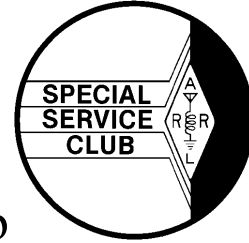




Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club

Since October 7, 1953



Smoke Signal

May 2019

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Hello to warmer weather (finally) and hopefully more to come. Looks like it will be a nice weekend coming up. Remember D-Day and what happened 75 years ago today!

Our **next meeting will be Wednesday, June 12, 2019** at 7:30pm back as the usual location, the Safety Training Center, 2914 CR 48, Canandaigua. The Field Day shirt orders will be distributed. Please have exact change for your shirt (\$13) or checks made out to Tom Sanders. I am still working on a program for June, so we will see what happens. See you there!

Past Events

The May program was by Steve, WB2VMR, and covered APRS and how it works and what you need to use it. Thanks Steve. I am sorry I missed it.

As was stated at the meeting, we had 15 for the Breakfast on May 4. Our next one will probably be in July. Hope to see you there.

Maybe we can get a report from those that went to Hamvention in Xenia, Ohio.

Pat, KD2PER, did you participate in any CW contests in May? We would love to hear.

The VE testing session in May yielded 1 new technician, 1 new general and 1 new extra license. Congratulations to the successful candidates.

Upcoming Events

Our July meeting will be our annual parking lot event of mobile and portable show and tell. Get ready to strut your stuff.

Public Service events in the area over the next few months include:

June 8, Tour De Cure Bike event for Diabetes, Webster

June 14, Shortsville Fire Department Parade (see below)

July 13 and 14, Musselman Triathlon, Geneva

August 24, Roc the Ride MS bike event, Rochester

September 8, Finger Lakes Triathlon, Canandaigua

October 6, Wineglass Marathon, Bath

October 30 and 31, Pumpkin Patrol, Thruway bridges

Our **next VE Session** will be held at Field Day on Saturday, June 22 at the White Springs Fire Department on CR 6 in Geneva. , and Russ N2IZV is always looking for Volunteer Examiners. At this time, I believe the session will begin at 1pm. Contact Russ at rcharris@msn.com if you can help. Our next session will be at the July 10 meeting.

These sessions have been very successful and are a great way to introduce prospective members to our club and RACES organization. They occur during odd months and Russ needs at least 3 other examiners (extra class preferable) to be present.

Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: QSO party in West Virginia, FIELD DAY, ARRL VHF contest, ARRL Kids Day event, 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint, and many others. See the June QST pages 86 and 97 and the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information. These events are a great way to build up your DXCC, WAS and other scores for stations worked. And they are fun!

The Field Day shirt orders will be distributed at the June meeting. The charge is \$13 for a shirt (if you ordered one) and exact cash or a check made out to Tom Sanders will be accepted.

Our **Field Day** event with Drumlins ARC will be held at the White Springs Fire Department ground on CR 6 in Geneva. Thanks to Tony, KD2HNI, for securing the location. Plans are coming to finality. A list was sent around with items that are being brought and options for items needed. Contact Don or Rich, KC2TNJ, tinker@rochester.rr.com to volunteer some stuff or food. If you would like to help, contact Don, N2VDE at n2vdefieldday@gmail.com. Remember that the Field Day weekend is June 22 and 23 and will be using the call sign W2S and look for us and other groups on the ARRL Field Day Locator. As a reminder, there will be VE testing at 1pm at the Field Day site on Saturday.

It is also a great weekend to try some portable operating. Bring a radio, antenna and power supply to try.

Amateur Radio Event

FIELD DAY 2019



www.arrl.org

SIARC & Drumlins ARC Field Day

**Location: White Springs Fire Department
3770 Pre Emption Rd (County Rd 6)
Geneva, NY, 14456**

Setup: Saturday June 22nd, 10AM

On the Air: June 22nd 2PM till June 23rd 10AM

Break down: Sunday June 23rd, 10AM to 1PM

Talk-in: 145.130- PL 110.9 and 442.225 PL 82.5

More info at: www.siarc.us or DrumlinsARC.us

******* Amateur License Testing 1PM Saturday *******

The Shortsville Fire Department has requested our assistance with their parade to be held on **the evening of Friday, June 14**. We will be looking for a minimum of 8 operators with handholds to volunteer, starting about 5pm. See Tom or Todd W2ODD if you would like to help. **We could still use a couple of more operators to help**. We will probably be meeting 5 to 5:30 in Shortsville (location to be determined) and I believe the Parade begins at 7pm.

