



## Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club

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# Smoke Signal

June 2017

[www.siarc.us](http://www.siarc.us)

June is FIELD DAY month. See the article below.

Our next meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at 7:30pm will be back at the Safety Training Center on County Road 48. Our program will be by Jay, KC2TCM, and will be on FLDIGI and the way to use all of its modes. Please bring your laptop so you can learn more about this topic and even get it installed if you need that. It should be very informative.

### Past Events

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Our breakfast at the Akropolis on May 6 was a well attended event. There were at least 16 of us there. Remember all are welcome and the next one is tentatively scheduled for July 29. Keep the date open.

### Upcoming Events

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Our **next VE Session** will be held at 6:30pm, on July 12, 2017, and Dave AB2WZ is always looking for Volunteer Examiners. This session will be before the regular SIARC meeting at the Safety Training Center. Contact Dave at [ab2wz@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:wd2stk@yahoo.com) for testing or to help as a VE.

Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: QSO parties Alabama, West Virginia, the ARRL VHF contest, the Kids Day event, FIELD Day, and many others. See the

June QST pages 87 and 100 and the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information. These events are a great way to build up your DXCC, WAS and other scores for stations worked. And they are fun!

We are moving ahead with plans for **Field Day 2017, June 24 and 25**. It will be a joint operation with the Drumlins ARC at the Varick Fire Department, 4682 State Route 96A, Geneva. The talk in will be on the W2ACC repeater 145.130- (pl 110.9). Contact Don N2VDE or Rich KC2TNJ if you would like to help in the organization of the weekend. This is a great opportunity to get on HF during a very busy time, and to bring out what you would like to try out. The site has lots of room and you can set up a portable station for your testing. See the ARRL Field Day locator for details on the location of our event. I today sent out a list of items that Rich is looking to obtain for the event. Please contact he or Don to help out. This event, in Seneca County, should help the efforts locally to enhance amateur radio and the formation of the White Deer Amateur Radio Club. The callsign to be used will be W2S, a special 1X1 call sign secured by Walter, W2WBD. Set up will begin at 10am Saturday, with operating beginning at 2pm and going all night, with breakdown beginning Sunday morning. ALL ARE WELCOME. Please contact Rich at [tinker@rochester.rr.com](mailto:tinker@rochester.rr.com) if you are coming, so he can plan on the food purchases.

Upcoming events for 2017 include:

Tour De Cure, June 10—see [www.rochesterham.org](http://www.rochesterham.org) to sign up to help.

Bike MS: Finger Lakes Challenge in Geneva, July 8 and 9—contact KB2NCI to help, we could use a few more operators on Saturday.

Musselman Triathlon in Geneva, July 14 to 16

Red Cross Run for the Red, August?

Finger Lakes Triathlon, September 10

Wineglass Marathon, Steuben County, October 1

Pumpkin Patrol, October 30 and 31

Skywarn Appreciation Day, December 2

and many others that will want ham operators to assist.

RACES and ARES

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We will not have a RACES net on Fathers Day, July 2, or Labor Day weekend.

Several of us are meeting monthly (for now) to get the RACES group re-energized. Our next meeting has not been determined, but will most likely be in early June at the Safety Training Center. All interested parties are welcome to attend. We are looking to step up our game and be available to be more helpful to the Emergency Management Office. We have radios at all three hospitals in the county, a very good station at the EMO and a work in progress at the Geneva City Hall. If you cannot attend the meetings, but would like to get more involved, please send me an email or contact me at the SIARC meetings or on the air. I usually monitor the 145.450 when I am not working. If you are not getting emails from the Yahoo RACES group, please let me know so we can rectify that. We would need to have a current email address for you.

The drill conducted May 20 was very successful. We sent operators to 31 fire and ems stations in Ontario and Yates counties to check voice and digital communications from their parking lots. We opened the station at Clifton Springs Hospital also. Many were accessible with handhelds and all from mobile radios. It was a good test of our ability to help out if called on. Stations participating were: N2UMH, K2VJK, WB2VMR, KD2GTA, WA2SSJ, WB2GGM, KD2FCX, KD2AVK, KA2HQZ, KD2HNI, W2WDS and KB2NCI.

**To all Active and not so active Ontario County RACES Members!!!!**

We have New Disaster Software to learn and Use!! ( Cool Stuff )

D-Lan training will be starting in April with flexible dates.

If you do not have a user name and password please contact Dave Foster. My email is [ab2wz@aol.com](mailto:ab2wz@aol.com) or call my cell phone and if I can't answer please leave a voice mail with your contact info.

