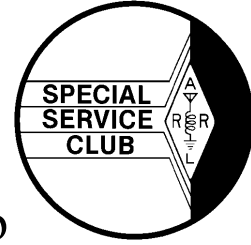




Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
Since October 7, 1953



Smoke Signal

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Welcome to a beautiful May. Finaally!! I was able to repair my downed dipole (with new rope picked up at the Drumlins Hamfest!!) and I am now ready for some warm weather operating. Now, just have to find the time away from the outside yard projects. Oh, well, at least it is pleasant to be outside.

Our next meeting (this coming Wednesday) will be May 8 at 7:30pm at the **Ontario County Complex, 3019 County Complex Drive (Human Resources Building)**, upstairs. The Safety Training Center will be jammed packed with people for the county tax auction (I believe) so that is why we found another site. We will work on a few more tape measure antennas so we can contemplate doing some fox hunts this summer and practicing direction finding. We need to come up with a "fox". Byonics (www.byonics.com/mf) has a practical one for about \$100 that we could use for this purpose. Let's consider buying one!

It is my understanding that the VE sessions will be held at 6:30 in the same location as the meeting. Contact Dave AB2WZ for details.

Past Events

April had many activities for us. I saw many members and friends at the Drumlins Hamfest on April 13 at the Palmyra VFM. The next Saturday, was our quarterly breakfast and we had 15 for that, and afterwards a few of us went to the EOC to organize our equipment and get it labeled (Thanks Jay for the labeler) and then we went to the Geneva EOC radio room to move some equipment there. This gives us more room in the Safety Training Center to organize there. Scott was very pleased! April 27 saw us helping with the Wild Water Derby and we had 8 operators as well as 2 non-hams (Michelle and RJ) to

help us with the race communications. It was great to see all who participated in the above events.

Upcoming Events

Contests and Special Events this month include: QSO parties in New England, 7-Land and Indiana, the Volta RTTY contest, several QRP contests, His Majesty the King of Spain contest and many others. Another fun one is the Armed Forces Communications Test on May 11 & 12. It is a great way to learn how to work split. See the May QST page 80 or the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

There will be many public service events over the next few months. Our club will be supporting the **Red Cross 5K run in July and the Finger Lakes Triathlon in September**. Look at the RARA site, www.rochesterham.org for more local events. A big one coming up is the Tour De Cure on June 2.

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.

Field Day is the weekend of June 22 and 23. It was suggested to hold a joint event with the Drumlins Club and after a few emails soliciting comments, Jay KC2TCM, Don N2VDE and I have ok'd the thought. At this time, we will be holding it at the Palmyra VFW which has a great pavilion for set up, lots of room for antennas and a great location for visibility with the public. Jay has started a thread on the <http://westernnyham.boards.net/> website. Check it out and keep up with our progress and feel free to add your thoughts. It will be a fun event to work with our Wayne County friends.

We will be holding our annual picnic and celebration of the club's 60th anniversary at the home of Steve, WB2VMR, in Farmington on August 17. We will be conducting a special event station throughout the day and will have several stations set up. Please mark your calendar for the day.

The Dayton Hamvention will be held May 17-19. I know that Stan WM3D, is going. Anyone else?? I expect a nice report in June!! Have fun.

The Rochester Ham-o-Rama will be at Rochester Institute of Technology on June 15. See www.rochesterham.org for details

Odds and End

As you most likely know, the 145.450 and 442.200 repeaters are down at this time. We are holding the RACES/ARES nets on the 146.820 repeater in the meantime. Scott N2UMH and Larry N2MLH, are hopeful to get these valuable machines back on line as soon as possible.

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 May 8 at 6:30pm at the Human Resources Building, 3019 County Complex Drive.** There is a big event at the Safety Training Center on our usual meeting night. 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. I have programmed my digital scanner with the new frequencies, but have heard very little activity. Does anyone have any other information?

Nets

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

President's Thoughts

We have several events planned for the coming months. Some fun only, some public service. It helps to enjoy this diverse hobby and keep us energized in it. Each of us can find ways to make it work for ourselves and I encourage you to find yours. Our monthly club meetings allow you to mix with a group of like minded folks that bring different perspective and knowledge. I look forward to them each second Wednesday and I hope you get something out of them. Feel free to interject thoughts and participate. It is your club and you can make it what you want it to be.

Remember, the meeting is at the Human Resources building, 3019 County Complex Drive, not the Safety Training Center, this month.

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