



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
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Welcome to November. I hope everyone survived Hurricane Sandy this past week. Our area was spared any significant damage, but our brethren downstate and the vicinity will be repairing for many weeks or more. There are many ways to help them, see if you can pick one. We can discuss some kind of assistance at the November meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14 at 7pm at the Safety Training Center. Our program will be by Deb Trickey from the Emergency Management Office.

Past Events

Our latest breakfast meeting was held on October 13 and we also had our first Board of Directors meeting before the breakfast. We had 10 in attendance and several items were discussed. All are welcome so please try to attend the next meeting to be held in January.

October saw the Jamboree on the Air weekend, the New York QSO Party and our annual Pumpkin Patrol participation. Here is Scott's report to Jeff Harloff:



Ontario County ARES/RACES Executive After Action Report

Event Name: Pumpkin Patrol 2012

Date & Time : Oct. 30 & 31 2000-2400 hrs.

Date of Report: 10/31/2012

- Emergency Activation
- Standby Only
- Public Service Event
- SKYWARN (NWS)
- Drill

Pumpkin Patrol is has been held every year across the state since the 1970's. This is our 6th year of operations with the Wayne County ARES/RACES group. While enhancing public safety by acting as an extra set of eyes for State and local law enforcement we hone our operating skills. The event also provides us with an opportunity to enhance our working relationship with Wayne County RACES.

The State Emergency Management Office has recently recommended that adjoining county RACES groups begin to work together and develop mutual aid plans. Ontario County and Wayne County have already been practicing this for a number of years and we are well ahead of most of the state in this area. We still need to draft a formal plan to properly document how any joint operation or mutual aid would be conducted.

For this event on both days there were 10 people working for four hours (80 person hours). As a first no one had to work both days! We had the needed 20 volunteers plus two alternates in case anyone had to cancel at the last moment.

Scott N2UMH and Dave KB2KBY extend their sincere appreciation to all who gave up their time to help this event succeed. I want to thank Scott and Dave for organizing this and being net control for the evening.

Upcoming Events

December will be a busy month for us all, so our club events will be few.

Our next meeting (December 12) will be the annual Christmas Party and once again will be at the AWA on Routes 5 and 20 in Bloomfield, right across from the junction with Route 444. Start time will be the same and the club will provide pizza and ask members to bring a dish to pass. Guests are welcome and encouraged to attend as well.

Skywarn Recognition Day will be held on December 1, 2012 from 0000z to 2400z and I will be going to the Buffalo NWS office Saturday morning to help man the radios for this fun event. I have heard from one member that wants to go, but there is room for more or we can carpool. Judy Levan, N2TEZ, is our host and as you remember, she supports the Skywarn training classes that are held in our area. See <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/mtr/hamradio/> for more details.

We will plan on having another Flea Market/Swap Meet/Auction at the January meeting. If you have items you would like to sell, please prepare them and send me a list of them with asking price and we will post it in the next Smoke Signal to raise interest. There are probably some real treasures out there and they might just be up for sale!

We will be sponsoring a Kids Day event on Sunday January 6, 2013. We had talked about using a local library meeting room, but the library I checked with was only open 2 hours that day so I think we will just use the Safety Training Facility as we have in the past. The event runs from 1pm to 7pm, but we will operate from noon to 4pm. See <http://www.arrl.org/kids-day> for more details.

Contests and Special Events this month include: ARRL EME contest, ARRL Sweepstakes, Worked All Europe DX, Ukraine DX, QSO parties in Kentucky and Radio Club of America, plus many more CW, Digital and Phone contests. See QST page 91 or the WA7BNM website <http://horncopia.com/contestcal/> for more details. Lots to try!

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.

Odds and End

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.

One of our discussions at the board meeting, was getting new members. New members help to keep the club vibrant and interesting, so see if you can find a local ham that is not a member and invite them to a meeting or event.

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.

We are still trying to get the Saturday night ragchew at 10pm going. So dial up the 145.45 repeater and lets communicate.

The next VE testing will be on Wednesday, November 7 at 7pm at the Safety Training Center. Contact Dave AB2WZ d1161f@aol.com if you can assist or want to upgrade. You can also see the club website for more information.

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 4 th) 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

As we enter November, it is time to remember all we are thankful for. We live in a pretty nice part of the country, even though the winter can be a little long. There are plenty of activities you can do outside (the best antennas are put up in inclement weather, right?) so don't be afraid to get out of the house. Have a Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy your family.

73, Tom KB2NCI