



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club

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Smoke Signal

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Cannot believe I am writing the September issue! I trust the rest of the year until November will be nice.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11 at 7:30pm at the Safety Training Center, 2914 CR 48, Canandaigua. It will follow the 6:30 Laurel VE testing session. Because September is National Preparedness Month, I will be doing a short program on that topic. All are welcome and I hope to see you there.

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

Past Events

Our quarterly breakfast was held on August 17 and we had 12 in attendance. A little smaller than usual, but not bad for summer. See you in November.

Upcoming Events

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). We have nearly all of our posts covered, so if you want to help, you still can. Contact Tom KB2NCI if you can help.

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

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

September 14, Canal Town Days parade, Palmyra, contact KB2KBY if you can help

October 6, Wineglass Marathon, Bath

October 30 and 31, Pumpkin Patrol, Thruway bridges

DARC & SIARC Members:

It is that time of the year again! The summers fly by faster than I wish. Reality check for sure. Hi.

Well, to the business at hand. There is the Canal Town Days Parade setup Saturday Sept 14th, 2:00PM at the SE corner of West Jackson St & Stafford St. I will be missing two faithful volunteers who are working at the Palmyra VFW with a wedding. SO, please, consider helping. Usually KD2DNO and I are ANCS/NCS. We need an op with a good HT headset for the downtown viewing stand (It is a very noisy environment.), and 4-5 ops for the parade setup from the intersection back thru the Community Center and fairgrounds.

Please contact me (KB2KBY), if you can help. The parade setup is better organized so a good HT with battery is enough but a ear-set of some kind helps for the setup as it can get noisy too. Usually there is parking on West Jackson St near the intersection. TNX.

73 & 88, Dave kb2kby@rochester.rr.com

Our **next VE Session** will be held at the September 11 meeting at 6:30pm. Contact Russ at 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: QSO parties in Tennessee, Nebraska, Texas, Alabama, Iowa, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Washington, Maine, the Collegiate QSO party, North American Sprint (CW and RTTY), ARRL VHF contest, and many others. See the September QST pages 80 and 91 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

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. These two projects are still on the docket for this year.

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 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

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 get into the Safety Training Center during the weekday hours, please say hello to the new face behind the desk. It is Mary Clarke and she has replaced Connie French, who retired. Mary keeps the calendar of uses of the building and makes sure we always have a spot for our meetings. Welcome her to the building.

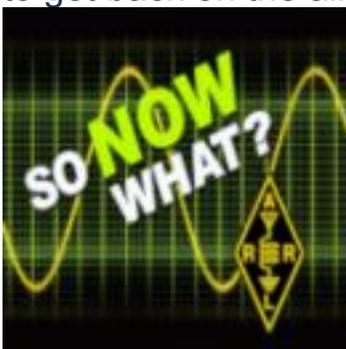
If you have an idea for programs for the meetings, please let me know. October will have Dave KC2DQS speaking on 3D Printers 101, and in November, Scott N2UMH will talk about Cyber Security.

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. The tower is up and the radios should be on the air in September.

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

Scroll down for the podcast episode archive.

QUESTIONS?

Do you have a question for Joe or Michelle? Click here (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](https://www.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 and click on Useful Links to find a quick reference. You can also go to www.unyrepco.org and 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 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 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 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 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

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 th) 9pm Monroe County RACES net
3993.5kHz LSB	Sundays at 9am 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
KD2HVC D-Star	444.300+ Stanley
KD2HYJ D-Star	444.500 (no offset) Victor hot spot—very local coverage for now

President's Thoughts

Hello to September and the post Labor Day woes. Summer does go very fast, doesn't it? That just means it is time to enjoy the fall colors; we will still have some nice days (September and October are usually my favorite months) and get your system ready for the winter weather sure to come. September also brings our annual election of officers, which all members of the club are eligible for. Aren't you getting tired of seeing the same old faces and hearing the same old voices during the meetings? Don't you have some new ideas for how to liven up the club? Now is the time to stick that hand in the air (at the meeting of course) to get nominated for any of the positions. They are all up for grabs. This is not to say, that the current slate of officers has not done a very good job, but some new blood is healthy for any organization. Anyway, please don't be afraid to volunteer for a position. We all (including yourself) will be happy you did!

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.

