



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
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Hello all. I apologize for the lateness of this edition, but as I heard from someone once, "May was busy, but June is out of control!". There is so much going on with the end of school, hamfests, gardening, and of course hamming! I am starting to get the hang of our D-Star repeaters and that has been fun. Plus, the improving HF conditions are nice too.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 13 at 7pm at the Safety Training Center. There will be final planning for Field Day, led by Don N2VDE and assisted by Jay KC2TCM, Steve WB2VMR and myself. There is always room for more ideas and helping hands, so feel free to participate. We will be holding Field Day at the EOC with several stations set up outside and use the inside radios on 80 meters and D-Star. I hope that many of you can attend and have fun at our effort. Check out the ARRL Field Day Locator and see what other groups are also setting up in the area and around the country. Oh yeah, I almost forgot, Field Day is June 23 and 24. We are planning on meeting at 9am on Saturday to gather the equipment.

Past Events

Steve WB2VMR has gotten the W2ONT 145.450 repeater back on the air and up the 100 watts. He has loaned us an amplifier to use until he can get the old amp up and running. Thanks a lot Steve!! It works great.

Who went to the Dayton Hamfest? How about a short report at the meeting? Dave AB2WZ sent an email with an address for a video of the D-Star presentation at Dayton and it should help us all to better understand our new radios and mode. See Dave if you need the url.

I was unable to attend, but if anyone went, can you speak about the AWA Spring meet on May 5.

Upcoming Events

FIELD DAY—June 23 and 24 and VE testing on Saturday at 7pm.

Contests this month include: ARRL VHF Contest June 9 and 10, Kids Day June 16, West Virginia QSO Party, Worldwide EME Contest (Go Bob W2CNS!!). See what you can work and have fun. See the June issue of QST or the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

Emcomm East is September 22 at St. John Fisher College. It is a worthwhile event for those interested in emergency communications. See www.emcommeast.org for details.

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.

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 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 from all over the country. Dave AB2WZ has set up a link to our repeaters and you can follow them on your computer.

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 4th) 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 443.5 (+) Honeoye

K2BWK D-Star 147.375(+) 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

If you have not heard, our vhf D-Star repeater is up and operational on 147.375+ at the QTH of Larry N2MLH. It works well and is usually connected to a reflector. You can find out what it is connected to and who locally has been heard recently by going to the club website and clicking on the D-Star link. I will have my 880H at the meeting this week and set up for practice. Maybe we can do some training on it and the EOC 880H after the meeting. There is a learning curve, but it is not insurmountable. Thanks to Dave AB2WZ and Larry N2MLH for all of your effort, ideas and investments.

We are starting the public service event time frame and there will be lots of walks, runs and rides that could use your assistance for safety communications. (The Tour De Cure is tomorrow!). Ask around the group or see www.rochesterhamfest.org and go to public service events for more to choose from. Our big event is the Finger Lakes Triathlon in September. There is always room for more operators and is a great way to get to know your fellow members and the community better.

Just a reminder that there is a website for local ham radio activity. It is http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Ontario_County_Ham_Radio/ Check it out and join to keep on the locals.

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

73, Tom KB2NCI

