



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club

Since October 7, 1953



Smoke Signal

December 2018

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December is coming in as expected; some snow, some rain and some cold weather. Remember, only 4 more months of it! (we hope).

Our **next meeting will be Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 6:30pm** at the AWA Museum, 6925 Routes 5 & 20, Bloomfield (just about across from Route 444). It will be our annual holiday party pot luck and the club will provide pizza and soft drinks. Please bring your table service (plates, cups, silverware, etc) **and a dish to pass**. All are welcome. Members will be eligible for a raffle for a book on Portable Operating by the ARRL. **Remember we start at 6:30pm**. If the weather is questionable, check your email for a cancellation notice by 5:30. If cancelled, I will also try to monitor the 145.450 repeater.

Past Events

Our program for November was to be Carla from the county, but the dates communicated got goofed up, so we will try again for the February meeting.

The breakfast on November 10 was well attended, with 19 at the tables. The Villager does a great job for us and it is nice to support a local business. See you in February!

Our Laurel VE test session was very successful. There were a total of 10 that tested, and 9 passed or upgraded.

Please congratulate the following:

Aaron—KD2QXO—new technician

Caleb—KD2QXN--new technician

Elisha--KD2QXM—new technician

Dick—KD2QXL—new technician
David—KD2QXK—new technician
Chuck—KD2QXJ—new technician
Rich—K2AXP—upgraded to General
Jeremy—W2JSB—upgraded to Extra
Kevin—KD2PVH—upgraded to Extra

Thanks to Russ, N2IZV, and his team for their hard work to help those interested in amateur radio.

Upcoming Events

Our annual Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 6:30pm at the AWA Museum in Bloomfield. See above and hope to see you there.

Our **next VE Session** will be held at 6:30pm, on January 9, 2019, and Russ N2IZV is always looking for Volunteer Examiners. This session will be before the regular SIARC meeting at the Safety Training Center. Contact Russ at rcharris@msn.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 Russ 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 160 meter CW contest, 10 meter CW and Phone contest, 4 states QRP Second Sunday Sprint, Rookie Round Up CW, Bogor Old and New contest, Straight Key Night, and many others. See the December QST pages 70 and 96 and the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information. These events are a great way to build up your DXCC, WAS and other scores for stations worked. And they are fun!

January also sees the ARRL VHF contest, RTTY Roundup, International DX contest and of course, Kids Day on the 5th.

Skywarn Recognition Day is Saturday, December 1 (actually begins Friday at 7pm) and the Weather Service office in Buffalo will be operating. The Lancaster ARC is helping to get them back on the air, after an absence last year due to a tower that came down. I doubt

I will be able to go there, but I hope to operate from home for part of the time, contacting them on the 145.110 Bristol repeater and maybe do some HF. The event ends at 7pm Saturday.

The January meeting will be our annual Flea Market for your equipment that you would like to sell or trade. Come prepared with cash and equipment to sell.

I am planning on attending Hamvention in May. Think about if you want to go and let me know. Maybe we can car pool somewhat. We will need to find accommodations soon.

RACES and ARES

From the County Administrators newsletter.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (RACES)

Pumpkin Patrol: On October 30 and 31, 21 radio operators from Ontario and Wayne Counties took posts at 7 Thruway overpasses from 8 pm to midnight to serve as extra eyes for law enforcement to prevent goblins from interfering with the traffic below. Originating in 1976 when a tractor trailer was struck by an object thrown from an overpass, the Pumpkin Patrol now covers the Thruway from NYC to the Pennsylvania line, under the coordination of Troop T, NY State Police.

Hurricane Michael: On October 11, the 911 Center used its notification system to activate RACES to assist the Veterans Administration Crisis Center at the Canandaigua VAMC. A veteran in Panama City, Florida, was running out of oxygen, and the VA lacked communications into the disaster area. RACES members responded by calling into 911 as directed, establishing a local radio network within 20 minutes of the notification and standing by for several hours in case of need. Meanwhile, one RACES operator facilitated a telephone connection from the Florida State Watch Officer to the VA Crisis Center. By the following morning, it was reported that the veteran was airlifted to a hospital by the Coast Guard.

Also, I encourage all of you to check into our weekly RACES/ARES nets, which are on Sundays at 8pm (except around holidays) (you are invited to check into any other net also) and practice those skills that someday you may be called upon to use. They are held on the W20NT 145.450- (pl 110.9) repeater. We are also looking for additional stations to practice being Net Control and

Assistant Net Control. In the event we are called out, having some experience as Net Control will be very beneficial. If you have ANY questions, feel free to contact me at kb2nci@arrl.net or 585-924-0752. If you are not, and would like to become a member of RACES/ARES, please see or contact me.

Monitor the 145.450 repeater in times of severe weather or area wide power outages. And if you do not hear anyone, start up an informal net.

The December issue of QST has a very interesting and helpful article on Public Service that talks about Operating at Events. See pages 66 and 67 for the details.

I will have the **magnetic signs for ARES use** during public service events (runs, walks, etc) at the December Holiday party at the AWA. They are \$10 each and payable with cash or checks made out to SIARC.

Odd and Ends

Below is the information on ordering SIARC shirts and hats.

