



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
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Smoke Signal

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Wow, October already and we had our first fire in the stove last night. Felt good, though. I don't relish the thought of that four letter word beginning with "s", but the seasons do come and we cannot stop them. All we can do is prepare for them. And that is what we amateurs do, prepare. It has been a very nice past few months and it looks like we got the rain we needed in September to keep us from getting thirsty.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10th at 7pm at the Safety Training Center. Our program is slated to be by Bob W2CNS, talking about his recent trip to Europe and the EME Convention.

Past Events

September 9th was the Finger Lakes Triathlon and we provided safety communications support for the event. 12 members and John's wife, Linda, (we should get her vetted as a RACES member!) participated that day (N2UMH, AB2WZ, WA2LEE, WA2SSJ, W2RVS, KB2NCI, WD2STK, KC2TCM, KD2AUH, WB2VMR, WB2GGM, AC2HK) and the Mary Gooley Hemophilia Center was very appreciative of our efforts and assistance. Thank you to all that helped!! We look forward to being part of it again in 2013.

On September 12, Ontario County RACES worked with the Emergency Management Office in a weather related drill to test the functionality of video conferencing between the town halls in Geneva and Victor. 5 members helped at the EMO, Geneva and Victor town halls. We had a chance to work with Disaster Lan again and become more familiar with that program. The EMO will be depending on us to help with D-Lan and the data entry during a disaster. The plan is to do some over the air training with our group this fall and winter. See Scott or John if you need the access information to D-Lan.

Upcoming Events

Our next breakfast will be Saturday, October 13, at the Villager Restaurant, South Main St, Canandaigua. We will be having our Board of Directors Meeting at 8am and the breakfast meeting at 8:30. All are welcome to both. Please let me know (if you have not already) if you are coming. Thanks, Tom KB2NCI

PUMPKIN PATROL 2012-OCTOBER 30th & 31st

It is Pumpkin Patrol time once again and volunteers are needed. The Squaw Island and Drumlins ARCs are once again working together to cover the 9 'posts' covering all the bridges of the Thruway in Ontario County. Help will be needed both nights of **OCTOBER 30th and 31st, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY nights** on the bridges from 8:00PM to midnight. (You need to arrive prior to that time, please.) The Ontario County RACES position will be manned as NCS for the two nights, also.

Volunteers are needed for the bridge sitting of the 18 posts (9 posts/night)!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Between the two ARC memberships it is hoped enough volunteers would give their time so any one volunteer would have to bridge sit one night at a bridge! If you can only volunteer one night, please, specify which one night. You may volunteer for both nights of course and those 'both-nighters' usually have the same bridge, if needed. Volunteers are located as close to their QTH as possible. But the earlier you volunteer that 'job' becomes easier to do. Please call or e-mail Scott, N2UMH, or Dave, KB2KBY to volunteer for the Pumpkin Patrol 2012. The earlier you volunteer you could grab the night you wish. Contact Scott or Dave as soon as you can.

When you volunteer, PLEASE, give the PLATE NUMBER of the vehicle you will be using. The plate number helps the local Police, Sheriff and Troop 'E' agencies know better who you are and why you are there. Bridge watchers need materials 'snail' mailed to them provided by Troop 'T' and Dave prior by Friday or Saturday. The quicker the "posts" are covered the materials can be sent out. (Dave does the mailing.) As a convenience to Scott, if you can, contact Dave, KB2KBY, as I am the coordinator with Troop 'T' for the Pumpkin Patrol and I am the retired one with more time, supposedly. Ha!

73 & 88,

Scott (Teresi) N2UMH, Ontario County ARES E.C.; 585-314-8429/n2umh(at)yahoo.com

Dave (Taylor) KB2KBY, Wayne County ARES E.C. ; 315-597-4293/kb2kby(at)rochester.rr.com

Contact Dave or Scott if you would like to help. There has not been one incident on Thruway overpasses since this program began several years ago.

Contests and Special Events this month include: State QSO parties in Arizona, California, Illinois, Iowa, NEW YORK, Pennsylvania, many QRP contests, Worked All China (brand new contest), Oceania DX CW contest, W/VE Islands QSO party, CQ worldwide Phone contest and many more See QST for more or the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

As stated above, the NYS QSO party is this month (October 20th) and the website is www.nyqp.org for details. Get on the air and support your state QSO party.

Also of note, there are now FOUR sections in the province of Ontario. They are: ONN (Ontario North), ONE (Ontario East), ONS (Ontario South) and GTA (Greater Toronto Area). The contest programmers have been notified, but check your own software for the update. See page 80 of the October QST.

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.

Upcoming Events: we are slated to hear from Deb Trickey, EMS Coordinator, on the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program in Ontario County in November, Our Christmas party will be held at the AWA again (Thanks Ron and Stan for your support), January Swap meet, Planning for the 60th Anniversary of the club special event station.

Odds and End

We have been trying to start a rag chew informal net on Saturday nights at 10pm on the 145.450 repeater. It must be a hard time for people to remember, as the turn out has been very small. Is there a better time for more of you? Let me know and we can see if we can get this going. We have lots of infrastructure in the county and we should be using it more. As they say, Use it or Lose it.

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 November 7th. 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.

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 4th) 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.

President's Thoughts

Thank you for your support this past year and for the next 12 months.

I would like to thank the outgoing board for their help this past year and welcome the incoming board. Together we can continue to make the club better and more fun and informative. It was suggested that we have our board of director meetings before the quarterly breakfasts, so the first will be on October 13. All are welcome to attend and participate and be active in YOUR club.

Your officers for the next year are:

Board of Directors:

Dave AB2WZ, Jay KC2TCM, Dave AC2HK, Dave KB2KBY (as Liaison between Drumlins ARC and SIARC),

Secretary, Ray AB2UY, Treasurer, Stan WM3D, Vice President, Scott N2UMH and
President, Tom KB2NCI. Contact any of us with suggestions. Let us hear from you.
Have, Fun, Talk Up Ham Radio and 73,
Tom KB2NCI