



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club  
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## Smoke Signal

May 2012

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May 1. The time is moving past very fast. It will be summer soon. Oh yeah, we had some summer recently didn't we? At least, the snow is gone!

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 9 at 7pm at the Safety Training Center. I will not be attendance due to a family commitment, but one of our board members will lead the meeting. I am sorry to miss the program as it will be very interesting and informative.

Jay KC2TCM and Dave KB2KBY will be doing a presentation on Packet Radio. They recently helped the Drumlins club get moving on this facet of amateur radio and I think it will be timely. I know it has been around for many years, but I believe that it can still be a valuable form of communications for our group and RACES. To prepare, if you would like to bring your TNC with manual and laptop, they can help you with them. There will be cables available if needed.

### Past Events

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Work continues on the 145.450 repeater and its amplifier. Thanks to Steve, WB2VMR, who has been trying to find the problem and fix it. Steve is finished with his work out of the area, so I hope he can come to the meeting and update us personally.

As you know, our portion of the Wild Water Derby was cancelled, due to low water levels. I hope it is better for them in 2013.

Our latest breakfast was on April 21 at the Villager Restaurant. We had 16 in attendance and saw a couple of new faces. Look for the next one in July. Is this location ok for everyone?

## Upcoming Events

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The AWA Spring Meet is this coming Saturday, May 5 at 8am. It will be held at the Veterans Park in E. Bloomfield (the site of the former AWA Annex). See [www.antiquewireless.org](http://www.antiquewireless.org) for details.

We should have an announcement for the location of Field Day at the meeting. I am looking forward to working lots of stations and having lots of fun with the group.

Contests this month include: QSO parties in 7<sup>th</sup> call area, Indiana, New England, Nevada, Baltic, Armed Forces Communications test, CQ WW WPX contest, Michigan QRP Memorial Day CW sprint and many others. See what you can work and have fun. See the May issue of QST or the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

How about a report on the Drumlins Hamfest? Sorry I missed it, dang work!

## Odds and End

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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.

There has been a schedule change in the clubs VE sessions for 2012. Dave AB2WZ is holding them on odd months. See the SIARC website for details. The Drumlins ARC will be holding them on the even months. Contact Sabrina WD2STK at [wd2stk@yahoo.com](mailto:wd2stk@yahoo.com) for details.

See the Radio Reference website at [www.radioreference.com/apps/db/](http://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.

## Nets

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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 <sup>th</sup> ) 9pm	Monroe County ARES net
3993.5 kHz LSB	State RACES net	Sundays 9am

## Club/RACES Repeaters

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K2BWK 146.820- (110.9) Canandaigua VA Hospital  
K2BWK D-Star 443.5 (+) Honeoye  
W2ONT 145.450- (110.9) Gannett Hill  
W2ONT 442.200- (110.9) Gannett Hill  
W2ONT 147.090- (110.9) Geneva City Hall

## President's Thoughts

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I don't know about you, but I have had a load of fun on HF recently. There are lots of openings to exotic places (exotic for me anyway) and I have snagged a couple of rare ones for me. I got E51CG in the South Cook Islands on 10m recently and picked up PA3GSU in the Netherlands on 17m this morning. There is a DXpedition in Yemen, 706T on now and it is hopping. The upcoming Armed Forces communications test is a fun time to work split and support our military. They have stations on many band on the air around the country so give it a try. The privileges we have are precious to more than just us. There are those that would love to have many of them or sell them to the highest bidder (I don't think we could afford them). So, I encourage you to get on the air and use your radio. We have several repeaters and they are pretty quiet most of the time. We have many general and extra class ops in the group and surrounding area, so if you have questions (I always have questions!) please ask and if you don't know who to ask, let me know and I can put you in touch with someone. We all had to learn sometime! As I said last month, if anyone has a particular area of interest they would like to present or explore, let's talk and come up with something to bring to the group.

See you at the meeting and on the air. And, remember to Have Fun and Talk Up Ham Radio.

73, Tom KB2NCI