



## Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club

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# Smoke Signal

August 2017

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

Hello to the dog days of summer, supposedly the hottest, most uncomfortable days of the year. We can hope for hot dry days, can't we!

We will not have a meeting in August, but thanks to Tony, KD2HNI, we will be having a picnic on Tuesday, August 15. It will be held at the **White Springs Fire Department, 3770 County Road 6 (Pre-Emption Road), south of 5 & 20 in Geneva**. We will begin at 6pm with dinner to be served around 7pm. The club will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs and some soft drinks. Please bring a dish to pass, your table service and a chair. RSVP to [kb2nci@arrl.net](mailto:kb2nci@arrl.net) by the weekend before, so we can purchase the correct amount of food. I hope to see you there!

Sadly, I must report that former member, Bob Carlson, KA2BNL, passed away last Wednesday. He had been active as we were restarting the club and before, but had become inactive recently. Our condolences go out to his family.

### Past Events

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In July, many of us supported the MS Bike event Finger Lakes Challenge which started and ended at Hobart College in Geneva. The weather cooperated, there were not any injuries or lost bikers (well at least they all made it back at one point or another) and our team performed flawlessly. Thanks to Dave W2ACC, Peter KA2IFE and Mike KA2NDW for the use of their repeaters during the weekend. They made our jobs much easier. Those participating were: WB2VMR, KB2KBY, KA2HQZ, KD2DNO, WA2CHV, KD2IFF, N2WES, N2EZY, W2WDS, WD2STK, KC2TCM, KC2TNJ, N2YJY, KD2FRR, N2IZV, KD2EHU, KC2NM, AC2HK, KC2YGH, and KB2NCI. See you next summer for the next installment.

Our July breakfast at the Villager saw 12 attendees. It is always fun to see everyone there and enjoy a meal together. The next one will be in October.

## Upcoming Events

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As mentioned above, August 15 will be our club picnic at the White Springs Fire Department in Geneva. See you there.

September 10 is the date of the Finger Lakes Triathlon, starting and ending in Canandaigua. I have twelve on the list of volunteers, so we could use a few more. Contact me at [kb2nci@arrl.net](mailto:kb2nci@arrl.net) if you would like to help out and have not already let me know.

Our **next Laurel VE License Test Session** will be held at 6:30pm, on September 13, 2017, and Russ N2IZV is always looking for Volunteer Examiners. This session will be before the regular SIARC meeting at the Safety Training Center. Contact Russ at [rcharris@msn.com](mailto:rcharris@msn.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 Russ 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 hamfests are:

Ithaca Hamfest, August 5

KLARA Hamfest, Hornell, NY, August 19

RRRA Hamfest at Barnard Fireman's Field on August 19

Lancaster Hamfest, September 9

Elmira Hamfest, September 30

Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: QSO parties in North America, Maryland-DC, Hawaii, Kansas, Ohio, the ARRL Rookie Roundup, the Solar Eclipse QSO Party, the W/VE Islands QSP Party, and many others. See the August QST pages 86 and 102 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!

Upcoming events for 2017 include:

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 Labor Day weekend.

**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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September will see our next election for officers of the club. If you would like to get more involved with the club, contact Tom KB2NCI and he will get your name up for nomination. The current officers have been there for a few years and would like to see some new blood in the mix. All positions are open.

The next Storm Trackers Weather Training net is scheduled for Tuesday, August 29, at 7pm on the WA2AAZ 146.745- (pl 71.9) repeater. John KD2GTA is the Net Control and looks forward to you checking in.

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 in the U.S. Senate. It is S. 1534 and is identical to the bill that passed the House of Representatives. See QST or the ARRL website for more details on how to send a letter to our US Senators to encourage them to support and pass this legislation.

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.unyrepc.org](http://www.unyrepc.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.

## 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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You may have noticed that the name for the VE test sessions has changed. Dave AB2WZ is stepping down from coordinating this very successful part of our club and handing the reins over to Russ N2IZV. Russ has been a part of our team for several years and also is a volunteer examiner at the Dayton Hamvention. I know that he will do a great job and if you can assist him, please contact him directly.

I want to extend my and the clubs deep appreciation to Dave for his years of unselfish service to the amateur radio community. He started the sessions and has been tireless in his dedication. THANK YOU, Dave.

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

73, Tom Sanders KB2NCI  
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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.