



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club

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Smoke Signal

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Happy Independence Day weekend. I wish you a safe and sane time with family and friends and many thanks to the forward thinking men and women that created our great country.

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, July 13, at 7:30pm** at the Safety Training Center, 2914 County Road 48, Canandaigua. This will follow the 6:30pm Laurel VE Testing session. We will begin in the parking lot, doing our annual update of Mobile Radio installations, so get those finishing touches done and show off your vehicle! I am scheduling a nice evening for this, so don't be late! After a bit, we will move inside to hold the regular meeting.

Past Events

Several of our members helped with the **Tour De Cure** in Webster and Wayne County on June 11 and after the early thunderstorm, all went well for this all day event that hosted 2000 riders on several courses from 3 to 100 miles in length. I hope it raised a lot of money for Diabetes.

This past weekend was the annual **ARRL Field Day event** and SIARC once again partnered with Drumlins ARC to hold this fun and educational event to test our ability to set up HF stations on emergency power. The weather cooperated fantastically this year to provide a great backdrop for the event that saw 5 stations set up for SSB, CW and digital modes. I am hoping for a nice report at the July meeting. I was unable to attend due to family requirements, but heard that there were many there and we got some nice publicity in the local newspaper. I hope you got to see it. Many thanks to Don N2VDE and Rich KC2TNJ for leading this event and I look forward to 2017. Where will we be? I will bet the planning has begun already!

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: Marconi Memorial HF Contest, 10-10 International Spirit of 76 QSO Party, NRAU 10 meter Activity Contest, IARU HF Worldwide Championship, Russian Radio Team Championship, North American RTTY QSO Party, CQ Worldwide VHF Contest, and many others. See the July QST pages 84 and 98 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**. Antenna set up will begin on Saturday, July 9 at 9am and we will come back the next day (Sunday) at 7am to do the final set up to begin operating at 9am until 2pm. We will meet Sunday at 6am at a local coffee shop for breakfast (details out this week) and then proceed to the site. Chris, John and I are meeting this coming Wednesday, July 6, at 9am at the Geneva City Hall (EOC) for final planning and all are welcome to attend. This will be a fun event and the Park has been very inviting to us, so I hope everyone can attend and do a little operating. Contact Chris at sspringer1231@yahoo.com if you are coming. Everyone is welcome to help on either or both days. See www.arrl.org for more details about NPOTA.

We will be supporting the Finger Lakes Challenge bicycle event for Multiple Sclerosis held in Penn Yan the weekend of July 16 and 17. We can always use a couple of more operators, so if you are interested, please contact kb2nci@arrl.net if interested. I am working out some final kinks to ease the volunteering, so don't hesitate to volunteer.

Our final event for July will be the Red Cross Twilight Run for the Red, held in Victor on Thursday evening, July 21. We have been supporting this 5K and 10K fund raiser for several years and they are very appreciative of our efforts. I am still looking for volunteers and all you will need is an HT. We will be using the KB2VSZ 146.715- (pl

110.9) repeater on Baker Hill and I believe that it will cover us just fine. Contact me at kb2nci@arrl.net if you have not, but would like to help out.

We will NOT have a meeting in August.

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.

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

Red Cross Run for the Red, Canandaigua, July 21 (see above)
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.

John, KD2GTA, will be holding the Storm Trackers Weather Training nets on the following nights at 7pm on the 146.745- (pl 71.9) and 443.250+ (pl 110.9) repeaters: Thursday July 7 and Tuesday July 26. He is holding them on the first Thursday and fourth Tuesday of the month. Plan on checking in.

Nets

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 th) 9pm Monroe County RACES net
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 a reminder, we will not have a meeting in August. I figured that the NPOTA and Field Day events would cover for that.

If you are new to ham radio or the club, or even if you are not and have questions about operating your equipment, please contact me and I will do my best to help you or connect you with someone that can answer your questions. We have a great hobby that can satisfy many personal needs and interests, but there isn't any way that one person can know or understand it all. Through the club, you have contact with people that can help you and they are willing to be the Elmer you need. Do not hesitate to ask.

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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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.