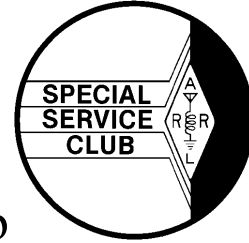




Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club

Since October 7, 1953



Smoke Signal

February 2020

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I guess the groundhog did not see his shadow Sunday, so we will be able to begin antenna work in about 6 weeks!! It is hard to believe we have had as much snow as has been recorded, since we have had so many melt cycles. I guess that is better than having it all accumulate.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 12 (Lincoln's birthday for those that remember that), 2020 at the Safety Training Center, 2914 CR 48, Canandaigua, beginning at 7:30pm. All are welcome. It will follow the 6:30pm Board of Directors meeting. Everyone is welcome to that too. Our program this month will be by Dave W2ACC and he will speak to the updates at the KD2HVC Stanley repeater.

Past Events

Our January meeting was the annual Flea Market. The amount of items to sell was a little light, but the chance to shoot the breeze with our friends more than made up for it.

I made it to the Lockport Hamfest recently and it was a nice one. Not too large (Drumlins has more flea market vendors), but RW Antennas was there as well as a representative from Yaesu. It was fun to support a local group.

Upcoming Events

The next Breakfast will be on Saturday, February 29, at 8am at the Villager Restaurant, 245 South Main St, Canandaigua. All are welcome. Let me know in advance if you know you are coming (some already have) so I can alert the restaurant. See you then.

Our **next VE Session** will be held at the March 11, 2020, meeting at 6:30pm. Contact Russ at rcharris@msn.com if you can help. At least 3 examiners must be present, General or Extra Class. Having an Extra Class allows you to score for all three levels. Remember that the testing sessions occur on the meeting nights of the ODD months. There is complete information on the SIARC website.

Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: ARRL School Club Roundup, ARRL International DX CW contest, North American QSO Party, AWA Amplitude Modulation QSO Party, South Carolina QSO Party, and many others. See the February QST pages 81 and 90 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 Drumlins Hamfest is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2020. SIARC will have a table for members to sell from. Stay tuned for more information.

The 2020 Field Day event with Drumlins is scheduled for June 27 and 28. The location has not been nailed down but we have the Hopewell EOC reserved just in case another location does not materialize. Bring your thoughts to the February meeting or contact Don, N2VDE, directly.

Our first public service event is the Wild Water Derby in Shortsville. It is usually the last Saturday in April, so mark your calendar to help out.

RACES and ARES

There will be a RACES planning meeting on Wednesday, February 5, at 9:30am at the Safety Training Center, EOC conference room. All RACES members are welcome to attend to help plan our activities for this year.

Public Service events that I know of (or believe I have the correct dates for) are as follows:

Wild Water Derby, Shortsville, April 25

Tour de Cure, Webster, June 13

Musselman Triathlon, Geneva, July 19

Bike MS Roc the Ride, Rochester, September 12

Finger Lakes Triathlon, Canandaigua, September 13

Wineglass Marathon, Bath, October 6

Pumpkin Patrol, Ontario County, October 30 and 31

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 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 W2ONT 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 **February** meeting. They are \$10 each and payable with cash or checks made out to SIARC.

Odd and Ends

Check out the SIARC website for the new Club History tab. Steve KD2OM added it to be able to have a place for some past club information.

STANLEY REPEATER:

Dave W2ACC reports that the KD2NOL 146.985- (82.5) repeater is up and running in Dundee and gives very good coverage for Seneca County. This is the former frequency for the N2LSJ repeater in Penn Yan.

There is a **new 6 meter repeater** on the air, from Naples. The call sign is W2WDS. It is on a tower site space provided by Dean, W2WDS, and the frequency is 53.110- (pl 82.5). The **440 repeater on the same site**, 442.500+ (82.5) is on the air as well. Thanks to Dave W2ACC and Dean for these upgrades.

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. Steve has also started posting the Minutes of the Board Meetings, which will be held at various times throughout the year. 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
 146.685- (71.9) WA2EMO
 146.745- (71.9) WA2AAZ
 146.610- (110.9) N2MPE
 3993.5kHz LSB

Sundays 8pm Ontario County RACES/ARES training net
 Sundays 8:35pm Wayne County RACES net
 Tuesdays, 7pm Drumlins ARC Weather Net
 Thursdays (except 4th) 9pm Monroe County RACES net
 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 (plus DMR, Fusion, P25 and NXDN)
KD2HYJ D-Star 444.500 (no offset) Victor hot spot—very local coverage for now

President's Thoughts

Now that February has arrived, we can really start to plan the activities for the next several months. As mentioned above, there are several public service events you can sign up to help with. They are great to increase your experience level, understanding your radios and their capabilities, working with other hams from our area and maybe even meeting some from outside of it. We have Field Day planning starting and some other outside operating events to begin talking about. The hobby offers a great many areas of interest so dive in and find one (or several) to learn more about and have fun with. Dave's program this month will give us a lot of information on the upgrades at Stanley and the many modes he and his team have installed and offer up for use. Get out there and experiment!

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.