



Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
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Holy September. Batman. I cannot believe that we are in Labor Day weekend. At least we can usually look forward to a few more weeks of decent weather before the temps drop. That means that the Triathlon is just around the corner. More on that later.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 11 at 7:30pm at the Safety Training Center. I hope you all can be there. After the business meeting, I do a few minutes on National Preparedness Month. It is a good time to be reminded of the things we can do to be ready for a disaster in our area. Remember 9/11/01.

Past Events

THANK YOU to Steve and Nancy Benton for being our hosts on August 17.

Our Special Event Station and Picnic celebration of the club's 60th anniversary went off very well. Several of met at Steve's Friday evening to put up the G5RV and tent and other equipment. Then after meting for breakfast, we went to Steve's to begin operating at 9am. It was a slow day on the HF bands, but we made several contacts around the US on CW (KB2KBY) and SSB (KB2RPV, WB2VMR, KD2EHU, KC2TCM and KB2NCI). A nice half hour QSO on IRLP with Manchester, England, was made by KA2HQZ and KB2NCI. We had a couple of guest hams stop by (Jack and Matt Slocum) and they were able to enjoy the celebration for a little while. Then we had several members and spouses drop by for the picnic part. We all went away content with the day. We wrapped up in the early evening and

enjoyed a perfect day in August. Thanks again to Steve and Nancy for opening up their beautiful home and yard.

Upcoming Events

The Finger Lakes Triathlon will be held on Sunday, September 8 and we will again be providing safety communications around the bike and run courses. We will need 12 or more operators for the event which begins for us at 0645 (race start is 0715). We could still use a few more operators to do this right, so please contact Scott N2UMH or Tom KB2NCI if you can help (Many thanks to those that have already signed up). Mobile or HT will work (we can place you accordingly) and aprs if you have it. We will be using one or two of our local repeaters. For those that are coming, we will be meeting (optional) at Dennys on Eastern Blvd at 0545 for breakfast. Details will be sent to those who sign up the week before. If you want to help at the last minute, be at Schooners on Lakeshore Blvd in Canandaigua at 0645. We are usually done by noon or so, so it does not take all day. See www.fingerlakestriathlon.com for course information.

Contests and Special Events this month include: QSO parties in Colorado, Tennessee, Arkansas, Ohio, South Carolina, Washington State, Texas and Maine, North American Sprints, ARRLVHF contest, a couple of SHF contests, EME contest and many others. See the September QST page 79 or the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

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.

September is the month for club elections. All positions are open and we would encourage all members to get involved with YOUR club. We will take nominations from the floor at the September 11 meeting.

We will again be supporting the Pumpkin Patrol effort to keep the Thruway safe. There are 8 bridges, and some need two operators because of their length. We cover for two nights (8pm to midnight) on October 30 and 31. This is a joint effort with the Drumlins ARC and Dave KB2KBY will be coordinating again. Please consider giving up one night for this worthy cause. If we get enough volunteer, we only have to sit one night.

EMCOMM EAST will be held Sunday, September 29 at St. John Fisher College in Rochester.

See www.emcommeast.org if you would like to attend this interesting and informative event.

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. It is also important to pass phone number changes to John WA2SSJ for RACES members.

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.

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?

September 11 we will be sponsoring **VE license testing**. The session begins at 6:30pm at the Safety Training Center. Please contact Dave AB2WZ at d1161f@aol.com to preregister. Dave is also always looking for additional hams (at least general class) to be VEs.

RARA is offering license classes beginning September 10. See <http://www.rochesterham.org/LicCourses.htm> for details. I am going to see about taking the Extra class this fall. Any others?

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

President's Thoughts

As stated above, we will be holding elections of officers at the next meeting. All positions are open for nomination: President, Vice President, Secretary,

Treasurer, and 3 Directors. I have said this in the past and will re-emphasize it here: this is your club and I encourage you to get involved with it. Bring your ideas up and let's act on them. I have enjoyed being president, but would not be offended if someone else would like to lead this wonderful group. The hobby is very dynamic and can always use new blood. Give it a thought.

Have Fun and Talk Up Ham Radio.
73, Tom KB2NCI
Ham Radio: Service, Science, Skill

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