



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
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Hello and Happy New Year 2013, and off to the start of another great year for amateur radio. I look forward to all the fun meetings and events that we will see. I hope each and every one of you can attend everything.

For 2013, we will be trying something different for the meeting times. Our meetings will officially begin at 7:30pm, instead of 7pm. On odd months, Dave AB2WZ and the VE team will be holding testing sessions at 6:30pm on the same night as the meeting. This will allow the candidates a chance to see an amateur radio club meeting in action and maybe join our group. We will have welcome kits available at the sessions also. This will replace the previously scheduled testing session days. **So, remember the meetings will start at 7:30pm.** All are welcome before hand, just be aware the testing may still be going on.

Past Events

On December 1, Steve WB2VMR and myself, went to the National Weather Service in Buffalo to help activate the amateur radio station, WX2BUF, for Skywarn Recognition Day. This annual event showcases the ham radio community and its support of the weather service during severe weather events. We had a great time and had plenty to eat and see at the office. Steve manned the HF station and I the VHF and many contacts were made. Our host, Judy N2TEZ, was appreciative of our continued support and gave us each a nice thank you gift, an NWS attaché. I hope that more can participate next year.

Last month, we held our annual Christmas party and again it was at the AWA center on Routes 5 and 20. We had about twenty members and guests and plenty of food and fellowship to enjoy. Our host, Ron W2FUI, gave us a very nice update on the ongoing progress at the new building and showed us many of the new items that have been

donated from around the country to a very fine historical museum of radio. We are very fortunate to have this in our own county. My daughter thought that the museum was "neat" and she would like to help out there. She got me a membership for Christmas so we will see where that takes us.

Upcoming Events

This coming Sunday, January 6, will be a Kids Day event at the EOC. We will begin set up of stations in Room 1 around 9am so we can operate an HF station or two and some VHF/D-Star radios also. Depending on how many kids come, we can practice using the EOC and other radios. It will give us time to learn about the rigs of others. I will have some simple kits for kids to build. So let me know if you would like to help and we can arrange our needs. You can even bring your own kids or grandkids. We will operate from noon to 4pm. See <http://www.arrl.org/kids-day> for more details. We will be meeting for breakfast at Dennys on Eastern Blvd at 8am.

The January meeting will include a swap meet. Bring any items you would like to sell and help to clean out your shack a little. The club will request a donation of 10%. Here is a list of what I believe is coming at this time. I am sure there will be more.

Yaesu FP 30 internal Power Supply for FT-897D \$175
Yaesu FC 40 remote antenna tuner for FT 857D and FT 897D \$225
Asus Desktop computer and Notebook computer and Accessories \$125
MFJ older 8621 2 meter data radio w/144.39 crystals (needs alignment) \$ 75
MFJ newer 8621B 2 meter data radio w/144.39 crystals(ready to go) \$ 95
2 Argent OT2m trackers \$ 60 each
ALINCO DR-M06 TH, 6M FM Transceiver \$150.00
MFJ Mod. MFJ-945E, HF Tuner \$ 75.00
CUSHCRAFT 6M Ringo Base Antenna \$ 50.00
GENERAL ELECTRIC Power supply 13vdc, 7 Amp continuous \$ 20.00
ICOM- UHF FM Transceiver mod. IC-47A, 70 CM (needs work) \$ 50.00
GE 440 UHF Transceiver, 16 Channel, works good \$ 15.00

Our next breakfast meeting will be on Saturday, January 19 at the Villager Restaurant, 245 South Main St, Canandaigua. We will meet for breakfast at 8:30am and there will be a short Board of Directors meeting (all are welcome to attend, members or not) at 8am. If you have not done so, please let me know by January 9th if you are attending so I can let the restaurant know how many we expect. See you there!

In February, we will be getting a tour of the 911 center on Ontario Street. The new center is not open yet, but Dave KC2VQZ was able to get us scheduled to see the old one. I think we will be able to see the new center when it opens so we will be able to compare the two. I believe we have a spot for RACES there so that will be nice to see. So, keep the 13th open for that. We will NOT meet at the EOC that night.

