



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
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Hello to all and I am sorry to see August leave. I don't have to tell you what the changing of the calendar means.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at the Safety Training Center, 2914 County Road 48, Canandaigua. There will be a VE testing session at 6:30, followed by the meeting at 7:30pm. All are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting, as we will hold the Election of Officers for the next 12 months. ALL positions are open for nomination: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Four Directors. This is your club and your participation is encouraged. We will also view a video of the Keynote Address from the 100th anniversary convention for the ARRL by Craig Fugate, KK4INZ, FEMA director. We will also sell \$3 raffle tickets for the 2nd edition of the ARRL Emergency Power for Radio Communications. The raffle for this \$28 book will be a nice addition to your library and help raise money for the club. See you at the meeting!!

Past Events

August 8 brought the latest Western New York area Hospital drill, which entailed the activation of our EOC, Thompson Hospital, Geneva General Hospital, and Clifton Springs Hospital. We passed messages between the four locations and also the groups in Wayne and Monroe Counties. It was very successful and as usual, we learned a few new things about the digital transmission of information. More training to come.

August 20 was the date for the Red Cross Run for the Red, held in Canandaigua around the VA campus and Sonnenberg Gardens. After the

rain stopped, the event went off very well and without incident. Their numbers were down from last year, but all had a good time. Our members that participated were: KA2HQZ, KD2GTA, WB2VMR, W2ACC, N2IZV, W2WES, KD2AUH, N2EZY, K2VJK, W2WDS, WBGGM plus grandson Carter (maybe a new ham soon!!), WA2SSJ, KC2TCM, KB2NCI. WD2STK actually ran in the event (Great Job Sabrina!) but we did not hear from her on the radio. The Red Cross really appreciates our involvement and contribution to this event.

Finally, we had our annual Picnic at my home on August 29. I believe all had a great time and got enough to eat. The afternoon and evening was very pleasant. I always enjoy this event as it gives us time to just get to know each other a little better. Hope to see more of you next year.

Upcoming Events

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 are at 14, so we could use a couple more). We will meet for breakfast (optional attendance) at 0530 at Dennys, 160 Eastern Blvd, Canandaigua and then proceed to our meeting spot (Schooners Restaurant, 407 Lakeshore Drive) at 0630, then deploy to our positions. The first swimmers enter the water at 0715 and we are usually done by 1300. Handhelds work in most positions, but having access to your mobile rigs is helpful. Emails to those who have signed up will go out by September 7th. Contact KB2NCI 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: All Asian DX contest, QSO parties in Colorado, Arkansas, Ohio State Parks on the Air, South Carolina, Washington State Salmon Run and Texas, plus September VHF contest, Hurricane Katrina remembrances, National POW-MIA Recognition, Indiana State Parks on the Air and many others. See the September QST pages 81 and 94 for 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.

---Finger Lakes Triathlon, September 13

---Pumpkin Patrol, October 30 and 31—contact KB2KBY if you would like help out. It entails watching over a Thruway bridge in your car from 2000 to 2400. Easy public service event.

John KD2GTA and Wes W2WES are working on organizing a trip to the Dayton Hamvention for next May 20-21, 2016. They are finalizing hotel reservations this week, so please let them know NOW if you would like to go with us. I am looking forward to my first Hamvention and I know we will all have a great time. I understand someone is bringing a trailer, just in case he finds the BIG deal. Let me know if you would like to be in touch with Wes or John.

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 fundraiser for the club as well.

Mark your calendars for the October and November meetings. We will have a couple of special guest speakers. October will be Paul K2FX and his role as an Official Observer for the ARRL and November will be Steve W2LC on his role as the Western New York Section Traffic Manager. Steve is a former Section manager and will have many interesting topics to convey. Members and guests are welcome.

End of the year Hamfests:

----Lancaster on September 12
----Elmira on September 26

RACES and ARES

If you have not noticed, the 145.450 repeater works MUCH better than before, thanks to the new antenna and feedline. Nice improvement. This is what went in the County Administrator's newsletter:

*EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT*The primary RACES VHF repeater on Gannett Hill finally has a new antenna and feedline. After unsuccessful attempts to retain a tower contractor for a price within the RACES budget, county Buildings and Grounds handled the installation t as part of its continuing support of Emergency Management. And it works - the signal's stronger than ever from the repurposed Sheriff's repeater, providing a commercial grade, off-the-grid, backup communications capability for the county. Many thanks from all the RACES volunteers to the Buuildings and Grounds crew for getting this done. Thanks...

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Once again, 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. If you have ANY questions, feel free to contact me with kb2nci@arrl.net or 585-924-0752.

Odd and Ends

Effective 9-1-15, the WA2EMO 146.685- and WA2AAZ 146.745- repeaters in Wayne County will have an encode pl of 71.9. This was done to reduce the interference caused to and from other repeaters on the same frequencies in hearing range of each other. According to Dave W2ACC, UNYREPCO (the repeater coordinating body for our area) will be requiring all repeaters to have a pl, as the repeater congestion continues. If you need help programming these tones into your radio, please contact me and I find someone to help you.

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.

John KD2GTA, will be presenting at the next meeting, a proposal for the purchase of club shirts.

Nets

145.450- (110.9) W2ONT training net	Sundays 8pm Ontario County RACES/ARES
146.685- (71.9) WA2EMO	Sundays 8:35pm 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 Sundays at 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—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

As you have heard for many years, since winter is approaching, now is a good time to finish up those outside projects (yes, even around the house!). It is said that antennas put up in a snowstorm work better, but I am not fond of freezing my fingers off, so I will put up with the compromise. Since my multi band AlphaDelta antenna came down this summer for some roof work, I plan on putting up an Off Center Fed Dipole, which I heard works well. I hope so. I miss being on HF from time to time. I hope to also be able to get on the State HF nets too.

I had a great time yesterday with the picnic at my house. My wife did a great job of doing most of the cleaning while I did the cooking. It was great

to see so many of my friends here and I look forward to seeing you all at the September meeting.

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

73, Tom Sanders KB2NCI

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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.