We will be using 146.580 VHF simplex so a hand held radio will work.

RACES and ARES

The **Geneva City Hall EOC** station is making progress. We have a room in the attic (yes it will have heat and air conditioning, but not a window) that has a whole wall of shelves and lots of electrical outlets. Dave, W2ACC, disconnected the 147.090 repeater and the building and grounds folks moved the repeater up to our room. It is now back on the air and linked to the 442.200 on Gannett Hill. Dave, John and I have been working on the set up, now we have a station on the air for VHF (more that we had in the other location) and plans are moving forward for the purchase of antennas to get us on several bands. Watch for updates. Let John, WA2SSJ, (station manager) know if you would like to assist in this project.

I encourage all of you to check into our weekly RACES/ARES nets, which are on Sundays at 8pm (except around holidays) (you are invited to check into any other net also) and practice those skills that someday you may be called upon to use. They are held on the W2ONT 145.450- (pl 110.9) repeater. We are also looking for additional stations to practice being Net Control and Assistant Net Control. In the event we are called out, having some experience as Net Control will be very beneficial. If you have ANY questions, feel free to contact me at kb2nci@arrl.net or 585-924-0752. If you are not, and would like to become a member of RACES/ARES, please see or contact me.

Monitor the 145.450 repeater in times of severe weather or area wide power outages. And if you do not hear anyone, start up an informal net.

I will have the **magnetic signs for ARES use** during public service events (runs, walks, etc) at the **June** meeting. They are \$10 each and payable with cash or checks made out to SIARC.

A reminder that we will NOT have RACES nets on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16.

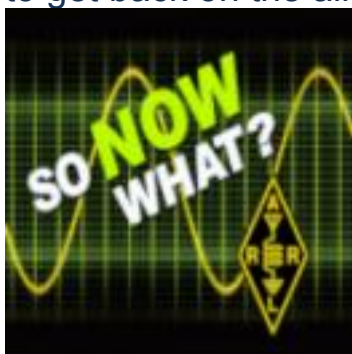
Odd and Ends

There is a **new 6 meter repeater** on the air, from Naples. It is on a tower site space provided by Dean, W2WDS, and the frequency is 53.110- (pl 82.5). There will also be a **440 repeater on the same site**, 442.500+ (82.5) going up there soon. Thanks to Dave W2ACC and Dean for these upgrades. Coming soon to a radio near you!

ARRL is starting a new podcast geared to those new to amateur radio.

So Now What?

ARRL is launching a new bi-weekly podcast geared to those who are just getting started on their Amateur Radio adventure. Whether you're new to the hobby or looking to get back on the air after an absence, we know that you've got lots of questions.



So does podcast co-host Michelle Patnode, W3MVP, ARRL communications content producer. Fortunately, she's got co-host Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, W1AW station manager and ARRL Lab member, to help her learn more about this hobby.

Join Michelle and Joe as they explore the topics that every newcomer to amateur radio needs to know.

Click [here](#) for the latest episode.

You can **subscribe** to the podcast in Apple iTunes or on Stitcher (sign in or use as a guest). If you are using an RSS client, the feed URL

is: feeds.blubrry.com/feeds/arrlnowwhat.xml

Scroll down for the podcast episode archive.

QUESTIONS?

Do you have a question for Joe or Michelle? Click here (sonowwhat@arrl.org) to e-

mail your question, or use the form below, and we will try to answer it on a future podcast episode!

Credits:

- Co-hosts: Michelle Patnode, W3MVP, and Joe Carcia, NJ1Q
- Announcer: Sabrina Jackson, KC1JMW, ARRL Radiosport administrative Manager
- Audio Editor/Producer: Michelle Patnode, W3MVP
- Executive Producer: David Isgur, N1RSN, ARRL Communications Manager
- Theme Music: "Jungle Island" from PremiumBeat.com
- Logo designed by: Sue Fagan, KB1OKW, graphic design supervisor at ARRL

Below is the information on ordering **SIARC shirts and hats**.

Hello all,

Below is the information I spoke of for Club Shirts, etc. You would deal directly with the vendor in Victor. If several of you want to get together for the orders of 12 or more pieces, Shane will look at the pricing and see what he can do. I would be happy to pick up your orders and deliver them at a club meeting if that helps out.

73

Tom Sanders, KB2NCI

Ontario County ARES/RACES

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All pricing is based on a quantity of 5 pieces or less.

