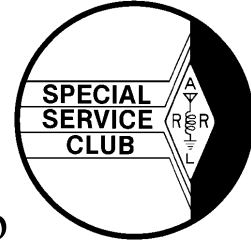




Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club  
Since October 7, 1953



## Smoke Signal

June 2013

[www.siarc.us](http://www.siarc.us)

Welcome to June. Nice, but sometimes rainy weather. The past two weeks have seen a increase in tornadoes and flooding weather fortunately, not here. Just yesterday, the 911 center's land line phones went down. They had to resort to advising the public to use cell phones or 800-394-4560 if their land line call would not go through. The reverse 911 call (hyper-reach) worked well. I thought we may have heard from the EOC, but did not. Good to be prepared though.

Our next meeting, Wednesday, June 12, will be back at the Safety Training Center at 7:30pm. The plan is to try out the recently ordered Byonics Hidden Transmitter. It was on back order a few days ago, so I hope it comes in. We will also be discussing Field Day preparations.

### Past Events

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We helped with the Wild Water Derby, Shortsville, in late April. The event went off without a hitch and our 8 operators and 2 guests worked well together on simplex and using MT63 to send the start/finish times. It was a beautiful day for the event.

### Upcoming Events

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Contests and Special Events this month include: QSO parties in Alabama, West Virginia, SMIRK (six meter international radio klub), VHF Contest, **FIELD DAY**, Kids Day and many others. See the June QST page 79 or the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

The public service season is upon us and there are many events in need of amateur radio assistance. The RARA website, [www.rochesterham.org](http://www.rochesterham.org) has a list of area events and a way to sign up to help. Our group's next event is on July 25 for a Red Cross 5K run in Canandaigua. Watch for more details in the coming weeks. The Finger Lakes Triathlon is scheduled for September 8.

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.

The Field Day team headed up by Don N2VDE, Jay KC2TCM and Rich KC2TNJ will be holding a meeting soon to finalize their plans. All are welcome and invited to attend. We will do our best to publicize the timing. This year will be a joint event with the Drumlins ARC and will be held at the Palmyra VFW on Route 31 (location of the famous Drumlins Hamfest). Oh yea, Field Day will be held **June 22 and 23**.

Our celebration of the club's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary special event station and picnic will be on **August 17** at the home of Steve WB2VMR in Farmington. The notice has been posted with ARRL so it will appear in the August QST. Planning meetings will begin soon.

The Rochester Ham-o-Rama will be held Saturday, **June 15** at the **Rochester Institute of Technology**. See [www.rochesterham.org](http://www.rochesterham.org) for details.

Odds and End

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Please be sure to inform Stan WM3D and Tom KB2NCI if you change your preferred email address, or other changes in your contact information.

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 145.450 repeater is still down. We have obtained two replacement amplifiers but are still waiting for all the parts to come together so we can get it back on the air. The 442.200 and 147.090 repeaters are back up and the 146.820 repeater is still operational. We are using it for the weekly RACES nets for now.

The D-Star system is working well. Larry N2MLH has installed a new server and reset the firewall. If you discover that they are not connecting to the gateway, please let Larry or

myself know so he can attend to it. It is usually just a quick reset of some part of the system.

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. 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

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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 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

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## President's Thoughts

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With Field Day rapidly approaching, I hope all of you have marked the weekend on your calendars for this biggest of amateur radio weekends. It gives us all a chance to mix with our fellow hams to operate, try different modes, work with others in set up of stations and antennas and just have fun. Some of us are there for the whole or just part of the weekend. Whatever you can do, please be a part of it. It is also good training for our FCC directive to be of public service.

Have a great summer, 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