Hello all,

Below is the information I spoke of last night for Club Shirts, etc. You would deal directly with the vendor in Victor. If several of you want to get together for the orders of 12 or more pieces, Shane will look at the pricing and see what he can do. I would be happy to pick up your orders and deliver them at a club meeting if that helps out.

73

Tom Sanders, KB2NCI

Ontario County ARES/RACES

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All pricing is based on a quantity of 5 pieces or less.

Navy t-shirts with left chest and full back print = \$30.00 each

Navy t-shirts with a left chest print only = \$25.00 each

Navy Baseball hat with logo on front and name and call sign on back = \$25.00

Navy polo with left chest logo and name and call sign on right chest = \$40.00

Please note the pricing above is for small - extra large clothing only. Add \$3.00 for 2xl and large.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Best Regards,

Shane P. Maher



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Interesting article in posted Wednesday on the Daily Messenger website:

Health issues recently led Antique Wireless Museum staff member Bill Jaker to move into an assisted living facility in New Jersey. This was a double blow for the active ham radio operator.

The move from independent living in his own home to assisted living was difficult, but to lose his ability to continue as an active ham radio operator was crushing. Jaker had been on many radio nets every day, talking with friends across the country and the world.

Help came with the support of his sister, Bette Barr. Once Jaker was settled in his new living center, Curator Lynn Bisha, Curator Emeritus Bruce Roloson, Ned Asam and Dan Waterstraat developed a new ham radio station for him at the Bloomfield museum.

The new station uses Jaker's Elecraft K3 ham gear, a new antenna, new Elecraft K3 RemoteRig boxes and the internet service available in his new room. Once Antique Wireless

Association member Bill Zukowski, of New Jersey, took care of the final installation, Jaker was back on the ham bands. He is thrilled and could not be happier.

“AWA wants to thanks Bill’s friends and fellow staff members for their thoughtfulness and their dedication to getting him back the air,” said Robert Hobday, of Mendon, museum director. “If you happen to contact Bill at WB2RAE on the air, say hello. He is a great guy and extremely knowledgeable about broadcast radio and television. Hopefully this will set a model for helping other ham operators who have to enter assisted living centers.”

The Antique Wireless Museum, 6925 state Route 5, Bloomfield, was established in 1952. It is sponsored by AWA, an educational, nonprofit corporation chartered by the state Education Department.

The museum is open for tours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Admission is \$10 for adults, free for children and teens. Call 585-257-5119, or visit antiquewireless.org or facebook.com/antiquewirelessmuseum for information.

Drumlins ARC has started a weekly rag chew net on the WA2AAZ 146.745- (pl 71.9) repeater. It is held on Tuesdays at 7pm and is open to all. Check in and see what is happening.

Also, SIARC has been donated some equipment that we cannot use, and so will offer to club members to purchase (going to the treasury) them. What doesn’t sell, will be placed on Craig’s list, etc.

Kenwood HT TR2600A, and speaker mic

Precision Apparatus S-55 wide band oscilloscope

Precision Paco Regulated Power Supply B-12

Eico Audio Generator model 377

Eico Signal Tracer model 147A

Precision Paco Vacuum Tube Voltmeter model V-70

Disc Drive Tower DAC series

ADI AR147 Transceiver

Remember the National Parks on the Air event? The ARRL is sponsoring another similar event called the International Grid Chase and the object is during 2018 to make contacts with as many Grid Squares around the world as

possible. See the ARRL website for details.

How many Grid Squares have you contacted? Only a few more weeks to go. Any reports?

December 11 started off a yearlong operating event commemorating NASA, similar to the National Parks on the Air event in 2016. See www.nasaontheair.wordpress.com for details. Could be a fun event to participate in. Anybody done any of this? A recent QST had a few articles on Portable operating. It is fun.

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 click on Useful Links 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.

If you travel, look at www.repeaterbook.com for lots of repeater information. They have an app for your phone that shows repeaters within 50 miles of where you are. And for scanner listeners, go to www.radioreference.com for nationwide information.

Dave W2ACC has repeaters up in Waterloo that can offer good coverage to our east. They are on 145.130- (pl 110.9) and 442.225+ (pl 82,5). Give them a try. Dave's 220mHz repeater (on the Stanley tower) is now up and waiting to be used. The frequency is 224.26 (-1.6mHz offset and pl of 110.9). He is also working on a 900mHz repeater in Stanley. Stay tuned for more details.

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 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.

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
146.745- (71.9) WA2AAZ	Tuesdays, 7pm Drumlins ARC Weather Net
146.610- (110.9) N2MPE	Thursdays (except 4 th) 9pm Monroe County RACES net
3993.5kHz LSB	Sundays at 9am New York State RACES net

Club/RACES Repeaters

K2BWK	146.820- (110.9) Canandaigua VA Hospital
K2BWK D-Star	147.375+ Honeoye
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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 I write this, I am still coming off the enjoyment of Thanksgiving and looking forward to December as a time to see family and friends and enjoy their company. The cold weather can make it easier for us to gather around the fire and catch up. But do it early in the month, the last two weeks can become very busy. Just be sure to find time for your hobby and public service that amateur radio can provide. I always look forward to seeing everyone at the holiday meeting and seeing what is new at the AWA. I hope to see you all there and wish you a great holiday season.

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.

