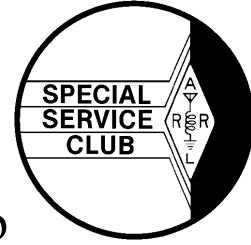




Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
Since October 7, 1953



Smoke Signal

August 2014

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Welcome to August in what has turned out to be a not to bad summer. Very nice early and a little rainy lately; keeps the lawn growing and green. I love mowing, don't you? Just kidding.

We will not have a meeting this month, as the PICNIC, being held today at the home of John WA2SSJ, will be our meeting. See you today (August 2) or in September.

Past Events

After enjoying Field Day in June, we had three public service events we participated in. The first was the Bike MS event in Penn Yan the weekend of July 19 and 20. 16 operators from Drumlins, RARA and SIARC provided the critical communications for this two day event that had distances of 100, 62, 50, 30 and 25 miles. It was a very successful event for the Multiple Sclerosis people and the hams also, as both learned a lot about these types of events, what to bring and how to work them. Thanks to all that were able to help. They were: W2ACC, WA2LEE, KC2YGH, WB2VMR, KC2DNO, KC2TNJ, KC2TCM, WD2STK, KD2EHU, KA2HQZ, KD2FRR, KD2GTA, N9SBY, N2EZY, WA2CHV, KB2NCI. We used the N2LSJ repeater in Branchport at 146.985 (110.9pl) and it worked fabulously. We will plan on assisting in 2015.

Next, WB2VMR, KC2TCM, W2ACC, WA2LEE and KB2NCI, did a short ham radio demonstration at the Camp Bristol Hills 4H camp this past week during their STEM camp week. We had 14 students and 8 adult leaders there and it went well. We talked a bit and then WA2LEE and W2ACC talked to the campers through the 145.450 repeater. HF did not work out as we were in quite an RF hole, but we managed to send a couple of MT63 messages also. Our adult liaison was Carl, KB2KDV, a physics professor at Cornell University in Ithaca. Thanks Carl for your support.

The last event was the Red Cross Run for the Red Twilight 5K and 10K that was held this past Thursday evening. It began and ended at Sonnenberg Gardens and went through the VA campus and neighborhoods of Canandaigua. KD2RPK, the Red Cross lead, informed me that 1200 runners participated in this event and that there were not any mishaps. Hams that worked the event were: WB2VMR, KA2HQZ, N2UMH, W2RVS, WB2GGM, KB2TNL, W2WDS, N2EZY, KC2TCM, WA2LEE, KD2GTA, WA2LEE, KB2NCI. We used the K2BWK repeater on the VA and it worked well. The only problem for the evening, came as the parking lot began to empty. All the recent rains made it very difficult for some. A few had to be towed out of the mud and the parking marshals were glad we were there to support the mud patrol. Did your shoes dry out yet, Lee, Norm and Jay?

Did anyone attend the Navy communications test at the EOC in July? I would be interested in hearing what happened.

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: the ARRL Centennial QSO party continues throughout 2014 (see www.arrl.org for details of which states are active at any given time), qso parties in North American CW and Phone, Digital Rookie Roundup, Maryland-DC, Hawaii, Kansas, Ohio, Colorado, and many others. See the August QST page 74 or the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

The next session of VE testing will be at the September 10th meeting, starting at 6:30. It will be held at the usual place, 2914 County Road 48. Please contact AB2WZ at d1161f@aol.com if you would like to help proctor or upgrade.

TODAY----TODAY----The annual club picnic will be held this year on Saturday, August 2 at the home of John and Linda park in Stanley. Please mark your calendar for this event. This will be our meeting for August. Details to follow.

Before our next meeting, we will be supporting the **Finger Lakes Triathlon**, on Sunday, September 7. Since we need to be at our posts by 0700, we will meet (for those that are interested) at 0545 at Dennys on Eastern Blvd in Canandaigua, for breakfast. Afterward we will assemble at Schooners parking lot on Lakeshore Blvd around 0630. We will need around 15 operators to cover all positions, so please mark your calendar for that day and watch for emails over the next few weeks. Our part of the event is usually over by 1pm at

the latest, so you will have time to get home for the afternoon nap (I always look forward to that). Hope to see you there!

In October, will be the last public service event scheduled for 2014, the Pumpkin Patrol. Operators will be needed for the 30th and 31st from 2000 to 2400 to help keep watch on several Thruway overpasses (no, they don't get stolen). Details to follow in September.

Sorry we missed July, but our next breakfast will be on August 23 at the Villager Restaurant in Canandaigua. Reminder notices will be sent out in a couple of weeks.

Odds and End

Dues are payable in September for the next year. \$10 for an individual, \$14 for family and \$100 for Life membership. Please see Stan WM3D to pay.

Please be sure to inform Stan WM3D and Tom KB2NCI if you change your preferred email address, or other changes in your contact information.

A reminder to renew your ARRL membership thru 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 to hard to represent all amateur radio.

Nets

145.450 (110.9) W2ONT Sundays 8pm Ontario County RACES/ARES training net
146.685 (no tone) WA2EMO Sundays 8:45pm Wayne County RACES net
146.610 (110.9) N2MPE Thursdays (except 4th) 9pm Monroe County ARES net
3993.5 kHz LSB State RACES net Sundays 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
W2ONT 147.090+ (110.9) Geneva City Hall---off the air for now.
WA2BQT D-Star 444.300+ Geneva City Hall

President's Thoughts

As you can see, we were a busy club during July. I had the pleasure of working (and playing) with many members of the local ham community. As we are a special service club, we try to do many things to let you use your interest in amateur radio. Thank you for your support, and if there is something different you would like to try, please contact me and let's talk about it. September brings election of officers for the next year with SIARC, so if you would like to serve in that capacity, get someone to nominate you.

I hope to catch you on one of our repeaters.

Just a reminder that the previous Smoke Signals and meeting minutes can be found on the SIARC website.

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