The RACES group is becoming a vital part of the Ontario County Plan and we need everyone to pull together so we can create a wonderful rock solid backup system for our community.

It's not just Radio's anymore !!

The County needs everyone!!

If you are not a RACES member, Please seriously consider it. You don't have to key a mic to play an important part.

Thanks,

73

Dave Foster AB2WZ

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. In the event we are called out, having some experience as Net Control will be very beneficial. If you have ANY questions, feel free to contact me with [kb2nci@arrl.net](mailto:kb2nci@arrl.net) or 585-924-0752.

We are working on updating the RACES roster. There are several names on the list that we have not heard from for a quite a while and we need to determine their interest. If you have been semi or not active, please contact John WA2SSJ or myself (KB2NCI) to let us know of your thoughts. All are welcome, we would just like to hear from you.

Also, as a reminder, during times of severe weather, power outages, or other similar events, monitor the 145.450 repeater. There may be a net forming and a need to be met. Remember that we do not self deploy. We go to sites only at the request of the Emergency Management Office or designee (usually Scott, N2UMH).

## Odd and Ends

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Dave Vanetten, KD2MOX, has a new call sign to go with his newly minted Extra class license. He is now AC2BX. Listen for the new callsign and congratulate him.

The International Space Station/Amateur Radio contact for 2018 is still in the works and Norm, WB2GGM, is working hard with the ARRL and his friend, Sherry, at teacher in the Buffalo area, to make the contact happen at her school. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting event.

We held the raffle for the TS 120S in May and the winner was Bill KD2CZW. Congratulations, Bill. The raffle raised over \$300 for the club. Thanks to all who participated.

The Amateur Radio Parity Act is back before congress. The bill to afford us reasonable accommodations for antennas in all living environments has passed the House of Representatives and is headed to the U.S. Senate. There will be more information soon on what steps can be taken to help its passage. See QST or the ARRL website for more details.

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.

For local repeaters, you can go to [www.rochesterham.org](http://www.rochesterham.org) and select Ham Radio 101 to find a quick reference. You can also go to [www.unyrepco.org](http://www.unyrepco.org) and [www.wnysorc.org](http://www.wnysorc.org) for repeaters in western New York. Lots of information is available, and the councils are continually trying to keep it current. I recommend becoming a member of UNYREPCO as that covers our immediate area.

Dave W2ACC has repeaters up in Waterloo that can offer good coverage to our east. They are on 145.130- (pl 110.9) and 442.225+ (pl 82,5). Give them a try. His 220 repeater (on the Stanley tower) is now up and waiting to be used. The frequency is 224.26 (-1.6mHz offset and pl of 110.9).

**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.

This repeater system carries a Central New York Information and swap net on Wednesdays at 7pm. Stations check in from all up and down the thruway, so it is interesting. Check it out.

Check out [www.dstarusers.org](http://www.dstarusers.org) and [www.dstarinfo.com](http://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.**

What projects are you working on or involved in? We would love to hear about them, either at the meeting or in the Smoke Signal. Let me know.

Our July meeting will start out in the parking lot for a show and tell of our mobile stations. You can even set up a portable station if you like. So bring out what you would like to show off.

## Nets

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145.450- (110.9) W2ONT	Sundays 8pm Ontario County RACES/ARES training net
146.685- (71.9) WA2EMO	Sundays 8:35pm Wayne County RACES net
146.610- (110.9) N2MPE	Thursdays (except 4 <sup>th</sup> ) 9pm Monroe County RACES net
3993.5kHz LSB	New York State RACES net Sundays at 9am
146.745- (71.9) WA2AAZ	Storm Trackers Weather Training Net, 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7pm

## Club/RACES Repeaters

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K2BWK	146.820- (110.9) Canandaigua VA Hospital
K2BWK D-Star	147.375+ Honeoye
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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

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As stated a couple of times, the ARRL Field Day event is June 24 and 25 and we will be combining with Drumlins ARC for this fun weekend event. It is a great time to get to know other amateur radio operators from the clubs and area, get on HF during a contest and try out someone else's rig. I plan on bringing my FT 857 and setting up in my car with a hamstick to see what mischief I can get into. The food is always good too. The site is right on a busy highway and we are bound to get some visitors and we will get some local hams to stop by also. So, plan on coming out for all or part of the weekend, bring a chair and your enthusiasm for our great hobby.

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

73, Tom Sanders KB2NCI

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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.

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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.

