



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
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Hello October! , only three more months of 2013. I cannot complain about the nice weather we have experienced this year. Even with the wet spring and June, it has been a very nice summer. It is much quieter around our house with only one child left here. I hope you have a nice fall.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 9 at 7:30pm. Please bring your QSL card collection so we can hear about it and see all the cool places you have communicated with.

I would like to have a board of directors meeting at 6:30pm that night. All are welcome.

Our condolences go out to Dave KB2KBY on the loss of his brother, Bob, N2MLD, this past Saturday. I am sure he will be missed by many.

Past Events

We supported the Finger Lakes Triathlon again, this year on Sunday September 8. The day began early with breakfast at 5:45am and then off to the parking lot at Schooners for assignments and volunteer shirt handout. The following hams participated: W2KRH, net control, AC2HK, AB2WZ, WA2LEE, WB2GGM, WB2VMR, WA2SSJ and wife Linda who assisted at NCS, KA2HQZ, KD2EHU, KC2LOC from Monroe County, and KB2NCI. The race weather was fine, but the early morning rain brought on several calls for help with flat tires. We assisted the Score-This trucks in this regard and helped transport a couple of riders back to the start-finish line. The hard part there was getting back through the traffic and on course. We finished

up the day just before noon and headed home, satisfied that we were part of another safe event and fund raiser for the Mary Gooley Hemophilia Center. The W2ONT 145.450 repeater worked flawlessly. We will be there again in 2014 and encourage more members to help out.

We held elections at the last meeting and the officers for the next year are as follows:

President—Tom Sanders KB2NCI

Vice President—Steve Benton WB2VMR

Secretary—Ray Dreimiller AB2UY

Treasurer—Stan Avery WM3D

Directors—Dave Foster AB2WZ

Dave Furber AC2HK

Jay Hamill KC2TCM

Liaison to Drumlins ARC/Wayne County RACES—Dave Taylor KB2KBY

Please thank Scott N2UMH for his service as Vice President.

Contact any one of us for comments or suggestions.

Dues are payable in September for the next year. Still \$10 for 1 year, \$14 for a family and \$100 for Life membership. Contact Stan to pay your dues.

Last Friday, September 27, WB2VMR, WA2LEE and KD2EHU, along with a member of the county, went up to the roof of the EOC to complete the hookup of the dipole and tuner. There is a little more work inside to complete the task, but the HF rig should be operational soon. Thanks to the three of them for getting up there. I look forward to a short report at the next meeting.

The EmComm East conference was held this past Sunday, September 29, at the St. John Fisher College in Rochester. We were represented by WB2VMR, N2UMH, KA2HQZ and KD2EHU. We will hear from them at the next meeting.

Upcoming Events

The Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) annual event with the Boy Scouts will be held the third weekend this month. A local contingent from Rochester will be conducting a station and radio merit badge session at a camporee at Babcock Hovey Boy Scout camp in Ovid, Seneca County. Contact KB2NCI if you are interested in attending and I will put you in contact with the organizer. You can also get more information at <http://www.scouting.org/JOTA.aspx>. Get on the air and show a Scout a little about ham radio.

The Pumpkin Patrol will be operational on the evenings of October 30 and 31, keeping watch over the bridges over the Thruway to keep them safe. We have 9 bridges that we cover in Ontario and Wayne counties. We usually run net control out of our Safety Training Center EOC. The organizer is Dave KB2KBY and his goal is to get enough hams so no one has to work more than one night, unless they want to work two. Please contact Dave at kb2kby@rochester.rr.com if you would like to help.

Contests and Special Events this month include: QSO parties in NEW YORK, California, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Illinois, and many others. See the October QST pages 89 and 94 or the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

Upcoming Programs:

November: Ross Mazzola, KC2LOC, on the recent Monroe County multiagency drill

December: Club Christmas Party

The next breakfast will be Saturday, October 26. Watch for upcoming announcements.

Odds and End

I have asked VP Steve to work with the board of directors for upcoming programs for our meetings. They may be soliciting you for your ideas.

Please be sure to inform Stan WM3D and Tom KB2NCI if you change your preferred email address, or other changes in your contact information.

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.

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. I have programmed my digital scanner with the new frequencies, but have heard very little activity.

Ontario County is slated to change over to the new 700MHz system on October 9. (Let me know if you hear anything. I will be very interested. Editor)

November is the next month (every odd month) that **SIARC offers VE license testing**. The session begins at 6:30pm and please contact Dave AB2WZ at d1161f@aol.com to preregister. Dave is also always looking for additional hams (at least general class) to be VEs.

I have been attending the class for Extra Class that RARA is offering at RIT on Tuesday night and it is very interesting. There is a lot to learn, but Joe, K2YA, the instructor is doing his best to give us some good pointers so we can pass the test. Wish me luck!

Nets

145.450 (110.9) W2ONT training net	Sundays 8pm	Ontario County RACES/ARES
146.685 (no tone) WA2EMO	Sundays 8:45pm	Wayne County RACES net
146.610 (110.9) N2MPE ARES net	Thursdays (except 4 th)	9pm Monroe County
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

President's Thoughts

Thank you for re-electing me as president of the club. I will try hard to fulfill my obligation to the office. But, I am only one part of it and all of you can make this great club greater and more able to serve our community. We all have many talents and areas we can contribute to the club and society. There are many areas of need around you and they are all looking for an extra pair of hands. Amateur radio gives you a unique way to help your neighbors in times of need. Get on the air and practice your craft so when the time comes, you too can be looked upon as a hero, just at those hams in Colorado do now. They are just average joes and janes, but they saw a need and acted upon it. Go Forth and Contribute!

Have a great summer, Have Fun and Talk Up Ham Radio.
73, Tom KB2NCI
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