



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
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Hello all, and welcome to Fall. It can be a nice time of year, so enjoy it while it is here.

Welcome to our new member and ham, Nate, KD2HDG, who passed his technician license in September. Look for him on the radio!
Congratulations, Nate.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 8, at 7:30 in the Ontario County Safety Training Center, 2914 County Road 48, Canandaigua. Our program will be by Mike Moore, KC2NM, about his trip to the Dayton Hamvention in May and the D-Star Infocom and Forum including the G4KLX software talks, held there. All are welcome.

Elections were held at the September meeting, and the officers for the next year are:

President—Tom Sanders KB2NCI

Vice President---Steve Benton WB2VMR

Secretary---Ray Dreimiller Sr. AB2UY

Treasurer---Stan Avery WM3D

Directors:

Jay Hamill KC2TCM

Dave Mette W2ACC

Dave Foster AB2WZ

Norm Schrader WB2GGM

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

Thank you to the whole board for your upcoming service to the club and amateur radio.

Please feel free to contact any one of us at any time for questions, suggestions or concerns.

Thank you to Dave Furber AC2HK, for your service on the board.

Past Events

On September 7, the club and ARES supported the Finger Lakes Triathlon. After a hearty breakfast, 16 members worked the event. Here is the article submitted to the County Emergency Management Office:

"EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Sixteen amateur radio operators from Ontario County RACES provided safety and race communications for the Finger Lakes Triathlon on Sunday, September 7, 2014, in Canandaigua, Hopewell and Gorham. For training purposes, the control station and DisasterLan monitoring system at the Safety Training Facility were activated, as well as position reporting technology in many field units. The RACES repeater system in Gannett Hill Park, South Bristol, relayed all voice communications."

Here is the report filed with ARRL:

Sixteen amateurs from the Ontario County ARES/RACES and the Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club provided safety and race communications for the Finger Lakes Triathlon on Sunday, September 7, 2014. The net was open from 0700 to 1200 and we used the EOC at the Safety Training Center as the net control station.

The W2ONT repeater on 145.450MHz was used for all voice communication and many field units use APRS to report their positions onto a computer map.

The estimated cost of the man hours and equipment used was \$8320. A total of 80 man hours was used at the event.

Amateurs participating were N2UMH, KA2HQZ, WB2VMR, AB2WZ, W2ACC, KD2EHU, KC2TCM, WD2STK, KB2KBY, WB2GGM, AC2HK, KD2RPK, W2WDS, KC2TNJ, WA2SSJ, KB2NCI.

The event went off perfectly and there were not any injuries or serious bike issues to report. Thank you to everyone who helped out with this event.

Tom KB2NCI

We had a presentation in September, from a member of the local Red Cross, Jose Latalladi, Senior Disaster Program Manager, on Emergency Preparedness. It was a very informative talk based on the NYS Homeland Security program.

Upcoming Events

Our **next VE Session** will be held at 6:30pm, on November 12 and Dave AB2WZ is always looking for Volunteer Examiners. Contact Dave at d1161f@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 to be present. The Drumlins ARC offers VE sessions on the even months. Contact WD2STK for testing or to help as a VE.

The next **breakfast** meeting will be held Saturday, October 18, at 8am at the Villager Restaurant, in Canandaigua. Contact KB2NCI if you would like to attend.

In October, we have the **Pumpkin Patrol** on the 30th and 31st. Along with members from the Drumlins ARC, we post at the bridges that cross the Thruway in Ontario County. The shifts run from 8pm to midnight both nights and we just watch out to make sure there is not any mischief that may compromise the safety of the traffic. This event brings hams together the whole length of I-90 in New York, has been in operation for more than 2 decades and is sanctioned by the Thruway division of the New York State Police. Contact Dave KB2KBY, kb2kby@rochester.rr.com if you can help. You can volunteer for one or both nights.

The weekend of October 18 also holds two radio events you can participate in. One is the **Jamboree On The Air**, connecting scouts from all over the

world via radio. See <http://www.arrl.org/jamboree-on-the-air-jota> for more details. There will be a local contingent operating at the Camp Babcock Hovey, near Ovid, on Seneca Lake, and if you would like to help them out there, let me know and I can put you in contact with them.

The other event on the 18th, is the **New York QSO Party on HF**. See <http://www.rdx.com/index.php/> for details.

Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: the ARRL Centennial QSO Party continues throughout 2014 (see www.arrl.org for details), qso parties in New Jersey, California, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Iowa, New York, Illinois, South Dakota, contests in Oceania, Britain, Germany and many other events. See the October QST page 87 or the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

DARC (Drumlins ARC) is having a WINTER SKYWARN training session NOVEMBER 19th 7:00PM start time at the Wayne County EMO in the BIG command center room upstairs. This is the usual DARC monthly meeting night but we'll have an earlier start time and have our meeting after the Skywarn. SIARC is invited and Wayne County employees as well. A number attending, the Monday before, would be appreciated so I can inform NWS Buffalo the number of handouts to bring. Pass it on, please. Contact Dave KB2KBY kb2kby@rochester.rr.com for details and to sign up.

Odd and Ends

Work continues on the Geneva W2ONT repeater. Dave W2ACC and Steve WB2VMR discovered after some use that the transmitter had dropped to ¼ watt, so they are still getting their hands dirty. I am sure it will be up to full strength soon. Thanks for their efforts.

Dues were 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.

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 a member. They may not be perfect, but they try hard to represent all amateur radio.

Nets

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| 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 RACES net | Thursdays (except 4 th) 9pm Monroe County |
| 3993.5kHz LSB | 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
WA2BQT D-Star hot spot 444.300+ Geneva City Hall

President's Thoughts

As was mentioned at the last meeting, the club is administering a fund for 4H Camp Bristol Hills camperships in the name of Lee WA2LEE, and contributions can be given to Stan, WM3D. The club voted to match member contributions. We will be presenting the money to the 4H group in the near future. Thank you for your donations.

At this time, elections for a new Atlantic Division Manager and Vice Division Manager are going on.

I encourage all of you that are ARRL members, to log into the website and vote for your Division leadership. Voting is a privilege and responsibility in our society and we should all vote whenever an election occurs. There are biographies for each candidate on the ballot.

Have Fun and Talk Up Ham Radio

73, Tom Sanders 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.