the planning. There will be quite a discussion at the June meeting. We are also encouraging members of the Drumlins ARC to join in

the fun. We will be doing some antenna set up on Saturday, July 9. See www.arri.org for more details.

There will be a **planning meeting this coming Saturday, June 4**, at 8am at the Villager Restaurant in downtown Canandaigua. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will be operating again with the Drumlins ARC. The event is on June 25 and 26, and will be held again at the Watkins Lodge, Ontario County Park at Gannett Hill in Naples. We expect another great weekend but will need everyone to pray and wish for a nice weather weekend and lots of propagation! Further details will be at the June meeting, but you can contact Don N2VDE at porcine2@gmail.com or Rich KC2TNJ at tinker@rochester.rr.com if you would like to be involved in the organization of this. Look for us on the Field Day Locator, WA2EMO.

The next hamfest will be the **Barnard Fire Hamfest** in association with RRRRA and will be Saturday, June 4, 2016 at the Barnard Fireman's Field, 360 Maiden Lane, Greece. See www.k2rra.org for more details. Talk in on 146.880- (110.9) repeater.

The organizers for the Tour De Cure on June 11 are still looking for more hams to help out. There will be an organizational meeting at the Webster Fire Station #2 on Plank Road in Webster on Thursday, June 2, at 5:30pm for anyone who has signed up or is interested in helping out. You can also sign up at www.rochesterham.org under the public service tab.

RACES and ARES

Scott, N2UMH, is looking for a few mentors for the Emergency Communications on line course that RACES will be supporting. The student does the class on line and there is an on line mentor, but Scott would like some of us to meet with the group on a couple of Saturday mornings to help with any areas of need. Contact him at n2umh@yahoo.com if interested.

If you do not have your Disaster Lan user name and password, contact Dave AB2WZ at ab2wz@aol.com . You do not want to find out at the wrong time that you do not have it.

Also, I encourage all of you 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. We are also looking for additional stations to practice being Net Control and Assistant Net Control. If you have ANY questions, feel free to contact me with kb2nci@arrl.net or 585-924-0752.

We learned a few new things doing the Wild Water Derby in April. We need to use the K2BWK repeater for handheld voice comms so all stations can hear each other. We need to review the use of D-RATS ahead of time to check out whether we use a repeater or can use simplex.

We will be planning for the **Finger Lakes Challenge MS Bike** event we help support. It will be held the weekend of July 16 and 17 and begins and ends at Keuka College, near Penn Yan. We will be looking for close to 20 operators each day to help with this event and even though we work closely with Drumlins on this, we will need help from as many SIARC/Ontario County RACES/ARES members as possible. We can use hams for one or both days. Contact Tom, KB2NCI, kb2nci@arrl.net , if you would like to help.

Other Upcoming Public Service Events that will need our communications assistance are:

Tour De Cure, June 11—see www.rochesterham.org and public service for sign up/details

Red Cross Run for the Red, Canandaigua, August, details to follow

Finger Lakes Triathlon, Canandaigua, September 11, details to follow

Pumpkin Patrol, October 30 and 31.

Odd and Ends

As a reminder, the Smoke Signals and meeting minutes are posted as soon as possible on the SIARC website. This is an easy way to keep up with the group if you miss a meeting. Thanks to Steve, KD2OM, for keeping the website up to date.

The Statewide UHF system has a change at the Bristol site. The repeater frequency has changed to 444.550+ (110.9) and sponsored by W2HYP and W2COP. It is also linked to the 442.000+ (110.9) repeater in Wethersfield, which gives it good coverage into Buffalo and beyond. Many hours and dollars have been spent to get this system on the air and it is a fun and useful system to access and use along the NYS Thruway and I-81 corridors. See <http://www.upstateham.com/2012/12/uhf-ny-statewide-linked-repeaters.html> for more information. They are still updating the Bristol changes, but this gives you good information on the rest of the system.

Dave, W2ACC, has gotten the KD2HVC D-Star repeater back on the air in Stanley. Get on the air and try it out. It has a great footprint! Thanks Dave.

Check out www.dstarusers.org and www.dstarinfo.com for lots of information on D-Star.

Dues are 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 or maintain membership. They may not be perfect, but they try hard to represent all of amateur radio.

The "Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015" now has a companion bill in the US Senate, S.1685. See <http://www.arrl.org/news/senate-sponsor-of-amateur->

[radio-parity-act-of-2015-said-bill-promotes-regulatory-transparency-equali](#) to see how you can help get this passed and into law.

I am planning on doing a little NPOTA activation myself during the week of August 8. It should be a pretty simple set up (using my FT857 with a Hamstick on the roof of the car), so I am hopeful it works well. If you are in one of our National Park service units, consider an activation. See the NPOTA page on ARRL.org. More elaborate set ups do require approval by the unit, but I am told that small one like the one I am considering are pretty casual. Be mindful of your surroundings so you do not disturb the other visitors.

Nets

145.450- (110.9) W2ONT training net	Sundays 8pm Ontario County RACES/ARES
146.685- (71.9) WA2EMO	Sundays 8:35pm Wayne County RACES net
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
KD2HYJ D-Star	444.500 (no offset) Victor hot spot—very local coverage for now

President's Thoughts

As stated in May, the summer months heat up more than just the temperature. The airwaves should be hot also and SIARC is planning on doing its part to see that happen. Speak up and let me know if there is something else you would like to see happen. There are just a few weekends really conducive to outside fun, so we need to plan for as many as possible.

Club elections will be occurring in September and if you are interested in running for ANY office, please let me know.

See you at the meeting!

Have Fun and Talk Up Ham Radio and I hope to catch you on the radio!

73, Tom Sanders KB2NCI

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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.

