



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
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December 2015

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Greetings to the last month of 2015. Seems like I just said that last year!. It has been a good and busy year for us. I hope you enjoyed the ride.

Our next meeting will be at **7:00pm** on Wednesday, December 9, our Christmas Party at the AWA, 6925 Routes 5 & 20 in Bloomfield. Please bring a dish to pass. The club will provide pizza and soft drinks. There will be a special raffle and all are welcome. Following dinner, we will receive a tour of the AWA museum. Thanks to Ron W2FUI and Stan WM3D for arranging the evening. If the weather is questionable, check your email before leaving the house.

Past Events

I am sorry to have missed last months meeting and program from Scott Bauer, W2LC. I had a minor family emergency that night, but all is well now.

Overall, November was a quiet month for the club.

Upcoming Events

Our **next VE Session** will be held at 6:30pm, on January 13, 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: ARRL 10 and 160 meter contests, AWA Bruce Kelly 1929 QSO Party, CW Rookie Roundup, World Wide Iron Ham Contest, Straight Key Night and many others. See the December QST pages 69 and 95 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.

WB2VMR, KD2CZW, KD2GTA and KB2NCI are 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 8am 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. Look for us as WX2BUF.

Our next breakfast will be at 8am, Saturday, January 16, 2016, at the Villager Restaurant, 245 S. Main St, Canandaigua. Please let me know by January 8 if you are coming.

RACES and ARES

While on eham.net recently, I found an interesting website that some of you may be aware of but I was not. It is radiopreppers.com. I have just looked at minimally, but it looks like it might have some worthwhile information. Anybody else seen this one and what do you think of it? Let us know your thoughts. If it gets us thinking of preparing, it is a good thing.

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. If you have ANY questions, feel free to contact me with kb2nci@arrl.net or 585-924-0752.

Odd and Ends

Club Shirts—The shirts, hats, etc have been ordered and hopefully we will have them by the December meeting. Please bring your check books or cash with you in case we do have them so you can pick your order up and pay back the club, who is fronting the money. See John KD2GTA at the meeting to pick up your order.

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.

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.

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 4th) 9pm Monroe County

3993.5kHz LSB
9am

New York State RACES net Sundays at

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

I would like to extend my seasons greetings to all of you and wish you a very prosperous New Year for 2016. We will be looking forward to a busy one and it should be fun and interesting. You will have the opportunity to participate in several events, both club and public service. I hope you all can be apart of them. As I have said before, this is your club and the board and I welcome your input.

Have Fun and Talk Up Ham Radio and I hope to catch you on the radio!

73, Tom Sanders KB2NCI

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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.