



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
Since October 7, 1953

Smoke Signal

September 2014

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Hello all, and so long to summer. Went fast didn't it? Hopefully, September will still be nice.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 10, at 7:30 in the Ontario County Safety Training Center, 2914 County Road 48, Canandaigua, following the VE testing session at 6:30pm. Our program will be from a member of the local Red Cross and the topic will be Emergency Preparedness. All are welcome.

We will also have election of officers for the next year. All positions are open for nomination and we welcome all of them. We will be electing:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Four Directors

Our thoughts and prayers go out the family of Harold "Lee" Schutt, WA2LEE, who became a Silent Key on August 12 due to a tragic automobile accident. Lee was always there at each event, meeting and work crew. His smile, laugh, generosity and talents will be sorely missed by us all. The club is administering a 4H campership fund in Lee's name, so any donations you would like to make will be used to sponsor youth to attend Camp Bristol Hills. Rest in Peace, Lee. Dit dit dit, dah dit dah.

Past Events

On August 2, the club enjoyed a very nice pot luck picnic at the home of John and Linda Park in Gorham. The weather held out quite well and we all enjoyed the fellowship and food. Thank you very much John and Linda.

On August 23, we had our quarterly (a little late this month) breakfast and we had a great showing of 16 and I look forward to the next one in October.

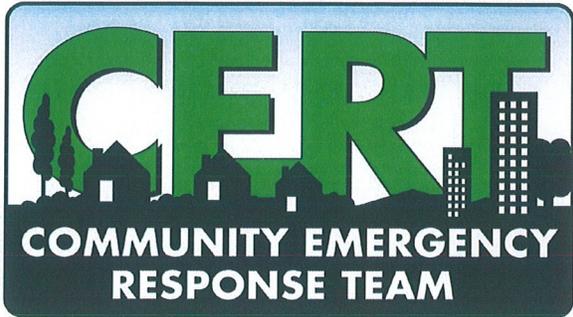
Upcoming Events

Our next VE Session will be held at 6:30pm, before our meeting, and Dave AB2WZ is always looking for Volunteer Examiners. Contact Dave at d1161f@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 to be present. The Drumlins ARC offers VE sessions on the even months. Contact WD2STK for testing or to help as a VE.

The **Finger Lakes Triathlon** is this coming Sunday morning and we are supporting the safety communications for the event. We have just enough operators at this time, but if you have not signed up and are interested in helping, please contact me this week to put your name in the hat. Experience is not required and it is a fun way to get on the radio and help a great cause. The event raises money for the Mary Gooley Hemophilia organization in Rochester. There will be over 1000 participants and they really appreciate our help. Contact Tom KB2NCI at kb2nci@arrl.net or 585-924-0752 if interested.

I encourage all of you to sign up for the CERT training being offered by the EMO. It will be a great way to enhance your ability to help you, your family and community.
See below.



Ontario County Community Emergency Response Team

**Classes begin
Tuesday, September 23, 2014**

C.E.R.T. TRAINING IS COMING TO Ontario County – SIGN UP NOW!

The Ontario County Emergency Management Office is proud to present this training to the public.

Following a major disaster, police, fire and medical professionals may not be able to fully meet the demand. People will have to rely on each other to meet the immediate life saving and life sustaining needs, particularly in isolated neighborhoods that may be cut off from the main roads for a period of time.

The Ontario County Community Emergency Response Team Program was developed to provide basic training in safety and lifesaving skills for the general public.

The course curriculum will cover the following modules:

Emergency Preparedness	CERT Organization
Fire Safety	Disaster Psychology
Emergency Medical Operations – Part 1	Terrorism and CERT
Emergency Medical Operations – Part 2	Course Review and Disaster Simulation
Light Search and Rescue Operations	

The training course will be presented as a series of seven Tuesday evening classes and one Saturday AM.

**Tuesday September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28, November 4th.
6:30pm – 9pm**

**Saturday November 8th
8:30am – 11am**

C.E.R.T. training is offered free of charge

To enroll please contact:

Ontario County Emergency Management Office at 585-396-4310. Students must complete all 20 hours of the course to receive the certificate of completion. All students must be at least 18 years of age.

In October, we have the Pumpkin Patrol on the 30th and 31st. Along with members from the Drumlins ARC, we post at the bridges that cross the Thruway in Ontario County. The shifts run from 8pm to midnight both nights and we just watch out to make sure there is not any mischief that may compromise the safety of the traffic. This event brings hams together the whole length of I-90 in New York, has been in operation for more than 2 decades and is sanctioned by the Thruway division of the New York State Police. Contact Dave KB2KBY, kb2kby@rochester.rr.com if you can help. You can volunteer for one or both nights.

Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: the ARRL Centennial QSO Party continues throughout 2014 (see www.arrl.org for details), qso parties in Tennessee, Arkansas, Washington State, Maine and Texas, Indiana Parks and Ohio State Parks on the Air, the Peanut Power Sprint and many other events. See the September QST page 81 or the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

Odd and Ends

The W2ONT Geneva repeater on 147.090 (110.9) is back on the air and is now linked to the W2ONT 442.200 (110.9) repeater, This will allow for coverage from Geneva and to the west. Give them a try and let us know how they work for you. Thanks to Dave W2ACC, Steve KD2OM, Dave AB2WZ, Steve WB2VMR, and John KD2GTA for their efforts in this.

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.

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 amateur radio.

Nets

145.450 (110.9) W2ONT training net	Sundays 8pm Ontario County RACES/ARES
146.685 (no tone) WA2EMO	Sundays 8:45pm Wayne County RACES net
146.610 (110.9) N2MPE RACES net	Thursdays (except 4 th) 9pm Monroe County
3993.5kHz LSB	New York State RACES net

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
WA2BQT D-Star hot spot 444.300+ Geneva City Hall

President's Thoughts

As mentioned above, we lost a good friend in Lee. I have many fond memories of him and our times together and it just reminds me of how quickly we can lose a friend or loved one. I know you have heard this before, but don't take them for granted. Savor the moments with them. We have many such relationships in our group. We are lucky.

Please be sure your contact information is up to date with Stan. Upon Lee's passing, we had difficulty in reaching some members by phone as numbers had changed.

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.

