



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
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Smoke Signal

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Hello everyone. Summer is over and now we head in to our favorite time of year—cooler weather! Well maybe not a favorite to all, but definitely a change from the hot days of summer.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 12, at 7:30pm at the Safety Training Center, 2914 County Road 48, Canandaigua. Program is to be determined but will most likely be a tabletop exercise for the upcoming Wreckit Drill on November 1. See you soon.

Past Events

The Finger Lakes Triathlon was held on September 11 and we had 19 operators to cover the bike and run course this year. It all went very well. There were not any reported injuries and only a handful of minor bike issues. One of the oddities of the event for me was the swim was more of a walk as the water level was so low, most of the entrants walked that part, a very dry summer indeed. Those participating were: KD2FRR, N2IZV, W2WDS, WB2VMR, AC2SA, KD2AUH, KC2TNJ, N2UMH, W2ACC, KC2TCM, WD2STK, K2VJK, KD2EHU, KA2HQZ, N2EZY, KD2CZW, KD2DNO, KD2LGE, KB2NCI. Thanks to all and see you next year.

At the last meeting, Scott, N2UMH, spoke on RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) and ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service), their differences, how to prepare for field deployment and our roles in our association with the Emergency Management Office.

Upcoming Events

Our **next VE Session** will be held at 6:30pm, on November 9, 2016, 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.

Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: QSO parties in Pennsylvania, Arizona, Iowa, NEW YORK, South Dakota Illinois, North America SSB Sprint, School Club Roundup, ARRL EME contest, CQ Worldwide DX contest, and many others. See the September QST pages 95 and 101 and the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

Sunday January 7, 2017 is the next ARRL Kids Day event and I would like to have us set up some stations in the EOC for this. Please bring your ideas for this to the next meeting.

Our next breakfast will be Saturday, October 29, 8am at the Villager Restaurant. Reminders will be sent out later this month.

RACES and ARES

Scott, N2UMH, is still looking for a few mentors for the Emergency Communications on line course that RACES will be supporting. The student does the class on line and there is an on line mentor, but Scott would like some of us to meet with the group on a couple of Saturday mornings to help with any areas of need. Contact him at n2umh@yahoo.com if interested.

If you do not have your Disaster Lan user name and password, contact Dave AB2WZ at ab2wz@aol.com . You do not want to find out at the wrong time that you do not have it.

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. We are also looking for additional stations to practice being Net Control and Assistant Net Control. If you have ANY questions, feel free to contact me with kb2nci@arrl.net or 585-924-0752.

The September 18 net practiced using simplex and it worked very well. All of the Ontario County members were able to communicate with each other and only a couple of Wayne County stations could not be heard. We practiced using the output of the 145.450 repeater so if it goes down, you could still transmit on 145.450 simplex and announce that the repeater was down and others could hear you.

The last public service event of the year is the Pumpkin Patrol on October 30 and 31. Dave KB2KBY is coordinating so contact him at kb2kby@rochester.rr.com if you would like to help out and have not. The shifts from 8pm to midnight both nights.

Odd and Ends

Welcome to new member Doug Howles KD2LGE. Doug helped us at the Triathlon and is looking forward to becoming active with the club.

Club elections were held in September and the officers for the next year are as follows:

President Tom Sanders KB2NCI

Vice President Steve Benton WB2VMR

Secretary Ray Dreimiller Sr AB2UY

Treasurer Stan Avery WM3D

Directors: John Greco KD2GTA, John Park WA2SSJ, Dave Foster AB2WZ, Russ Harris N2IZV

Liaison the Drumlins ARC Jay Hamill KC2TCM

Thank you to outgoing officers Norm Schrader WB2GGM and Dave Mette W2ACC.

As a reminder, the Smoke Signals and meeting minutes are posted as soon as possible on the SIARC website. This is an easy way to keep up with the group if you miss a meeting. Thanks to Steve, KD2OM, for keeping the website up to date.

The Statewide UHF system has a change at the Bristol site. The repeater frequency has changed to 444.550+ (110.9) and sponsored by W2HYP and W2COP. It is also linked to the 442.000+ (110.9) repeater in Wethersfield, which gives it good coverage into Buffalo and beyond. Many hours and dollars have been spent to get this system on the air and it is a fun and useful system to access and use along the NYS Thruway and I-81 corridors. See <http://www.upstateham.com/2012/12/uhf-ny-statewide-linked-repeaters.html> for more information. They are still updating the Bristol changes, but this gives you good information on the rest of the system.

Check out www.dstarusers.org and www.dstarinfo.com for lots of information on D-Star.

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.

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.

The New York QSO Party is coming up on October 15 this year. See www.nyqp.org for details. We have sponsored two plaques in the past, neither of which was won in 2015, so they will carry over to this year. They are the Mobile CW High Power plaque, in the name of the club, and the Mobile Multi One Mixed Mode High Power plaque, in the memory of Ernie Brown, K2BWK. I hope you can find time to participate in this contest.

Do you like programs? So do I but we do run out of ideas. If you have an idea for an interesting program, please contact the speaker (or present it yourself) and see me about scheduling it. I am sure with all the membership and varied interests, we can find some programs.

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	Thursdays (except 4 th) 9pm Monroe County
3993.5kHz LSB	New York State RACES net Sundays at 9am
146.745- (71.9) WA2AAZ	Storm Trackers Weather Training Net, 4 th
Tuesday 7pm	

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 444.500 (no offset) Victor hot spot—very local coverage for
now

President's Thoughts

I want to thank everyone for the support in the past year and I look forward to working with all of you in the next 12 months. As I have said before, it is your club and the only way for it to truly be, is for your input. Let me, or any of the club officers listed above and on the website, know of your thoughts. We have a great hobby and ability to do great things as a public service to the community. We have several repeaters in the area, so I encourage you to use them and get on the air. There is a saying you may have heard, with a cell phone you can call a friend, with amateur radio you can make a friend. I hope you can make many friends.

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

73, Tom Sanders KB2NCI

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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.