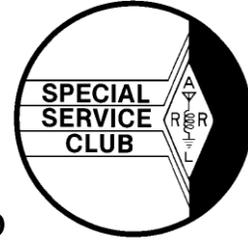




Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
Since October 7, 1953



Smoke Signal

December 2013

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Welcome to December. November was one of the coldest months in many years and I can believe it. We had the wood stove going nearly every single day. Is this what we have to look forward to for the next couple of months? I lost one leg of my dipole from the snow last week. A bit heavy!!

Our December meeting, on the 11th, will be our annual Christmas party at the AWA museum. Address is 6925 Route 5, Bloomfield. We will meet at 6:30 for a pot luck dinner and then get a tour of the changes since we were there last year. The club will provide pizza and drinks. Please bring a dish to pass. See everyone then.

Past Events

November was a quiet month for us. Our program was by Ross, KC2LOC, on the summer multiagency drill in Monroe County. Very interesting.

Dues are payable in September for the next year. Still \$10 for 1 year, \$14 for a family and \$100 for Life membership. Contact Stan to pay your dues.

We continue to check out our repeaters. Steve, WB2VMR, and I made trips to Gannett Hill and Geneva to check things out there. The new antenna for the 442.200 repeater is slated to go up on the county tower soon and the 145.450 checked out ok as far as the repeater goes. We may need to check on the feedline as it may be causing the scratchiness we often hear. The Geneva 147.090 repeater is off the air for now. The receiver is not working and Steve, WB2VMR, is investigating. Thanks Steve for all your work on these.

Upcoming Events

Contests and Special Events this month include: the Bruce Kelly CW QSO party, 160 meter contest, Great Colorado Snowshoe Run, Meteor Scatter Contest, 10 meter contest, Straight Key Night, December Rookie Roundup and many others. See the December QST page 66 or the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

Skywarn Recognition Day will be held December 7 (Remember Pearl Harbor) WB2VMR, KA2HQZ and I am planning on driving to the Buffalo NWS office to participate. Please contact me if you would like to go or ride along.

The program for January will be a Help to Get Your HT and Mobile Programmed. We are planning on having a few laptops set up to help with that. So if you need assistance or would like to help others, please bring your radio, data cable and manual. We can all learn from each other.

We will begin preparing for our sessions at the 4H Expo, which will be held in March again (date to follow). We have a good time showing the kids amateur radio so let me know if you would like to be part of our effort

Odds and End

Please be sure to inform Stan WM3D and Tom KB2NCI if you change your preferred email address, or other changes in your contact information.

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.

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. It is fun to watch the changes in public service frequencies as all agencies ramp up for the new requirements to conserve bandwidth, and it helps you listen to our fine emergency services personnel. I have programmed my digital scanner with the new frequencies, what I hear depends on where in the house the scanner is. Probably will need to install some kind of outside antenna.

Ontario County changed over to the new 700MHz system on October 9. I am still hearing the fire and ems dispatch on the old frequencies for the time being, but I believe that will change soon.

January 2014 is the next month (every odd month) that **SIARC offers VE license testing**. The session begins at 6:30pm and please contact Dave AB2WZ at d1161f@aol.com to preregister. Dave is also always looking for additional hams (at least general class) to be VEs.

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 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---off the air for now

President's Thoughts

As we complete 2013, I want to say that I have enjoyed leading this fine group. We had some fun and helped our communities this past year. I look forward to enjoying the time together and learning from each other in 2014.

Have Fun and Talk Up Ham Radio.
73, Tom 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