



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
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Smoke Signal

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Hello again. It hardly seems like that it should be December. My, how the year has flown by. Only 30 days or so to get that 2012 antenna project done. If you need help, please contact the club. We have many years of experience in our midst.

We gained 3 new members at the November meeting. Please welcome Rich KD2CLA, Debbie KC2TEH and Gary (former SIARC president) AA2IZ. We are happy to have them join our ranks and I am looking for them on the air.

Our next meeting will be a Christmas Party on December 12 at the AWA Media Center on Rtes 5 and 20 in Bloomfield. See the website for more details. Guests are always welcome.

Past Events

Deb Trickey, from the Emergency Management Office, spoke at the last meeting about being prepared for unknown events that can befall us. It is important that we can sustain ourselves for several days. She also spoke about the CERT (community emergency response team) and how it can train you to help your neighbors. Look for her upcoming training class.

Did anyone have contact with any hams in the hurricane affected areas? How were they affected and were their services as hams needed? Let us know so we can discuss and be aware.

The GINNA drill scheduled for November 29, was scaled down due to the state's efforts to assist those affected by Hurricane Sandy. RACES and many other groups were not needed.

We will be ready for next year. Although this is mainly a Wayne County drill, we can be ready to assist and observe.

Upcoming Events

Tomorrow, December 1, is the annual Skywarn Recognition Day event (starts tonight at 7pm). National Weather Service offices from around the country will be activating their amateur radio stations for the special event, so see how many you can contact. Steve, WB2VMR, and I will be traveling to Buffalo to help the effort there. See <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/mtr/hamradio/> for details.

The January meeting will include a swap meet. So bring any items you would like to sell or barter for. I have not received any advance notice on items, so we will see what we get.

January 6 will be a Kids Day event at the EOC. We will begin set up of stations in Room 1 around 9am so we can operate an HF station or two and some VHF/D-Star radios also. I will have some simple kits for kids to build. So let me know if you would like to help and we can arrange our needs. We will operate from noon to 4pm. See <http://www.arrl.org/kids-day> for more details.

In February, we will be getting a tour of the 911 center on Ontario Street. The new center is not open yet, but Dave KC2VQZ was able to get us scheduled to see the old one. I think we will be able to see the new center when it opens so we will be able to compare the two. I believe we have a spot for RACES there so that will be nice to see. So, keep the 13th open for that.

Contests and Special Events this month include: the AWA Bruce Kelly CW QSO party, ARRL 10 meter contest, Rookie Roundup, Great Colorado Snowshoe Run, Run For the Bacon, Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO party, a couple of Straight Key Nights, a couple of 160 meter contests and many more. See QST or the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

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.

The next VE testing will be on December 5th. See the SIARC website for details. You can also contact Dave AB2WZ at d1161f@aol.com for information on becoming a VE. The Drumlins ARC will be holding exams on the even months. Contact Sabrina WD2STK at wd2stk@yahoo.com for details.

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 working on the weekly Saturday night (10pm) net on the 145.450. Mark your calendar for the time and I look forward to talking to you there.

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

I want to take a moment to wish all of you a very joyous holiday season. I truly enjoyed Thanksgiving with my family and I look forward to having them around later this month and I wish you the same. I also hope you have time to visit and stay in touch with friends. These people help keep our world turning and more pleasant. Enjoy each and every one of them. I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Party. I count you all as my friends! Have Fun and Talk Up Ham Radio.

73, Tom KB2NCI