



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
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I hope you all had a nice summer season. Now that October is here, it is time to REALLY get to work on those outside projects (antennas included). I am working on getting a dipole back up this coming Monday, so hopefully I will be able to get back on HF. I had to take the old multi band dipole down when we replaced the roof. Going to try an 80 meter dipole to see about being able to get back on the state RACES net.

Our annual election of officers was held at the September meeting. The officers for the following year are:

President—Tom Sanders KB2NCI

Vice President—Steve Benton WB2VMR

Secretary—Ray Dreimiller Sr AB2UY

Treasurer—Stan Avery WM3D

Directors—Dave Foster AB2WZ

John Greco KD2GTA

Norm Schrader WB2GGM

Jay Hamill KC2TCM

Liaison to Drumblins ARC—Dave Mette W2ACC

Congratulations to the new board. Let any of them know of ideas you have for the betterment of the club. Thank you to Dave Taylor, KB2KBY, for being our liaison to Drumblins for many years.

Our next meeting will be at 7:30pm on Wednesday, October 14, at the Safety Training Center. Our speaker this month will be Paul, K2FX, and will be about his role as an Official Observer. It will be very informative, I am sure.

Past Events

Our big public service event, the Finger Lakes Triathlon, was held on Sunday, September 13, and 14 amateurs from SIARC and Drumlins helped make this a very safe event. Those participating were: WA2SSJ, KD2DNO, AB2WZ, W2WDS, KA2HQZ, KD2CZW, N2EZY, WB2VMR, KD2AUH, N2IZV, KD2EHU, KC2TNJ, WB2GGM (plus grandson Carter), KB2NCI.

The following was posted in the County Administrators Key Events newsletter.

Emergency Management

On Sunday, September 13th, 14th amateur radio operators from the Squaw Island and Drumlins Clubs provided safety communications for the Finger Lakes Triathlon, which is the largest fund raiser for its sponsor, the Gooley Hemophilia Center. 735 participants swam out of Kershaw Park, bicycled from the city through the Towns of Canandaigua, Hopewell, and Gorham, and returned to the city for the running competition between Steamboat Landing and the city pier. The RACES radio station at the Safety Training Facility coordinated communications through the RACES repeater on Gannett Hill. This is the 10th year of amateur radio support for this event.

Yes, we are noticed and appreciated. Thanks to WA2SSJ for getting this to the correct person for publication.

Upcoming Events

The **Pumpkin Patrol** is coming up on October 30 and 31 and Dave KB2KBY, is still looking for volunteers so everyone only has to work one night. We begin our shift of watching the bridges in Ontario County that go over the NYS Thruway at 8pm and finish up at midnight. Contact Dave at kb2kby@rochester.rr.com if you would like to help and have not already signed up.

Our **next VE Session** will be held at 6:30pm, on November 11 and Dave AB2WZ is always looking for Volunteer Examiners. It will be held at the Safety Training Center. Contact Dave at ab2wz@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 (extra class preferable) to be present. The Drumlins ARC offers VE sessions on the even months. Contact WD2STK at wd2stk@yahoo.com for testing or to help as a

VE. In September, 3 applicants (all from out of the area) took and passed their exams. There were 2 technicians and 1 general minted that night.

Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: 10-10 Sprint, Scandinavian Activity SSB contest, Pennsylvania QSO, Arizona QSO, NEW YORK QSO, Iowa QSO, South Dakota QSO, Illinois QSO, CQ Worldwide DX SSB contest and many others. See the October QST pages 89 and 97 and the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

As just mentioned, the **New York State QSO party is October 17** and the club has sponsored a plaque, the NY Mobile CW High Power. See www.nyqp.org for details.

Also on **October 17, will be our next (usually quarterly) breakfast at the Villager Restaurant**, 245 S. Main St, Canandaigua, starting at 8am. I have heard from several of you, and it is not to late to let me know you are coming. We often congregate on the 146.820 repeater on the way in, so I hope you can all make it.

