



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
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Hello everyone! Just a shortened version this month, since we will not have a meeting.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 9, 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 is still to be determined. We WILL have election of officers. ALL positions are open and I encourage all interested persons to step forward to be nominated.

Past Events

Several members from SIARC and Drumlins, helped the MS Finger Lakes Challenge bike event in Penn Yan the weekend of July 18 and 19. It went very well and I want to thank everyone who gave up time for this event. The organizers really appreciate our involvement. Those participating were WB2VMR, KD2GTA, KA2HQZ, KD2FRR, KD2DNO, N2IZV, KC2TCM, WD2STK, KC2TNJ, W2ACC, WA2CHV, WA2SSJ, N2EZY, KC2YGH, KD2IFF and KB2NCI.

Upcoming Events

Our next public service event is the Red Cross Run for the Red, to be held the evening of Thursday, August 20, 2015 in Canandaigua. Emails will be coming out very shortly, so please respond if you can help out. A hand held is all that it needed.

Our **annual picnic will be held on Saturday, August 29**, at the home of Tom and Debbie Sanders in Victor. Festivities will begin at 3pm with dinner at 5pm. The club will provide the meet and buns and there will be a pot luck with other dishes and desserts. More information will be sent out soon.

Sunday, **September 13 is the date for the next Finger Lakes Triathlon** and we will be looking for around 15 operators for this fun event. We usually meet for breakfast at 5:30am and then proceed to our meeting spot at 6:30. This is usually a half day event. Handhelds work in most positions, but having access to your mobile rigs is helpful. Watch for emails and respond if you can help.

Our **next VE Session** will be held at 6:30pm, on September 9 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.

Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: QSO parties in or for Maryland DC, North American, Hawaii, Ohio, Kansas, W/VE Islands, various international events and many others. See the August 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.

- Red Cross Run for the Red in Canandaigua, August 20
- Finger Lakes Triathlon, September 13
- Pumpkin Patrol, October 30 and 31

John KD2GTA and Wes W2WES are working on organizing a trip to the Dayton Hamvention for next May. Please let them know now if you are interested in going with the group.

We are looking to do a flea market/swap meet at our January meeting. If you have equipment that you would like to sell, get it ready and bring it in January. We can use this as a raiser for the club as well.

RACES and ARES

In the last couple of weeks, Steve WB2VMR supervised the installation of our new repeater antenna and feedline for the W2ONT 145.450 repeater at Gannett Hill. It is much higher and with new hardware, should come a greatly increased coverage. Use it a lot.
Thanks Steve.

Steve WB2VMR and Wes W2WES installed the antenna tuner for the 80 meter dipole at the EOC last weekend. I am anxious to hear how it went and how it works. Thanks Steve and Wes and Dave AB2WZ for the use of the bucket truck.

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.

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

Welcome to our newest Life member, Bill Glosick, KD2CZW, from Bath. Hope to see and hear a lot from you, Bill.

The WA2AAZ 146.745 (soon to be pl of 71.9) repeater in Newark has been moved to higher location and many improvements made. Let Dave W2ACC know your reports.

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 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 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 9am	New York State RACES net 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 **new frequency** 444.500 (no offset) Victor hot spot—very local coverage for now

President's Thoughts

I hope to see you all at the picnic on August 29 at my home. It is always fun to see everyone and enjoy a nice afternoon. All members and their families are welcome.

Enjoy your summer.

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.