



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club

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Smoke Signal

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Hello everyone and welcome to Labor Day weekend. I believe we have had some very nice days this summer, but this weekend has got to be one of the best in my book. I just hope we get some rain/precipitation this winter.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 14 at 7:30pm at the Safety Training Center, 2914 County Road 48, Canandaigua. We will follow the session of the Laurel VE testing at 6:30pm. We will have elections of officers for next year and the program will be by Scott, N2UMH, on RACES and ARES. I invite all to attend, step for nominations and enjoy the program.

Past Events

After a break in club activities for August, we are back at it for September and beyond.

The Drumlins ARC held a special event station at the Sodus Point Lighthouse for the Lighthouse weekend. Maybe we can get a report from those that attended. I am sure they have fun.

Upcoming Events

Our **next VE Session** will be held at 6:30pm, on September 14, 2016, 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.

Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: QSO parties in Colorado, Tennessee (maybe you can catch KB2TNL), New Jersey, New Hampshire, Washington State, Maine and Texas, the ARRL VHF contest, ARRL EME contest, and many others. See the September QST pages 92 and 98 and the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

The **Finger Lakes Triathlon** (our big local event we support!) is Sunday, September 11, 2016. After breakfast (usually at Dennys at 0530 on your own), we meet at Schooners around 0630 to get our maps, and assignments then depart at 0700 for stations. The first Intermediate swimmers enter the water at the old Steamboat Landing at 0730 and are usually on the bike course (24.5 miles) around 0800. The Sprint course participants enter after the first wave is done and their bike course is 14 miles. The last part is the run course, which goes along Lakeshore Blvd toward and out and back on the pier. Our part of the event is usually over by 1300. We will need at least 14 operators, (mostly with handheld radio) cover all the posts. **We have all posts covered at this time, but if you would like to help out, contact me** at kb2nci@arrl.net . It is a great event for anyone new to public service. This event supports the Mary Gooley Hemophilia Center

RACES and ARES

Scott, N2UMH, is looking for a few mentors for the Emergency Communications on line course that RACES will be supporting. The student does the class on line and there is an on line mentor, but Scott would like some of us to meet with the group on a couple of Saturday mornings to help with any areas of need. Contact him at n2umh@yahoo.com if interested.

If you do not have your Disaster Lan user name and password, contact Dave AB2WZ at ab2wz@aol.com . You do not want to find out at the wrong time that you do not have it.

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

For the September 18 training net, I will be operating from the EOC as W2ONT and we will practice operating simplex. We have not done a simplex net for a while, so it will be a good lesson. We will begin the check-ins on the regular repeater, and then have each station do a re-check on 146.580 simplex. All are welcome to check in to test your simplex capability.

Other Upcoming Public Service Events that will need our communications assistance are:

Finger Lakes Triathlon, Canandaigua, September 11

Canal Days Parade, Palmyra, September 17, contact kb2kby@rochester.rr.com

Barktoberfest, Lollypop Farm, September 24, see www.rochesterham.org, click on Public Service

Pumpkin Patrol, October 30 and 31. Contact kb2kby@rochester.rr.com

Wineglass Marathon, Bath to Corning, NY, October 2—see www.ccares.info for more information and to volunteer. It appears they will need many hams for this event. See www.wineglassmarathon.com for event details. I am planning on helping out, so you can also see me for volunteer information.

Odd and Ends

As stated above, we will be holding club elections at the September meeting and all positions are open. If you are interested in helping YOUR club, please get your name nominated for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Board of Directors. You too can have a voice in our activities!

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.

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.

Check out www.dstarusers.org and 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.

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.

The New York QSO Party is coming up on October 15 this year. See www.nyqp.org for details. We have sponsored two plaques in the past, neither of which was won in 2015, so they will carry over to this year. They are the Mobile CW High Power plaque, in the name of the club, and the Mobile Multi One Mixed Mode High Power plaque, in the memory of Ernie Brown, K2BWK. I hope you can find time to participate in this contest.

Do you like programs? So do I but we do run out of ideas. If you have an idea for an interesting program, please contact the speaker (or present it yourself) and see me about scheduling it. I am sure with all the membership and varied interests, we can find some programs.

Nets

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 th) 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 th Tuesday 7pm

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
KD2HVC D-Star	444.300+ Stanley
KD2HYJ D-Star	444.500 (no offset) Victor hot spot—very local coverage for now

President's Thoughts

As we start another SIARC year, I would like to invite each of you to get more involved with the club and its activities. We did a lot of fun stuff this past 12 months. There were several public service events, Field Day, National Parks on the Air, lots of on the air contesting and just plain rag chewing on the repeaters and HF bands. Everything you do with the hobby enhances your knowledge of it and better prepares you for helping out in a disaster, small or large. Your on-air time also familiarizes you with the local hams and their capabilities and interests. We also are very fortunate to have the great support of the county Emergency Management Office. It has not always been that way. Enjoy the fall and get your station ready for the upcoming winter.

Finally, welcome to some new faces this past few months: Bob, Bill, Riley, Dan, Keith, Bob and Chris. I look forward to seeing you and getting to know you better. Please let us know what your interests are and what you need assistance with.

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.

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.