



## Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club



October 2011

Welcome to fall. As I sit here, it is 46 degrees and drizzly. Oh for a nice summer day! I hope all of your outside projects are done (or nearly so). I wish mine were!

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 7pm at the Ontario County Safety Training Center. It is open to members and anyone interested in ham radio. We are slated to have a D-Star presentation/training for new D-Star users presented by AB2WZ, W2CNS and KD2OM. Bring your radio, laptop, mag mount antenna and questions.

### Past Events

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EmComm East was held on Sunday, September 25 at St. John Fisher College in Rochester and was well attended by our group (8) and had close to 100 attendees and presenters. It was a day of many informative sessions and demonstrations. The keynote speaker was Mike Corey, W5MPC, the Emergency Coordinator for the ARRL. Speakers came from around the northeast and one speaker was Tom Cox, VE6COX, from Alberta, Canada. I even met a ham visiting from San Jose, California (via Binghamton), Henry KE6HOU, that lived in my home town of Morgan Hill, CA, at one point. You never know whom you will meet. This is the fourth year and next year will be held again in September, so watch the websites and emails.

The 2011 version of the Finger Lakes Triathlon was held September 11 and there were 1300 participants completing in the swim, bike, run event which raises money for the Mary M. Gooley Hemophilia Center. Ontario County RACES and SIARC provided safety communications once again and they were pleased with our attendance and assistance. Thank You to all 11 operators who helped, most with APRS. There is always room for more help, so keep the time frame open for 2012.

### Upcoming Events

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Ham Radio Breakfast---the next one will be on October 15, 8am at Polimeni's Restaurant on Maple Ave in Bloomfield. This is open to anyone interested in amateur radio and is an

informal gathering. Please contact Tom KB2NCI by October 12 if you will be there. We just need to give them a round number for a table.

Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) is held the fourth weekend of October and this year a group of hams will be at Camp Babcock Hovey, near Ovid, Seneca County, on Saturday, October 15. Please contact Bill WB2SXY at [wb2sxy@arrl.net](mailto:wb2sxy@arrl.net) if you would like to be there. The other way you can participate, is on the air that weekend. The International Scout frequencies are : **World Scout Frequencies**

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Band	SSB (phone)	CW (morse)
80 m	3.690 & 3.940 MHz	3.570 MHz
40 m	7.090 & 7.190 MHz	7.030 MHz
20 m	14.290 MHz	14.060 MHz
17 m	18.140 MHz	18.080 MHz
15 m	21.360 MHz	21.140 MHz
12 m	24.960 MHz	24.910 MHz
10 m	28.390 MHz	28.180 MHz
6 m	50.160 MHz	50.160 MHz

This is a great event to introduce amateur radio to youth.

The New York QSO Party is also October 15. See [www.nyqp.org](http://www.nyqp.org) for more information. Also, although I have not been there, it appears that 10 meters has been hopping. Try that famous band to see where you can reach!

Pumpkin Patrol---will be held again October 30 and 31. Dave KB2KBY is looking for operators for this very worthwhile event that provide great public service and safety. Please contact [kb2kby@rochester.rr.com](mailto:kb2kby@rochester.rr.com) if you can help.

## Odds and Ends

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A reminder to renew your ARRL membership thru the club. We get a commission on each new and renewal if we send it in. See Ray AB2UY or Tom KB2NCI for details.

A reminder to be sure that your APRS unit is set for 144.390 when in use. There have been reports that a unit has been transmitting on the input of the 145.11 repeater, 144.51, and sending the noticeable bursts of noise. Thank you.

## Local Nets

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145.450 (110.9) W2ONT Sundays 8pm Ontario County RACES/ARES training net  
146.745 WA2AAZ Sundays 8:45pm Wayne County RACES net  
146.61 (110.9) N2MPE Thursdays (except 4<sup>th</sup>) 9pm Monroe County ARES net

## Officer Biography

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Good day from your new president. I thought that it would be nice for the membership to know more about their SIARC folks and so I plan to ask each one of us to say a few words about ourselves each month, starting with the officers and board of directors.

I am Tom Sanders, KB2NCI and live in Victor. I have been licensed since 1991 and hold a General class ticket. My elmer was Ernie Brown, K2BWK (sk) and I met him when I moved here from California in 1990. (I tell everyone that I moved here for the weather, but really my wife is from Victor and we moved here after getting married.) I had been a CBer in the 70's and had an interest in ham radio but never pursued it, thinking I could not pass the code (my general came with the 13wpm test, but don't ask me to use it now.) I have been a scanner listener for years and after moving here, found activity on 146.82 to be fun and since Ernie was a family friend, I took a class that the club sponsored in Bloomfield and got my Novice ticket. I was in the class with Gary AA2IZ (who was a president of this club in the 90's) and was taught by Tom Socci, W2RUK (sk) and Rich KF2FA (now moved to the 3 call area I believe). It was great fun and afterwards I joined SIARC and was at a couple of Field Days (my first at Dale KA2UDH's QTH on Seneca Point Road), before the club went dormant for a few years. When John Park WA2SSJ sent out the notice a few years back about reviving RACES in Ontario County, I jumped on the chance to get active again. My main operating activities are RACES/ARES, public service events, local operating on our repeaters and a little HF work, mostly with special event stations and taking my rigs to play while my scout troop is at camping events and the annual 4H exp. I have accumulated a few rigs: HF rigs of FT747 and FT 857D, vhf FT2400 and dual band FT7800 (2), Icom D-Star 880H, VX5R and VX6R.. I purchased the Argent Tracker and have fun watching the map for activity. We have a motor home (great for traveling with kids!) and hope to someday do some HF from exotic national parks around the US (we have been to Yellowstone and Grand Canyon National Parks and many others along the way). My

wife, Debbie, and I have three children, Kevin 18, Matthew 16 (newly licensed driver---beware!), and Amanda 12.

## President's Thoughts

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I would like to thank Scott N2UMH and Steve WB2VMR for their time and effort as our outgoing President and Vice President for the past few years. They put in a lot of time into helping the club and ham radio in Ontario County succeed and they are to be commended. I also would like to thank Stan WM3D, Ray AB2UY and Dave AB2WZ for their previous and continued effort in the leadership of SIARC. I look forward to working with them and the two new board members, Dave KE4VHA and Jay KC2TCM, to keep our club strong and growing.

Amateur Radio is a still vibrant and exciting hobby and gives us many areas to explore and be part of. Supporting your club and the ARRL are very crucial to its success. Together we can have fun, learn a few things and support our communities.

See you at the next meeting and on the air. And remember to Talk Up Ham Radio.

73, Tom KB2NCI