

Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club
Smoke Signals
Special Summer Edition



Announcement

SIARC is putting Squaw Island on the map!
Saturday August 15, 2009
10 AM - 6PM (1400 - 2200z)

SIARC has registered Squaw Island for the US Islands Awards Program (USi). Our event manager is Norm WB2GGM. Once we make the requisite number and type of contacts (see www.usislands.org or ask Norm for details) stations will be able to get credit for working this island toward the USi Program.

We have cleared this activity with NYS DEC. The club will have two boats. One anchored at Squaw Island the other to ferry members and guests back and forth. For now parking will be at the State Boat Launch on Lakeshore Drive (332 just south of 5&20). This may change due to any possible fee's and an event happening on the city pier that weekend. The talk in and pick up frequency will be on 146.820(-) pl 110.9

There will be at least one HF station and an IRLP station hooked up on the boat anchored at Squaw Island. If you wish, bring a lunch to eat on the beach of the island. Bring a blanket and picnic basket. No grilling facilities are available and the park is carry in carryout for garbage.

A final planning meeting will be held Wednesday August 12, 7 PM at the PSTF hosted by Norm, WB2GGM. There will be no regular club business conducted at this meeting.

If the weather does not look good on Saturday the 15th check the 146.820 for any weather related cancellations.

The "Regular" News

Our next official club meeting will be Wednesday September 9, 7 PM at the PSTF. The meeting will start of with the annual election of our club officers. The presentation will be a practical exercise using the Winlink 2000 and MT63 digital modes. The exercise will include hands on experience with the Ontario County EOC's ARES/RACES base and mobile digital equipment. We will also have the programs on hand to help you set up your equipment to operate in these, and other, digital modes.

Mark the date! September 20, 2009 is set for the annual Finger Lakes Triathlon. So far preliminary information shows little change to the course from the previous years. For those who have not participated in this event our members are located at various spots around the bicycle and foot race courses to provide emergency communications and race information to the triathlon officials and public safety entities involved in the event. We need 11 or more people to volunteer. We usually start set up around 6:30 AM and end by the latest 3 PM. If you can't make the whole event that day we could still use your help for part of it. Further details will be posted as we get them. Anyone willing to volunteer now may contact Scott, N2UMH at 585-314-8429

Field Day 2009. This year's FD was another success. We had a well organized group, good number of visitors, and strong over night presence brining in the points from dusk to dawn and beyond! We are awaiting the official score from our FD coordinator Don, N2VDE but this may have been one of our best years yet!

WNY DOH Hospital Communications Exercise. As if June was not already busy enough several of our members participated in an Ontario County ARES/RACES exercise with NYS DOH and our area local hospitals. Tom KB2NCI, Bob W2CNS, Scott N2UMH, Norm WB2GGM, Steve WB2VMR, Steve KD2OM, Gib KC2JTU, Vern N2YZS, John WA2SSJ, Dave AB2WZ, Don N2VDE and Larry N2LMH worked the hospitals, EOC, and ANC while Sam KC2TIV was dispatched out to Wayne County to assist Wane County ARES/RACES - Drumlins with the coverage of Newark-Wayne Hospital. This team used voice and digital coms to show that

amateur radio is a viable emergency backup communication option for the area hospitals. With a communication failure or overload during a disaster Ontario County ARES/RACES will be tasked with keeping our local hospitals in touch with each other, the EOC, regional resource hospitals, and NYS DOH. As an ARRL registered Special Service Club SIARC will continue to support public service communication projects like this and encourage its members to participate in ARES and RACES operations.

[Comments from the President](#)

This has been a busy and productive year for SIARC and we are not even close to being done yet. I was away for vacation in July and will be taking some more time off at the end of August. This summer I have also been busy renewing my licenses and certifications for work. Even so I want everyone to know I am available to you for any questions, concerns, or ideas. If you ever need to contact me please feel free to call my cell at 585-314-8429 at ANYTIME. My schedule can be very chaotic so don't worry about the hour. If I am sleeping, busy at work, or otherwise busy you will go to voicemail. Calling me at 3 or 4 AM can be the same as calling at 1 or 2 PM. Again don't hesitate to call me at anytime. -- Scott, N2UMH