As of this time, there is a Skywarn training class scheduled for March 7, 2013. Details to follow.

Contests and Special Events this month include: RTTY Roundup, Kids Day, Michigan QRP contest, North American QSO Party, DARC 10 meter contest, VHF contest, Winter Field Day, and many others. See the January QST page 87 or the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

A reminder that dues are payable in September for the next club year. \$10 per year, \$14 for family or \$100 for Life membership. See Stan to pay your dues.

Odds and End

A reminder to renew your ARRL membership thru 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.

The next VE testing will be on January 9th at 6:30pm (as described above). See the SIARC website for details. You can also contact Dave AB2WZ at d1161f@aol.com for information on becoming a VE.

The Drumlins ARC will be holding exams on the even months. Contact Sabrina WD2STK at wd2stk@yahoo.com for details.

See the Radio Reference website at www.radioreference.com/apps/db/ for interesting information on all sorts of radio related items. There are areas for public service, ham

radio and live feeds for all over the country. It is fun to watch the changes in public service frequencies as all agencies ramp up for the new requirements to conserve bandwidth, and it helps you listen to our fine emergency services personnel.

We are still working on the weekly Saturday night (10pm) net on the 145.450. Mark your calendar for the time and I look forward to talking to you there. We will keep trying to get this going. It has been kinda slow, must be the holidays.

Nets

145.450 (110.9) W2ONT	Saturdays 10pm Ragchew net (no name yet)
145.450 (110.9) W2ONT	Sundays 8pm Ontario County RACES/ARES training net
146.685 (no tone) WA2EMO	Sundays 8:45pm Wayne County RACES net
146.610 (110.9) N2MPE	Thursdays (except 4 th) 9pm Monroe County ARES net
3993.5 kHz LSB State RACES net	Sundays 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
W2ONT 147.090+ (110.9) Geneva City Hall

D-Star is up and running well. Get on and try it. There is a very good introduction on D-Star on www.dstarinfo.com from the Dayton Hamvention in May. It is a three part video of the presentation given by John Davis, WB4QDX, from the Georgia D-Star association. If you look closely, you will notice one of our D-Star experts from the area in the audience. Check it out.

Officer Biography

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I attended Monroe Community College and The University of Rochester as a biology major. I reside in the Town of West Bloomfield with my wife Rita and Son (RJ) Ray KC2OHL. I operated locally in the aggregate hauling business for 40 years. I got into Ham Radio with my son a little over 6 years ago. Along with collecting vintage radio equipment, we are both avid DX chasers and are closing in on nearly 300 different entities documented. Other interests include owning, flying and the restoration of airplanes, antique farm tractors and associated implements, pinball, jukebox, and other coin operated

machines from the past, and the ever on going restoration and maintenance of a classic 1923 Lindeman Player Piano with many hundreds of original period rolls. Before the Great Depression there were over 100 acoustical piano manufacturers in the US and the depression along with the advent of commercial radio brought all but for a handful to extinction. I love preserving items of the past.

President's Thoughts

Again, Happy New Year to all of you and your families. We enter another roller coaster year for our government and society: Jobs, health care, environment, and many more concerns. There are lots of distractions from the important things in life, like family and ham radio. Seriously though, amateur radio is always on the radar for loss of spectrum. We need to be vigilant and support the efforts to preserve what we have. You can donate to spectrum defense funds and other organizations, but often the best way to help is to use what we have and use it often. There are many repeaters in our area (some of them ours) that get little or no use and sit quiet much of the time. Most of us have radios in our cars and just calling out your availability for a qso if often enough to get into one. Remember to do it safely. Many of us have rigs in our homes that sit idle. Many complain that some HF bands are dead because they don't hear anything on them. But, sometimes all it takes is a little CQ CQ and you will find the propagation is there. So, give it try and help keep our great hobby GREAT.

Recently, there was a thread on the ARRL pr newsletter about how to promote amateur radio. I believe it was Ward Silver, N0AX, that said he uses a three word introduction to explain our hobby: Service, Science and Skill. Simple, but true.

Remember, the meetings will officially begin at 7:30pm.
Go forth and communicate!

73, Tom KB2NCI