



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
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Good day to all. I am enjoying the newly green lawn again, thanks to the recent rains. It has been a long time. Although, now we may have to start mowing again.

We will NOT be having a meeting in August. Instead, my wife and I will be hosting a picnic for members and guests at our home, 6310 Gillis Road, (near Cline Road), Victor on August 25. Watch your email for notices and please let me know by the 18th if you are coming and the dish to pass you will bring. I expect to have a talk in radio on 146.820 and an HF set up for fun.

Past Events

July was a quiet month for the club. At our meeting, we went outside to inspect and learn from our member's mobile installations. It was fun to see how others have solved their problems.

We had 10 attend the last breakfast meeting. It was fun and we saw a couple of new faces, Jay and Ryan's mother, Mrs. Hamill, and Harvey Kidder, KD2CLS from Victor. Look for the next one in October.

Upcoming Events

Dave KB2KBY is still looking for help with the Clyde 5K run on August 18. If you can help Dave out that morning, please contact him at kb2kby@rochester.rr.com.

After the picnic on the 25th, we have our annual participation in the Finger Lakes Triathlon on Sunday, September 9. It is a fun time and our support is appreciated by the participants and organizers. Please put it on your calendar to help out.

Contests and Special Event Stations this month include: International Lighthouse Contest, 10-10 Summer Phone QSO Party, European HF Championship, North American QSO Party, Worked All Europe CW contest, several state QSO parties, South Africa CW and Phone QSO parties, several CW and Digital contests and many others. See what you can work and have fun. See the August issue of QST or the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

With the Olympics being held in London, there are several special event stations on the air and even some that have been on D-Star reflector 1C. See how many you can work and support our fellow hams across the pond.

What hamfests are coming up? Let the membership know which ones you recommend.

The EmComm East event will be NOT be held this year. There were many conflicts, so they decided to postpone until 2013.

We will be having election of officers at the September 12th meeting. All positions are up for grabs, so if you would like to become more involved and help improve the club and meetings, please get your name in the hat and on the ballot. A strong club has many involved members.

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.

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.

The next VE testing will be on September 5th. 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.

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 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

D-Star is up and running well. Get on and try it.

President's Thoughts

Here we are in the dog days of summer. It has been a beautifully sunny time for us to enjoy. We have been luckier than others in the country as far as water has been concerned. Hopefully, it will get better for all areas of the US.

Congratulations to Jim (KB2RPV) and Jamie Wagner on their upcoming wedding on August 4. Best wishes to you both!

As I have said previously, 2013 will be our 60th year as a club and I would like for us to hold a special event station to celebrate. Start thinking of what you would like to do and we can discuss it in September.

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

73, Tom KB2NCI

