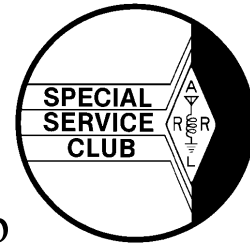




## Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club

Since October 7, 1953



# Smoke Signal

August 2019

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August is here and it has been a bit hotter than some of us like. At least we are not in the mid west and facing all the flooding. Hopefully we will figure out this drastic change in our climate soon.

Lew, WE2LEW, is doing much better but it will be a long recovery. We wish him the best.

We will NOT have a meeting in August. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 7:30pm, at the usual spot, the Safety Training Center on CR 48. This will follow the 6:30pm Laurel VE testing session.

Remember that annual dues are payable in September. See Stan to keep current.

### Past Events

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July was our annual show off your mobile/portable station. It was a nice and relaxing time to be outside and enjoying the summer weather. I hope you got some ideas on what you can do with the hobby. We had a visit from Randy N1PTB and Ron K2TJW from Steuben County and they spoke of the need for ops for the Wineglass Marathon out of Bath on October 6.

Sandy KA2HQZ, Todd W2ODD, Frank KD2BSH and myself KB2NCI, assisted with the Musselman Triathlon the weekend of July 13 and 14. There were only minor problems to deal with, but our contribution was greatly appreciated. We doubled the size of the ham radio contingent. Thanks to you for participating.

## Upcoming Events

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Our next **Breakfast will be on Saturday, August 17**, at 8am at the Villager Restaurant in Canandaigua. All are welcome and I hope to see you there. If you have not already, please let me know a few days in advance so I can alert the restaurant.

The MS Bike event, **Roc the Ride**, is scheduled for Saturday, August 24 out of Rochester. There is a need for more ops for this event. Let Tom know if you are interested and he can direct you to the Lead.

The **Finger Lakes Triathlon is scheduled for Sunday, September 8** starting and ending in Canandaigua. This is our big event to help out, so please volunteer to help (if you have not already). I have 8 signed up but we could use at least 6 more. Contact Tom KB2NCI if you can help.

Public Service events in the area over the next few months include:

August 24, Roc the Ride MS bike event, Rochester—go to [www.rochesterham.org](http://www.rochesterham.org)

September 8, Finger Lakes Triathlon, Canandaigua—Operators are still needed.

October 6, Wineglass Marathon, Bath

October 30 and 31, Pumpkin Patrol, Thruway bridges

The September VHF contest is September 14 and 15. See page 90 of the August QST for details.

Our **next VE Session** will be held at the September 11 meeting at 6:30pm. Contact Russ at [rcharris@msn.com](mailto:rcharris@msn.com) if you can help. At least 3 examiners must be present, General or Extra Class. Having an Extra Class allows you to score for all three levels.

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.

Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: North American QSO party, SSB and CW—(just for Pat KD2PER), ARRL Rookie RTTY Roundup, QSO parties in Hawaii, Kansas, Ohio and many others. See the August QST pages 84 and 96 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!

## RACES and ARES

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All of the antennas for the Geneva station have arrived and installation will occur in the coming weeks. Look for emails looking for assistance. We are also looking to be able to link the 145.450 on Gannett Hill with the 146.820 at the VA. This will give us great HT coverage in both of the county's cities.

I encourage all of you to check into our weekly RACES/ARES nets, which are on Sundays at 8pm (except around holidays) (you are invited to check into any other net also) and practice those skills that someday you may be called upon to use. They are held on the W2ONT 145.450- (pl 110.9) repeater. 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 at [kb2nci@arrl.net](mailto:kb2nci@arrl.net) or 585-924-0752. If you are not, and would like to become a member of RACES/ARES, please see or contact me.

Monitor the 145.450 repeater in times of severe weather or area wide power outages. And if you do not hear anyone, start up an informal net.

I will have the **magnetic signs for ARES use** during public service events (runs, walks, etc) at the **September** meeting. They are \$10 each and payable with cash or checks made out to SIARC.

A reminder that we WILL NOT have a RACES Net on Sunday, September 1.

## Odd and Ends

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Our annual Election of Officers will be at the September meeting, so if you would like to have a hand in the operation of your club, be sure to get your name tossed into the ring.

If you have an idea for programs for the meetings, please let me know. I have one person lined up for later this fall, but there is always room for someone to present about a topic they are knowledgeable about.

There will be a **new 6 meter repeater** on the air, from Naples. It is on a tower site space provided by Dean, W2WDS, and the frequency is 53.110- (pl 82.5). There will also be a **440 repeater on the same site**, 442.500+ (82.5) going up there soon. Thanks to Dave W2ACC and Dean for these upgrades. This project is nearing completion.

