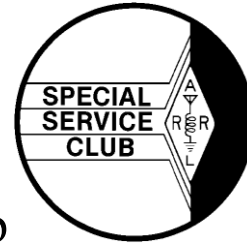




Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club

Since October 7, 1953



Smoke Signal

November 2016

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Hello all, I apologize that this is later than I would have liked; seems to have been a busy week. Actually I was enjoying the World Series and was pleased that the Chicago Cubs won. Cleveland would have been good too as they both have had a drought, but I am really a National League fan.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 9, at 7:30pm at the Safety Training Center, 2914 County Road 48, Canandaigua. This will be following the last Laurel VE session of the year, which starts at 6:30pm. Program will be by John Greco, KD2GTA, on the DV 4 mini and other Digital subjects. See you soon!

Past Events

Our quarterly breakfast was held October 29 and we had 17 in attendance. It is fun to have a chance to catch up with each other and hear what they are doing. Look for the next one in January.

PUMPKIN PATROL 2016

Troop "T" says "Thank you!" for all your help this Halloween with the Pumpkin Patrol! KB2FSB, Lloyd, of the Drumlins was visited by the Troop "E" and the Clifton Springs police, which it always seems they do despite my letters about the bridge sitters. Hi. Anyway, the Trooper thanked Lloyd, after checking his Pumpkin Patrol orange card, and offered to get him coffee. So, if you don't think our effort is not welcomed and appreciated, that is the proof.

Thank you: WB2VMR, KB2NCI, KC2YGH, KA2CNF, KD2GTA, N0EK, AB2XM, KC2RZM, KC2TCM, N2IZV, KA2HQZ, KB2FSB, W2WDS, N2MKT, KD2FCX, KD2AVK, KD2DNO, KC2TNJ, N9SBY, K2OEQ, AB2WZ, N2ZVP and W2WES for NCS, rovers, bridge sitters and substitutes which totaled to 108 hours of public

service! Job well done! FB! Best of all was me being able to be with the grandkids each night and enjoying their fun. I thank WB2VMR and KB2NCI for taking NCS making my fun possible.

Please, think about helping out next year! This is only the second year Pumpkin Patrol has had two rovers for each and in addition having all the bridges covered, we had ample substitutes as well. We are very fortunate for the cooperation between both SIARC and DARC for many events. This inter-county help is NOT seen across NYS. Believe me. "FB" SIARC & DARC. CU next year for Pumpkin Patrol.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY
Pumpkin Patrol Coordinator

Scott's report about the Wreckit Drill, November 1, 2016—

First I would like to thank everyone who took the time out to participate. Please talk up the event to your fellow hams. We need to get more operators interested in helping out the hospitals. As you know this is a very important responsibility we have been given. It requires a little more commitment than other tasks. This is not something we can assign a ham off the street. We were fortunate this year in that we had experienced hams at the wheel. Some of you might be saying but I am really not that experienced. Yet you are and you showed it this year. All of you participated last year and retained a good portion of that experience.

The highlights:

All hospitals were able to get on to Disaster Lan and attached the field report onto a ticket! This is a large WIN in my book. It shows all of you have a basic proficiency with this important piece of software.

All hospitals were able to communicate both by radio voice and digital. Only one was not able to send the Hospital Field report by radio but only because the form was not preloaded.

We had a few small problems but they were able to be resolved with your experience and with advise over the air. It is my firm belief that no matter how hard and often we train/practice this will still happen. It is murphy's law. The take home is that we were able to overcome murphy and will prepare us to do the same when murphy tries to intervene during a real event.

Again we worked with Wayne County. Taking it one step further we combined are nets and split the repeaters for different use. I see this important trend continuing in the future.

All of you did a bang up job and should be proud of your accomplishment!

At the Ontario EOC I had the help of a non-ham. Michele Garrett gave up her evening to enter in info into disaster lan while I manned the radio and fldigi stuff. If you have a non-ham friend, xyl, or family member interested in community services who knows their way around a keyboard they can be of very useful service whether they are or not interested in radio!

Things to work on:

Get more members involved! We had just enough to cover but could have also gotten 91,. Geneva EOC, Soldiers and Sailors Hospital, and Canandaigua VA hospital on the air for this event. It would also be nice to have at least two operators at each location. At the EOC I could have used a third to monitor the Regional Net (or a third person at another location to monitor it).

Conduct this exercise quarterly from each location. While everyone was able to send a form from flmsg / fldigi I think all would agree that we would benefit from more practice. This falls on me as your Radio Officer but also falls on you to motivate yourself and others to get out and do it!

More training with DLAN. Same comments from above apply.

Again I think things went very well. Each one of you should know that had this been an actual event we would have been able to provide essential communication support to our served agencies.

Please feel free to contact me with any comments or concerns.

Scott Teresi, N2UMH

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 party in Kentucky, ARRL CW and SSB Sweepstakes, ARRL EME contest, Homebrew and Old Time Equipment Party, and many others. See the September QST pages 94 and 102 and the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

Sunday January 8, 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.

The January 11 meeting will be our annual Club flea market, so get together any items you would like to sell and bring some cash so you can bring home some new goodies.

Due to a conflict with my schedule, I would like to move our December Christmas Party meeting to December 7 (the first Wednesday) and we will be at the AWA again. I have heard from several members and they were all ok with the change. Please make the change to your calendars.

RACES and ARES

We will begin planning for RACES members to take the ARRL EmComm course on-line. It is a course that goes through all aspects of Emergency Communications and Ontario County RACES will cover the cost for members. I would like for us to do this course in the first quarter of 2017, so please let me know if you are interested. I have heard from a couple, but everyone interested should contact me at kb2nci@arrl.net to get on the list. I am 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 I would like some of us who have taken the course to meet with the group on a couple of Saturday mornings to help with any areas of need.

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.

Odd and Ends

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.

For local repeaters, you can go to www.rochesterham.org and select Ham Radio 101 to find a quick reference. You can also go to www.unyrepco.org and www.wnysorc.org for repeaters in western New York. Lots of information is available, and the councils are continually trying to keep it current. I recommend becoming a member of UNYREPCO as that covers our immediate area.

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.

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.

What projects are you working on or involved in? We would love to hear about them, either at the meeting or in the Smoke Signal. Let me know.

Nets

145.450- (110.9) W2ONT	Sundays 8pm Ontario County RACES/ARES training net
146.685- (71.9) WA2EMO	Sundays 8:35pm Wayne County RACES net
146.610- (110.9) N2MPE	Thursdays (except 4 th) 9pm Monroe County RACES net
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

As public service season winds down and you begin thinking about 2017, please consider helping with as many of these fund raising runs, walks, bikes, etc that you can. There are many participants that are there to raise money for the cause and we can offer them some safety and security during that time. They are thinking about what they are doing and often not about the safety concerns and that is where we as amateurs can assist. It is also a great way to interact and get to know better, our fellow amateurs and what interests them. I helped with the Wineglass Marathon in the southern tier in early October and worked with Steve, AG2AA, of Erie County. He is very involved with their Emergency Services group at the county level and brings a lot of experience to the table as he helps with these types of events around the state. I also got to meet and visit the leadership of the event at the Steuben County 911 center where net control was. They were very excited to have all the hams there to help, and could use more next year for this event that covers 26 miles of roadway from Bath to Corning. I plan on helping next year and maybe we can get a group to go down.

See you at the meeting and I wish you and your family a very Happy 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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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.