Navy t-shirts with left chest and full back print = \$30.00 each

Navy t-shirts with a left chest print only = \$25.00 each

Navy Baseball hat with logo on front and name and call sign on back = \$25.00

Navy polo with left chest logo and name and call sign on right chest = \$40.00

Please note the pricing above is for small - extra large clothing only. Add \$3.00 for 2xl and large.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Best Regards,

Shane P. Maher



Office:585-924-5118

[Apparel Printers Plus Web Page](#)

Drumlins ARC has started a weekly weather/rag chew net on the WA2AAZ 146.745- (pl 71.9) repeater. It is held on Tuesdays at 7pm and is open to all. Check in and see what is happening.

As a reminder, the Smoke Signals and meeting minutes are posted as soon as possible on the SIARC website. This is an easy way to keep up with the group if you miss a meeting. Thanks to Steve, KD2OM, for keeping the website up to date.

For local repeaters, you can go to www.rochesterham.org and click on Useful Links to find a quick reference. You can also go to www.unyrepco.org and www.wnysorc.org for repeaters in western New York. Lots of information is available, and the councils are continually trying to keep it current. I recommend becoming a member of UNYREPCO as that covers our immediate area.

If you travel, look at www.repeaterbook.com for lots of repeater information. They have an app for your phone that shows repeaters within 50 miles of where you are. And for scanner listeners, go to www.radioreference.com for nationwide information.

Dave W2ACC has repeaters up in Waterloo that can offer good coverage to our east. They are on 145.130- (pl 110.9) and 442.225+ (pl 82.5). Give them a try. Dave's 220mHz repeater (on the Stanley tower) is now up and waiting to be used. The frequency is 224.26 (-1.6mHz offset and pl of 110.9).

From Dave, W2ACC

"There is a **220 net** on Tuesday night 7:00 pm and three nets on Friday night. 7:00 pm is the Syracuse world net followed by Tech net and the a swap net. My 220 is tied into all of them along with KA2NDW and KD2SL

My 900 MHZ repeater is up and running"

927.212	902.212
5	5

With an 82.5 tone

All are welcome

73

Dave

W2ACC

Check out www.dstarusers.org and www.dstarinfo.com for lots of information on D-Star.

Dues are payable in September for the next year. They are \$10 for an individual, \$14 for a family and \$100 for Life membership. Please see Stan WM3D to pay.

Please be sure to inform Stan WM3D or Tom KB2NCI if you change your preferred email address and phone number, or other changes in your contact information. Having up to date information helps if we need to reach you quickly (e.g. cancelling the Holiday party).

A reminder to renew your ARRL membership (you are a member aren't you?) through the club. We get a commission on each new and renewal if the club sends it in. See Tom KB2NCI for details. I encourage you to support the ARRL and become or maintain membership. They may not be perfect, but they try hard to represent all of amateur radio.

What projects are you working on or involved in? We would love to hear about them, either at the meeting or in the Smoke Signal. Let me know.

Nets

145.450- (110.9) W2ONT	Sundays 8pm Ontario County RACES/ARES training net
146.685- (71.9) WA2EMO	Sundays 8:35pm Wayne County RACES net
146.745- (71.9) WA2AAZ	Tuesdays, 7pm Drumlins ARC Weather Net
146.610- (110.9) N2MPE	Thursdays (except 4 th) 9pm Monroe County RACES net
3993.5kHz LSB	Sundays at 9am New York State RACES net

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—linked to 147.090
W2ONT	147.090+ (110.9) Geneva City Hall—linked to 442.200
KD2HVC D-Star	444.300+ Stanley
KD2HYJ D-Star	444.500 (no offset) Victor hot spot—very local coverage for now

President's Thoughts

I was out of town for several days in May. One of my sons graduated from college in New Hampshire and the following week I drove to Montana with him. He will be working at the Glacier Institute at Glacier National Park for the next four months doing outside education (and getting in a lot of hikes I presume). I was able to have a couple of days to explore the area, saw some great scenery (but no large animals) and even attended a local club breakfast on Saturday morning. Very nice group of people in the Flathead Valley in 7 land. I had a great conversation with WW7T, Tom, while there. They are planning a big

Field Day event as well and are into the same types of things we are: helping with public service and emcomm, learning more about radios and swapping equipment with their fellow hams. I hope you can do the same thing while on your travels.

So, enjoy the summer, family and ham radio, and not necessarily always in that order.

Have Fun and Talk Up Ham Radio and I hope to catch you on the radio!

73, Tom Sanders KB2NCI

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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.