



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
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Hello Summer! Sort of, at least it did not rain today (July 2). I had trouble keeping up my lawn. I hope the rest of summer is not the opposite of winter----very hot. I am like Goldilocks. I want it just right!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 8, 2015, at the Safety Training Center. There will be Laurel license exam testing at 6:30 and the regular meeting will be at 7:30. Our program will be by Jay, KC2TCM, and he will discuss APRS. Bring whatever you have questions about and he will see if he can answer all of them. Thanks, Jay.

Past Events

The Rochester Hamfest was June 6. I was unable to attend, but I am sure many of you did. I hope someone can fill us in on this fine event in our area.

This past weekend was the annual **ARRL Field Day** and as usual, we linked up with the Drumhins ARC and had a grand time, on and off the radio. Unfortunately, the weather was not so grand. Set up began around 10am and the rain began earlier. The Watkins Lodge provided us with good cover, a little breezy (even inside) and a nice covered area outside. It is a good thing that KC2TNJ and W2ACC brought tarps to put up on the east side, as that is where a lot of the wind was coming. It did get down to just below 50 degrees at night, but that did not deter a few hearty souls who continued to make contacts. There were a total of 190 HF SSB contacts made and several digital HF contacts (no tally at press time). We got points for 31 states and made 4 foreign contacts. A total of 31 adults and 6 children

attended and braved the weather, only to be rewarded by lots of good food. We even had a representative of a served agency (Scott N2UMH) attend. Thanks to all who contributed. For those who were there in the morning, KC2TNJ fixed up a very nice breakfast. Warmed the soul. Those in attendance were: N2IZV, KC2TCM, NY2NC, Nate's Dad, N2VDE, WB2VMR, WA2SSJ, W2WDS, WB2GGM, KD2GTA, KB2NCI, W2ACC, KB2TNL, KC2TNJ, N2ZVP, N2MKT, KE2HF, KD2CZW, W2CNS, KC2YGH, KD2FRR, N2EZY, W2WES, KA2HQZ, AB2UY, Tonya plus 2 kids, WA2LTH, KC2OHL, N2UMH, AB2WZ, WD2STK, KD2IFF. I believe this covers those in attendance as we may have not had all sign in. Sorry if we missed anyone.

A big THANK YOU to Don N2VDE and Rich KC2TNJ for all the organizational leadership they provided. We look forward to 2016. Where will we be???

There was a remembrance get together for Roger Kessler, KD2RPK, held at 1pm on June 28 at the Cheshire Fire Hall and 4 of our members attended, along with many from the other parts of the community that Roger touched. It was very nice.

Upcoming Events

Our next big event is the support of the Bike MS Finger Lakes Challenge, to be held Saturday and Sunday, July 18 and 19. Once again, members from SIARC and Drumlins will be working together on this event. I have enough operators to fill the needs, but if anyone else is interested in helping, even for part of the weekend, please contact me, KB2NCI. It is a fun event and worth the time you will put in.

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. In May, there were a couple of new hams that passed their technician class licenses. They are Robert Sherwood, KD2IRW, and Keith Rowlands, KD2IRV. If you hear them, congratulate them and welcome them to the hobby.

Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: IARU HF World Championship, North American RTTY QSO Party, Annual 13 Colonies Event, County Hunters CW contest, various international events and many others. See the July QST page 81 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.

- 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

There is a lot going on in July, so I think we will postpone our quarterly breakfast til later in the year. Stay tuned for later announcements.

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 or have an idea for a park we could use for a picnic.

Remember, this will be our August meeting.

Upcoming Hamfests: Batavia-- July 18, Lancaster-- September 12 and Elmira-- September 26.

RACES and ARES

Steve WB2VMR will be looking for assistance at the EOC in the next month to re-install the antenna tuner for the 80 meter dipole. Please respond when he puts out the call for help.

There will be a Department of Health Drill on Saturday, August 8 and we will be activating all of our assets (both EOCs, 3 hospitals and some other sites). Be ready for the call out.

Field Day was a great opportunity for us to test our ability to activate an off the grid station and see who we could contact. We had 3 different dipole antennas up and a portable beam. All of this was up and running within a couple of hours and could have been used in a disaster. As you are all aware, there have been many tornadoes and flooding events in other parts of the country and even this morning, the news reported a train derailment in Tennessee that has people evacuated from their homes for at least 24 hours. If that happened here, the Red Cross or EMO may request our assistance. And it could!! Think about if you are ready. The July QST has a nice article by Rick Palm, K1CE, on thinking "Outside the Go-Box". Good thoughts.

Once again, 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.

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.

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
9am	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—not linked since the last lightning strike
W2ONT 147.090+ (110.9) Geneva City Hall—not linked since the last lightning strike
KD2HVC D-Star 444.300+ Stanley
KD2HYJ D-Star 444.750 (no offset) Victor hot spot—very local coverage for now

President's Thoughts

Another Field Day is in the record books! I had a great time and really enjoyed just being with all of you. I am very glad that our group does not take this as a serious contest and uses it as a chance to learn, experience and enjoy the fellowship of our friends. There was ample time to shoot the bull, do a little operating, eat and laugh. I believe that everyone there got a lot out of the weekend. Thanks for coming.

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.

