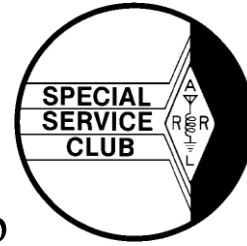




Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club

Since October 7, 1953



Smoke Signal

January 2017

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Happy New Year to all. I hope you had a nice holiday season and are ready for a fun 2017. There will be plenty to keep you busy with amateur radio, in and out of the club.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 11, back at the Safety Training Center on County Road 48. The meeting will be at 7:30pm, following the Laurel VE session at 6:30pm. We will hold our annual club flea market that night, so bring what you would like to sell or bargain for (and some cash for that goodie that you cannot live without).

Past Events

Several of the locals travelled to the Buffalo NWS office for the Skywarn Appreciation Day on December 3. I look forward to hearing from someone who went. I hear that there was also a hamfest that day in the area. Who went, what did you get, etc.

Our annual Holiday party was held at the AWA on December 7. Ron W2FUI and Stan WM3D were our hosts and we all had a great time visiting and exploring this world class museum. It really is a jewel in our area and I hope you all get a chance to visit it this year. Thanks Ron and Stan!

Upcoming Events

This coming Saturday, January 7, is the ARRL Kid's Day event. We will be setting up 2 to 3 HF stations, 1 VHF/UHF D-Star station and some other areas for the kids to learn a bit about amateur radio. We will be setting up in Room 1 of the Safety Training Center

beginning around 9am and getting on the air when the stations are operational. We have invited a Cub Scout pack and Boy Scout troop to attend, but all kids are welcome. If you would like to join us (AC2SA, WA2SSJ, KD2GTA, KB2KBY, KB2NCI), come on over. We will wrap up at 3pm. We will be meeting for breakfast at Dennys on Eastern Blvd in Canandaigua at 8am if you would like to join us.

Our **next VE Session** will be held at 6:30pm, on January 11, 2017, and Dave AB2WZ is always looking for Volunteer Examiners. It will be held at the **Safety Training Center**. Contact Dave at ab2wz@aol.com if you can help.

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 Dave needs at least 3 other examiners (extra class preferable) to be present. The Drumlins ARC offers VE sessions on the even months. Contact WD2STK at wd2stk@yahoo.com for testing or to help as a VE.

Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: ARRL RTTY Roundup, North American QSO Party (CW and SSB), ARRL VHF contest, Montana QSO party, Winter Field Day and many others. See the January QST pages 95 and 102 and the WA7BNM website <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more information.

We will be having our **next breakfast get together** on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at the Villager Restaurant in Canandaigua. Mark your calendars for 8am. Let me know by January 20 if you are attending so I can alert the restaurant.

Upcoming events for 2017 include:

Kids Day

Wild Water Derby

Drumlins Hamfest

Tour De Cure

Finger Lakes Challenge in Penn Yan

Red Cross Run for the Red

Finger Lakes Triathlon

Wineglass Marathon

Pumpkin Patrol

Skywarn Appreciation Day

and many others that will want ham operators to assist.

RACES and ARES

The numbers are out for the 2016 net participation. We had a total of 47 nets/events with 759 check ins/participants with an average of 16.14 per event. Last year the average was 15.5, so we are increasing. Thanks to all who of you who were a part of our success and especially to our Wayne County friends. Without them, the average would have been much lower.

Now that the holidays are over, we will begin in earnest to get the EmComm course off the ground. If you have not already, contact me at kb2nci@arrrl.net if you would like to participate, so we can include you in the roster.

Prerequisites are ICS 100 and 700 (certificates to Scott N2UMH). We will be looking for a few mentors for the Emergency Communications on line course that RACES will be supporting. The student does the class on line and there is an on line mentor, but I would like some of us who have taken the course to meet with the group on a couple of Saturday mornings to help with any areas of need.

If you do not have your Disaster Lan user name and password, contact Dave AB2WZ at ab2wz@aol.com . You do not want to find out at the wrong time that you do not have it.

Also, I encourage all of you to check into our weekly RACES/ARES net (you are invited to check into any other net also) and practice those skills that someday you may be called upon to use. 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 with kb2nci@arrrl.net or 585-924-0752. You can get an outside of the area perspective on this by reading page 93 of the January QST.

Odd and Ends

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 select Ham Radio 101 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.

The Statewide UHF system has a change at the Bristol site. The repeater frequency has changed to 444.550+ (110.9) and sponsored by W2HYP and W2COP. It is also linked to the 442.000+ (110.9) repeater in Wethersfield, which gives it good coverage into Buffalo and beyond. Many hours and dollars have been spent to get this system on the air and it is a fun and useful system to access and use along the NYS Thruway and I-81 corridors. See <http://www.upstateham.com/2012/12/uhf-ny-statewide-linked-repeaters.html> for more information. They are still updating the Bristol changes, but this gives you good information on the rest of the system.

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 Ray AB2UY or 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.

Do you like programs? So do I but we do run out of ideas. If you have an idea for an interesting program, please contact the speaker (or present it yourself) and see me about scheduling it. I am sure with all the membership and varied interests, we can find some programs.

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.

Dave W1DV has something to offer:

If you could send this around to Smoke Signal email list, I'd appreciate it

I just "smoked" my old Ameritron AL-811H amp. No idea what happened but have not got time to fix it – and I have other amps. If anyone would like it for parts come pick it up; I'll wait a couple weeks then throw it in the recycle bin

I am sure the caps, meters, etc are fine

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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
146.610- (110.9) N2MPE	Thursdays (except 4 th) 9pm Monroe County RACES net
3993.5kHz LSB	New York State RACES net Sundays at 9am
146.745- (71.9) WA2AAZ	Storm Trackers Weather Training Net, 4 th Tuesday 7pm

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

As 2017 begins, I look forward to hearing from all of you on things you would like to do and learn about with the hobby. It is a wide open area of learning and friendship that it is at our fingertips. These days, we have a multitude of avenues for communication to choose from and I hope you will take advantage of some of them to let your thoughts be known.

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

73, Tom Sanders KB2NCI

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Amateur is:

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others.^[SEP]

^[SEP]LOYAL Offering loyalty, encouragement and support to other^[SEP] amateurs, local clubs and
the American Radio Relay League,^[SEP] through which Amateur Radio in the United States is
represented nationally and internationally.^[SEP]

^[SEP]PROGRESSIVE With knowledge abreast of science, a well built and efficient station and
operation beyond reproach.

^[SEP]FRIENDLY With slow and patient operation when requested, friendly^[SEP] advice and counsel
to the beginner, kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of
others. These^[SEP] are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.

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school or community.^[SEP]

^[SEP]PATRIOTIC With station and skill always ready for service to country and^[SEP] community.