ARRL is starting a new podcast geared to those new to amateur radio.

## So Now What?

ARRL is launching a new bi-weekly podcast geared to those who are just getting started on their Amateur Radio adventure. Whether you're new to the hobby or looking to get back on the air after an absence, we know that you've got lots of questions.



So does podcast co-host Michelle Patnode, W3MVP, ARRL communications content producer. Fortunately, she's got co-host Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, W1AW station manager and ARRL Lab member, to help her learn more about this hobby.

Join Michelle and Joe as they explore the topics that every newcomer to amateur radio needs to know.

Click [here](#) for the latest episode.

You can **subscribe** to the podcast in Apple iTunes or on Stitcher (sign in or use as a guest). If you are using an RSS client, the feed URL

is: [feeds.blubrry.com/feeds/arrlnowwhat.xml](https://feeds.blubrry.com/feeds/arrlnowwhat.xml)

**Scroll down for the podcast episode archive.**

**QUESTIONS?**

Do you have a question for Joe or Michelle? Click here ([sonowwhat@arrl.org](mailto:sonowwhat@arrl.org)) to e-mail your question, or use the form below, and we will try to answer it on a future podcast episode!

**Credits:**

- Co-hosts: Michelle Patnode, W3MVP, and Joe Carcia, NJ1Q
- Announcer: Sabrina Jackson, KC1JMW, ARRL Radiosport administrative Manager
- Audio Editor/Producer: Michelle Patnode, W3MVP
- Executive Producer: David Isgur, N1RSN, ARRL Communications Manager
- Theme Music: "Jungle Island" from [PremiumBeat.com](http://PremiumBeat.com)
- Logo designed by: Sue Fagan, KB1OKW, graphic design supervisor at ARRL

Below is the information on ordering **SIARC shirts and hats**.

Hello all,

Below is the information I spoke of for Club Shirts, etc. You would deal directly with the vendor in Victor. If several of you want to get together for the orders of 12 or more pieces, Shane will look at the pricing and see what he can do. I would be happy to pick up your orders and deliver them at a club meeting if that helps out.

73

Tom Sanders, KB2NCI

Ontario County ARES/RACES

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All pricing is based on a quantity of 5 pieces or less.

Navy t-shirts with left chest and full back print = \$30.00 each

Navy t-shirts with a left chest print only = \$25.00 each

Navy Baseball hat with logo on front and name and call sign on back = \$25.00

Navy polo with left chest logo and name and call sign on right chest = \$40.00

Please note the pricing above is for small - extra large clothing only. Add \$3.00 for 2xl and large.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Best Regards,

Shane P. Maher



Office:585-924-5118

[Apparel Printers Plus Web Page](#)

Drumlins ARC has started a weekly weather/rag chew net on the WA2AAZ 146.745- (pl 71.9) repeater. It is held on Tuesdays at 7pm and is open to all. Check in and see what is happening.

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 click on Useful Links to find a quick reference. You can also go to [www.unyrepco.org](http://www.unyrepco.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.

If you travel, look at [www.repeaterbook.com](http://www.repeaterbook.com) for lots of repeater information. They have an app for your phone that shows repeaters within 50 miles of where you are. And for scanner listeners, go to [www.radioreference.com](http://www.radioreference.com) for nationwide information.

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. Dave's 220MHz 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).

From Dave, W2ACC

"There is a **220 net** on Tuesday night 7:00 pm and three nets on Friday night. 7:00 pm is the Syracuse world net followed by Tech net and the a swap net My 220 is tied into all of them along with KA2NDW and KD2SL

My 900 MHz repeater is up and running"

927.212	902.212
5	5

With an 82.5 tone

All are welcome

73

Dave

W2ACC

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 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
146.745- (71.9) WA2AAZ	Tuesdays, 7pm Drumlins ARC Weather Net
146.610- (110.9) N2MPE	Thursdays (except 4 <sup>th</sup> ) 9pm Monroe County RACES net
3993.5kHz LSB	Sundays at 9am New York State RACES net

## Club/RACES Repeaters

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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

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August is a good month for vacations and travel. I will be leaving tomorrow for a few days and have programmed my mobile and portable radios for repeaters along the way. I also make sure to include the National 2 meter calling Frequency, 146.520 FM simplex, in the scan rotation. I hear hams from time to time but plan on doing some calling this time myself to see what I can catch. When you do that, be sure to give your call a few times and that you are monitoring. That gives the operator who is scanning a chance to find you and



reply. Also, is it good to use phonetics from time to time as the signal may fade a bit. Happy "Fishing". Finally, don't be afraid to answer the call.

So, enjoy the summer, family and ham radio, and not necessarily always in that order.

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

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.