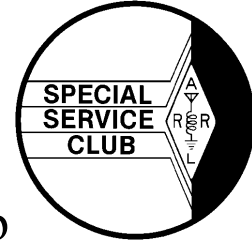




Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
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Hello July. Started out like June ended, RAIN. I don't have the exact figures, but the lawns have not needed watering this year. (at least not mine). Even with that, we have been spared much severe weather. So, what will the rest of the summer bring? I hope it is nice for the middle of August! We have been busy with a graduating senior from high school (Matthew) and know many of you may have had that going on also (congratulations to Scott's son Robert also!!). It is an exciting time for them and us and I wish them all the best in their future.

Our next meeting, Wednesday, July 10 at 7:30pm at the Safety Training Center. Along with a report on Field Day, we will have a talk by Scott, N2UMH, on Flex Net and other digital modes. I look forward to hearing more on these popular ways for us to communicate. He will also talk about the upcoming Red Cross 5K in Canandaigua.

Past Events

At the last meeting, we tried out our new Byonics Hidden Transmitter. It is pretty strong and seemed to overpower most of the attempts to hone in on its location and direction. It is something we can work on and develop skills with. Let me know if you would like to work on this project.

June also saw the Rochester Hamfest (now this time called the Ham-a-Rama) held at the RIT campus. It was a beautiful day and it is too bad they did not have any of the big commercial vendors. The flea market was nice though. It was great to see old friends and maybe pick up a new treasure or two. I thought the attendance was pretty good.

Upcoming Events

Contests and Special Events this month include: QSO parties in New Jersey and Alaska (VHF only)(hard to see how VHF will be that effective statewide there), several QRP contests, a couple of RTTY contests and the IOTA contest late in the month. See the July QST page 80 or the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

Special events are running a lot this summer and the next couple of weekends are open if you can help. The weekend of July 13 and 14 is the Musselman Triathlon in Yates County. Contact Rick KE2BV if you are interested (I have his information). The following weekend is the MS Bike event around Keuka College and Lake. They were soliciting operators, but I don't have the particulars. See me if you are interested and I can help you find them. **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.**

Hamfests in Batavia (July 20) and Lancaster (September 8) are coming soon. Information on both can be found at gbhamfest.hamgate.net.

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.

Our celebration of the club's 60th 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. I look forward to working with many or all of you on this fun day.

Odds and End

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 has been back on the air for a couple of weeks, although it still has some static noise. I expect that we will be having a couple of work crews this summer to rectify

the issues. Thanks to Steve WB2VMR and Larry N2MLH for your work on getting it back up.

The 146.820 seemed to have issues a couple of Sunday nights ago when we tried to use it while the 145.45 was sick. I will be looking for some assistance to go up and check it out this summer also. When it rains, it pours (pun intended).

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

I hope everyone is enjoying warmer weather (the rain will stop soon, I hope) and getting to those outside projects. Steve and I will begin working on the picnic/special event station and be soliciting additional hands. If anyone has any historical information on the club, please forward it to me. Also, if you know of a former member that may not have knowledge of this event, please contact them or get me their name and phone number and I will. We have had a lot of wonderful members through our 60 years and I would like to see as many as possible.

Remember to use our repeaters and.....

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