



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
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Hello to Eastern Standard Time! Nice to get that hour back and we are closer to the days getting longer again.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 12 at 7:30pm at the Safety Training Center. This will follow the 6:30 VE session. After our business meeting, Steve WB2VMR, will be leading the assembly of the in line Ammeter kits. Please be sure to bring your \$10 or so for the kit cost. Thanks to Dave KC2DQS for supplying the wire and power poles.

Past Events

The weekend of October 18 was a busy one for the club and local hams. We had our quarterly breakfast and 13 amateurs were there to enjoy the fellowship. All are welcome and the next one will be in January.

Also on the 18th, was the annual Scouting Jamboree on the Air and around 12 hams went to Camp Babcock Hovey near Ovid to introduce the scouts to our hobby and some of the things we do for fun and to help our communities. Seems like most of the hams were from Wayne and Ontario counties. Kudos to them for being there. I heard that about 120 scouts went through the station, out of the 1200 that were at the Trophy Challenge Camporee. 10 % through the stations is wonderful. We will ask for a report at the November meeting.

The 18th also saw the annual New York QSO Party (NYQP) in which the club sponsored two plaques for awards; the Non-New York Mobile and RDXA

Rover High Score. The first was a carryover award from the previous year in Ernie Brown's name (K2BWK). Did anyone participate from the club? Maybe next year we can do a station from the EOC. Finally on October 30 and 31, was the Pumpkin Patrol. The two night event (8pm to midnight) had hams posted at 9 spots on the bridges over the Thruway in Ontario County. The hams were from the Drumlins ARC and Ontario County RACES/SIARC. There were not any incidents locally. I have not heard of any statewide. Volunteers cover every bridge over I-90 from New York City to Pennsylvania. We even had some media coverage in an editorial in the Canandaigua Messenger and on WHEC Channel 10.

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.

Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: the ARRL Centennial QSO Party continues throughout 2014 (see www.arrl.org for details), qso party in Kentucky, the ARRL CW and Phone Sweepstakes, CQ Worldwide CW sweepstakes, ARRL EME contest, various international events and many others. See the November QST page 86 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.

December 6 is the annual Skywarn Recognition Day and I will be making the trip to the Buffalo National Weather Service office to operate from there. Anyone interested in going with me, let me know and we can coordinate time and ride.

We will putting together a station or two for the ARRL Kid's Day event on Sunday, January 4, 2015. Details to follow.

Our annual Christmas party will be at the December 10 meeting and will most likely be at the AWA complex in Bloomfield. Details to follow.

Odd and Ends

Work continues on the Geneva and Gannett Hill W2ONT repeaters. Dave W2ACC and Steve WB2VMR have put in many hours working on these and getting technical assistance from Steve KD2OM, so they are still getting their hands dirty. Thanks to John KD2GTA for the extra pair of hands that is often needed. I am sure the repeaters will be up to full strength soon. Thanks for their efforts.

We are in the process of installing a new D-Star repeater on a tower site on Lake to Lake Road that will give us additional coverage for the county. More details to follow in the coming weeks. When you decide to get a new VHF/UHF radio, please consider buying a D-Star capable model so you can take part in this exciting mode. We will be doing some programming training in 2015 so you will not be alone.

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.

There is a statewide linked repeater system that I want everyone to be aware of. The link in our area is on Bristol Mountain (443.600+ 110.9pl) and the system basically follows the I-90 and I-81 corridors. Check it out.

147.36+ no tone Albany/Lake Nancy N2FEP(K2LM)

442.100+ PL 103.5 Frankfort KA2FWN/R

444.400+ PL 103.5 Fonda/Ilion KB2AUJ/R

442.575+ PL 103.5 Utica KA2FWN/R

449.925- PL 151.4 Remsen KB2AUJ/R

442.850+ PL 71.9 Cortland KB2FAF/R(new May 2013)

443.100+ PL 103.5 Syracuse WA2AUL/R (is back on-the-air! April 28th, 2013)

442.400+ PL 103.5 Syracuse KD2SL/R

449.225- PL 103.5 Watertown KA2FWN/R (NEW as of 8/29/13)-note; there may be changes to this frequency - STAY TUNED HERE, For updates as they become available!

442.350+ PL 103.5 Oswego K2QQY/R

444.150+ PL 71.9 Auburn W2QYT/R

443.600+ PL 110.9 Bristol N2XFX/R

444.050+ PL 88.5 Attica N2XFX/R

442.100+ PL 88.5 Colden W2IVB

see this link for a map: <https://maps.google.com/maps/u/0/ms?msid=204744181853433892681.0004de323ef01c88b9c77&msa=0&dg=feature>

Nets

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 4th) 9pm Monroe County
RACES net

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
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W2ONT 145.450- (110.9) Gannett Hill
W2ONT 442.200+ (110.9) Gannett Hill
W2ONT 147.090+ (110.9) Geneva City Hall
WA2BQT D-Star hot spot 444.300+ Geneva City Hall

President's Thoughts

We continue to grow (in members and equipment) and so the club is healthy. The most important part of the organization is the membership and each every one of you have a place within it. I encourage all of you to participate and become active in your hobby, in whatever way you can. If you need help or a question answered, someone in the group can help. If you cannot find that person, give me a call and I will do what I can to get you connected. Also, if you have an interested family member or friend, bring them to a meeting.

I really enjoy seeing you at the meetings and events we do. Come as much as you can.

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.