



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club

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Good day and I am glad we did not have a repeat of 22 years ago---Ice Storm of 1991. Although we have snow on the ground, the roads are very passable and the temps are not hard to take. We are hearing mourning doves around the house, so hopefully spring is coming soon.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 13 at 7:30pm at the Safety Training Center in Canandaigua. Our program will be by Sheri Norton and the title will be "Spatial Technology for the Emergency Services". Sheri works for Ontario County with Geographic Information Services. Thanks to John WA2SSJ for finding her for us.

If you have someone or something in mind for programs, please feel free to contact them and then me to set them up.

Past Events

We visited the 911 Center at the last meeting. 14 members attended and got a very nice tour from our host, Jeff Edwards, of the old and new areas as well as the area where the new radio system will be housed. Very impressive racks!! We look forward to seeing the new center when it is up and running. We expect to have an area for our station and be able to help the county in time of need.

This past Thursday night, Scott, N2UMH, held an informal RACES group discussion on where we are heading in the coming months. We have been very fortunate to have a lot of nice equipment and will be working on becoming more familiar with its use and capabilities as well as learning how to deploy it when necessary. We have been lucky to have been spared many of the calamities that have fallen on other parts of the country, but something will happen here some day and we need to be prepared. Weekly training nets

are the first step, but there are many others. We will be looking for more of you to become more active with the RACES/ARES group.

Upcoming Events

There will be a Skywarn training class scheduled for March 7, 2013. The time is 7pm and the location will be the Ontario County Human Resources Building, 3019 County Complex Drive, Room 204. I hope to see all of you there. Anyone interested in the topic is welcome. See <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/buf/spt.htm> for more information on Skywarn.

Contests and Special Events this month include: QSO parties in Idaho, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Virginia and Wisconsin, ARRL DX Contest (phone), North American RTTY contest, Russian DX Contest, CQ WPX Phone Contest and many others. See the March QST page 84 or the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

There will also be a DXpedition on Clipperton Island. TX5K, will be on the air in March. See <http://www.cordell.org/CI/index.html> for more details. We have a local connection. Dave, WJ20, from RDXA is part of the team. I hope you can support them with a contact or two and some dollar donations to help these great efforts to continue.

March 9 (next Saturday) will be the 4H Expo where we set up a few stations at the Mid Lakes Elementary School in Phelps and 4Hers can come to learn about ham radio. We meet at 8am at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant for nourishment before we set up.

The Drumlins Hamfest is slated for April 13. According to my information, the location has changed this year to the Palmyra VFW building. See www.drumlinsarc.org for details. This event is a great start to the hamfest season. I hope to see you all there and supporting our local clubs.

April 27 is the date of the next Wild Water Derby in Shortsville. As of today, I have not been in contact with them, but if it goes on, we will be available to help. Stay tuned for further notices.

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. There are a few members that have not renewed and I will be sending out individual requests to them.

It is time to start thinking about Field Day (June 22 and 23). Don, N2VDE, are you still interested in leading this? Start thinking about the location.

I am thinking that some Saturday in August will be a good time for us to hold our annual picnic and also conduct our SPECIAL EVENT STATION to celebrate the club's 60th anniversary. Maybe the 10th. We could set up a couple of station and operate during throughout the day. Please bring your thoughts to the next meeting.

I would like to see us do some construction projects during meetings. Jay and I will be working on some things we can do over a few meetings. If you have ideas of areas to tackle, please contact Jay or myself.

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 March 13th at 6:30pm. 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. 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.

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. We will keep trying to get this going. It has been kind of slow, so check in if you can.

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 again after a few weeks off the air. Larry, N2MLH, had an explanation that it was hosed—a highly technical term meaning it broke and we don't know why. Get on and try it. Check it out. Thanks Larry for getting us going again.

President's Thoughts

As I said above, spring is coming soon and with it a renewal of life. It is a good time to renew your life too and explore new areas or rediscover old things you have enjoyed. Look for ways to become more involved in your community and hobbies. Planning a new project for the summer can help you to get the mental juices flowing and give you new enthusiasm for life. Amateur radio gives you many areas to explore and there are many in the club that would be there to help you. The pages of QST are filled with ideas. Give them a try.

And remember, Have Fun and Talk Up Ham Radio.

73, Tom KB2NCI

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