



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
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Hello again and welcome to November. What a nice start. What is to come for the rest of Winter?? I hope you are all prepared for the cold weather. I just scheduled my snow tire installation. Ugh.

Our next meeting will be at 7:30pm on Wednesday, November 11, at the Safety Training Center, after the 6:30pm Laurel VE session. Our program will be by Scott Bauer, W2LC, on his role as Section Traffic Manager and a bit about his former position as Section Manager for Western New York. Everyone is welcome, members and non-members alike.

Past Events

The quarterly breakfast was well attended, although a little smaller than usual. That Saturday was a very busy one for many. We will have our next breakfast in January.

The 17th also saw the Scouting on the Air event at Camp Babcock Hovey, near Ovid and several hams were there to help Scouts talk to other Scouts around the country and world.

I hope we can get a report from someone on that.

Finally on the 17th was the NYQP (New York QSO Party) on HF. A report from anyone?

At the end of the month, the annual Pumpkin Patrol was held on October 30 and 31. Hams from New York City to the Pennsylvania line monitored bridges over the Thruway for scoundrels who might do mischief. Those participating on the Ontario County bridges were WB2VMR, KD2GTA, AB2XM, KC2RZM, KB2TNL, KB2FSB, W2WES, KD2DNO, KC2TNJ, WB2QKO, AB2WZ, N2ZVP, K2OEQ, W2KRH, N9SBY, N2MKT, KA2HQZ, KD2AVK, KD2FCX, WA2SSJ, W2WDS, KC2YGH, N2IZV, KC2TCM, KB2NCI. We used the WA2AAZ 146.745 repeater in Newark and it worked well. Many thanks to KB2KBY for organizing this event. See you in 2016.

Upcoming Events

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.

Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: ARRL Sweepstakes (CW and Phone), DARC 10meter Digital contest, QSO party in Kentucky, NA Collegiate ARC Championship, ARRL EME contest and many others. See the November QST pages 91 and 99 and the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

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.

Our annual Christmas party is coming up at the December 9 meeting. I have polled the board and we do not have a consensus yet, but we may be going to the AWA again. Maybe the snow will hold off so we don't have to cancel again. (I will put in my request early!). We will discuss on the 11th.

I am planning on attending the Skywarn Recognition Day at the Buffalo NWS office on December 5. Those that want to ride together can meet me and come along, or drive alone. We like to arrive by 9am and usually leave the office around 2pm. It is a great way to visit and activate the NWS office amateur radio station and give out contacts for this casual event. Please let me know if you are interested in going. See <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/mtr/hamradio/> for more details.

RACES and ARES

As I said last month, we live in a relatively quiet area of the country and so it is easy to become complacent. But, if you look at the climate change predictions, you see where states and local governments are beginning to add these changes to their plans. The overview at nca2014.globalchange.com for the Northeast mentions-- "Heat waves, heavy downpours, sea level rise pose many challenges to life in the Northeast. Infrastructure, agriculture, fisheries and ecosystems will be increasingly compromised". Watching the news, you will see there are many areas that have received severe weather recently and we must be prepared ourselves. The November QST, page 89, the Public Service section, has a very informative and thought provoking article on National Climate Assessment and give us much food for thought and discussion. Lets see where we can take this!

If you do not have your Disaster Lan user name and password, contact Scott N2UMH at n2umh@yahoo.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. If you have ANY questions, feel free to contact me with kb2nci@arrl.net or 585-924-0752.

Odd and Ends

Club Shirts—An email was sent out recently regarding the purchase of SIARC shirts and hats. John KD2GTA is taking orders and will also take them at the next meeting. We would like to get this order placed mid November so please contact John at zoger77@gmail.com or at the meeting to get your order in. The club voted to cover \$3 of the cost of a t-shirt and you can pay upon delivery.

Dave N2EZY has a new Yaesu FT60 handheld, that he won and does not need, for sale. He is asking \$120. Contact him at n2ezy@arrl.net if you are interested.

Bill WA2LVP has a collection of QSTs to give away. See below.

FREE QST MAGAZINES - FREE for the Hauling - 1920'S in QST Binders, 1948, 1950, 1960, and 1970 loose. Some complete years, some missing issues. All in good shape. No cherry picking, desire to unload entire lot. The magazines are ideal reading for amateurs looking to learn about older transmitters and receivers along with other supporting amateur radio topics.

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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 into 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.

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.

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	Thursdays (except 4 th) 9pm Monroe County
3993.5kHz LSB 9am	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
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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 was so pleased to see everyone in attendance for the October meeting. It is very fun for me to see and speak to all of you at the meetings and on the air. I apologize for sometimes not getting all around the room, but it is busy. That is another reason to have the breakfasts and other events we do, "Eyeball QSOs". Each of you bring a lot to the collective table of SIARC and it is not only amateur radio. We have engineers, medical people, different facets of the legal profession, bankers, electronics, sportsmen, pilots, etc in our group. Everyone has something to contribute, so I encourage you to move around the room and get to know each other a little bit more. After all, we are communicators!!

Have a great month, see you at the meeting and enjoy your family at Thanksgiving.

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.