Also on October 17, is the 58th annual **Scouting Jamboree on the Air**. There will be a group going down to Camp Babcock-Hovey on the east side of Seneca Lake, near Ovid, to introduce Scouts of all ages to amateur radio. If interested in attending, contact Steve, K2SRF at k2srf@rochester.rr.com .

Plans are coming together for the trip to Dayton for the Hamvention in 2016. KD2GTA, WB2VMR, W2ACC, KD2CZW and KB2NCI are planning on attending with a van leaving Thursday morning and returning Sunday. There is still room for a couple of more riders, but you need to get your hotel reservation done (we all have ours). Contact KB2NCI if you would like a ride.

We are looking to do a flea market/swap meet at our January meeting. If you have equipment that you would like to sell, get it ready and bring it in January. We can use this as a fundraiser for the club as well.

RACES and ARES

Thankfully, we live in a relatively quiet area for natural or man-made disasters. That said, there is still a need for us to be prepared to help our local government or support agencies in case something does happen. We have been fortunate to have a very supportive Emergency Management Office and to have a well equipped radio room and repeaters. The next step is ours as individuals---Being Prepared to help. Taking the appropriate on line courses from FEMA, participating in nets, drills, etc. that polish our radio skills and learning new ones that can be of use. One we will begin working on again, is training in using Disaster Lan (D-Lan). Most of the RACES members have log in information and you can contact Scott if you do not have one. This is the computer program that the county has to track major incidents and communicate with all the players. Scott, N2UMH, our radio officer, feels that this will be a big area for us to help in if a major event occurs. The training is something we can do over the air while you are in front of your computer. I hope you all can attend these training sessions as they occur.

Also, I encourage all of you to check into our weekly RACES/ARES net (you are invited to check into any other net also) and practice those skills that someday you may be called upon to use. If you have ANY questions, feel free to contact me with kb2nci@arrl.net or 585-924-0752.

Odd and Ends

REMINDER--Effective 9-1-15, the WA2EMO 146.685- and WA2AAZ 146.745- repeaters in Wayne County will have an encode pl of 71.9. This was done to reduce the interference caused to and from other repeaters on the same frequencies in hearing range of each other. According to Dave W2ACC, UNYREPCO (the repeater coordinating body for our area) will be requiring all repeaters to have a pl, as the repeater congestion continues. If you need

help programming these tones into your radio, please contact me and I find someone to help you.

Dave, W2ACC, has resurrected the 145.130- (pl110.9) repeater at his home in Waterloo. Add it your memories and use it when you can.

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 Ray AB2UY or 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. See page 76 of the October QST for a list of benefits to membership.

The "Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015" now has a companion bill in the US Senate, S.1685. See <http://www.arrl.org/news/senate-sponsor-of-amateur-radio-parity-act-of-2015-said-bill-promotes-regulatory-transparency-equali> to see how you can help get this passed and into law.

If you have been to a hamfest lately, tell us about it. We would like to hear of your recent "finds".

Anybody worked any interesting DX or different modes? Pique our interest and maybe you will find a buddy to explore them with.

Nets

145.450- (110.9) W2ONT training net	Sundays 8pm Ontario County RACES/ARES
146.685- (71.9) WA2EMO	Sundays 8:35pm Wayne County RACES net

146.610- (110.9) N2MPE
RACES net
3993.5kHz LSB
9am

Thursdays (except 4th) 9pm Monroe County
New York State RACES net Sundays at
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—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 ****new frequency**** 444.500 (no offset) Victor hot spot—very
local coverage for now

President's Thoughts

I am honored to have been re-elected president of the club. I enjoy leading the group and being involved with so many aspects of it and amateur radio. Thank you for your support.

I would like to suggest that we as a club, through the direction of the board of directors, look at the by-laws of the club. They have not been revised in many years and we may or may not, want to make some changes. One area I would like to see changed is the establishment of a line of succession for the presidency. I have like being at the helm, but I think it is time for some fresh ideas and also have a way for someone to become prepared to lead.

Please send me your thoughts on this matter of importance to the club.

Have Fun and Talk Up Ham Radio and I hope to catch you on the radio!

73, Tom Sanders KB2NCI
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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.