



## Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club Since October 7, 1953

# Smoke Signal

December 2014

[www.siarc.us](http://www.siarc.us)

What a difference a day makes. Yesterday, we had a little leftover snow on the ground, now (Sunday) is it all gone and will be nice enough to BBQ this evening. How lucky we are. I am sure we are in for more winter weather (especially since winter does not start until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December).

Our next meeting, Wednesday, December 10, will be our annual Christmas Party. This year will be again hosted by the Antique Wireless Association, but at their new Conference Center (across 5 and 20 on the north side) at 6920 Routes 5 and 20, Bloomfield, NY. We will begin the meeting/dinner at 7pm. The club will provide pizza, drinks and table settings. Please bring a dish to pass. See you there. Thank you to Ron W2FUI and Stan WM3D for setting this up.

### Past Events

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The VE session on November 12 was another successful one for Dave AB2WZ and his team. All but one passed or upgraded, including our newest members, Nate KD2HDG, Tony KD2HNI and Shawn KD2HNJ. Congratulate them on their accomplishment and I look forward to hearing them on the radio. The next testing session will be on January 14. Let Dave know if you can join the team of VE examiners.

Did anyone participate in the ARRL CW or Phone Sweepstakes or the CQ Worldwide CW sweepstakes? Please let us know how you did and what you thought of them.

## Upcoming Events

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Our **next VE Session** will be held at 6:30pm, on January 14 and Dave AB2WZ is always looking for Volunteer Examiners. Contact Dave at [ab2wz@aol.com](mailto: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 to be present. The Drumlins ARC offers VE sessions on the even months. Contact WD2STK at [wd2stk@yahoo.com](mailto:wd2stk@yahoo.com) 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](http://www.arrl.org) for details), the ARRL EME contest, Great Colorado Snowshoe Run, AWA Bruce Kelly CW QSO Party, ARRL 10 meter contest, Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO party, ARRL Rookie Roundup, ARRL Straight Key Night, various international events and many others. See the December QST page 68 or the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

This coming Saturday, December 6, is the annual Skywarn Recognition Day and WB2VMR, KD2GTA and KB2NCI will be making the trip to the Buffalo National Weather Service office (WX2BUF) to operate from there. Anyone interested in going with us, let KB2NCI know and we can coordinate time and ride. If you cannot make it, listen on the 145.110- (pl 110.9) repeater or on the HF bands for the Weather Service offices and check in. See <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/mtr/hamradio/> for additional information.

Plans are coming together to put up a station or two for the ARRL Kid's Day event on Sunday, January 4, 2015. We will be operating at the Safety Training Center from 11am to 3pm with set up commencing at 8am and take down afterward. I have been in contact with a couple of scout troops and working on getting the word out to some more, but if you want to let some youngsters know, they are welcome to attend. I look forward to a fun time for them and us. Please mark your calendar for this event. Contact KB2NCI if you can be there.

## Odd and Ends

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Work on the 145.450 repeater on Gannett Hill is nearly complete and the repeater is working well. A new antenna and feedline have been ordered and this should complete the project. The new controller uses a voice ID and also announces the time. Nice addition. I encourage every one of you to help exercise the repeaters. They need the "attention". The Geneva repeater is next up for improvements. It is still linked to the 442.200 on Gannett Hill, but still has some hiccups. It is usable at this time.

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.

Roger KD2RPK, in his role with the Red Cross was sent to help out with the Buffalo Snow-magedon. He has made it home safely now, but was very busy for most of a week. Thank you to Roger and the other volunteers that assisted. Did anyone else go to help out? Let us know of your involvement.

Dave AB2WZ will be doing some RACES Disaster-Lan (D-Lan) training over the 145.450 repeater beginning this coming Wednesday evening, December 3, at 7pm. If you need your user name and password to log in, please contact Dave at [ab2wz@aol.com](mailto:ab2wz@aol.com). The D-Lan website is [eoc.co.ontario.ny.us](http://eoc.co.ontario.ny.us)

**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

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145.450- (110.9) W2ONT training net	Sundays 8pm Ontario County RACES/ARES
146.685- (no tone) WA2EMO	Sundays 8:45pm Wayne County RACES net
146.610- (110.9) N2MPE RACES net	Thursdays (except 4 <sup>th</sup> ) 9pm Monroe County
3993.5kHz LSB	New York State RACES net

## Club/RACES Repeaters

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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  
WA2BQT D-Star hot spot 444.300+ Geneva City Hall

## President's Thoughts

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On the heels of Thanksgiving, we have another holiday season in which to appreciate those around us. Our hobby gives us a unique way to keep in touch with many of those people and still be prepared for the uncertainties of our world. Be sure to appreciate what you have and can contribute.

Happy Holidays!  
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.

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**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.