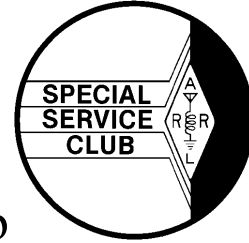




Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club

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Howdy. If spring is near, it is hiding behind a tower or something. It is a snowy day as I write this. We can hope for warmer weather, but...

Our **next meeting will be Wednesday, March 13, 2019** at 7:30pm at the Safety Training Center, 2914 County Road 48, Canandaigua. The meeting will follow the Laurel VE test session at 6:30pm. Our program this month will be by Don, N2VDE, on D-Star radio and the fun he is having with it. Hope to see you all there!

Past Events

The February meeting was low key and followed a short Board of Directors meeting. We did not have a quorum but discussed a few things. The following are the notes taken by John, WA2SSJ.

SIARC BOARD MEETING

2/13/1 6:40 PM ONTARIO COUNTY SAFETY TRAINING FACILITY

TOM KB2NCI; DOUG KD2LGE; JAY KC2TCM; JOHN WA2SSJ; DAVE N2EZY; TODD W2ODD; DEAN W2WDS; RAY AB2UY

I: COMMITTEES: TOM REVIEWED THE COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED BY THE BY LAWS OF THE CLUB. DAVE N2EZY VOLUNTEERED TO HEAD THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE. JOHN WA2SSJ VOLUNTEERED TO KEYBOARD THE OLD BY LAWS SO WE'D HAVE AN EDITABLE DOCUMENT IN THE EVENT OF CHANGES. DOUG KD2LGE VOLUNTEERED TO HEAD THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Ii: PROGRAMS: JAY KC2TCM NOTED DRUMLINS PROGRAMS WILL INCLUDE CPR AND OTHER VIDEOS; SHORT DISCUSSION OF OTHER PRESENTATION IDEAS. DAVE N2EZY OFFERED A PROGRAM ON SDRs LATER THIS YEAR. DON N2VDE WILL BE DOING ONE ON D-STAR.

INFORMALLY ADJOURNED ABOUT 7:05.

We will have our **next Board meeting** before the April 10 meeting. All are welcome.

We held a breakfast at the Villager Restaurant on Saturday, February 16 and it was well attended, again. It is a great opportunity to chew the fat with other hams from our group and the area. Look for the next one in the next few months. (May and June are very busy, but we will see what unfolds).

Upcoming Events

April 27 is the date of the **Wild Water Derby in Shortsville**. We have just the minimum number of operators now, so a few more would be helpful. We need to be ready at 11am and will be done by 2:30, so if you can help please see me soon. We are going to try out the new UHF handhelds that RACES has acquired.

April 27 is also the date of the **Drumlins Hamfest** at the Palmyra VFW post on Route 31. It is always a good time and should still allow you to help with the Derby, so try to make both. SIARC will not have a table there this year.

Our **next VE Session** will be held at 6:30pm, on March 13, 2019, and Russ N2IZV is always looking for Volunteer Examiners. Russ needed to take January off, but will resume in March. This session will be before the regular SIARC meeting at the Safety Training Center. Contact Russ at rcharris@msn.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 Russ needs at least 3 other examiners (extra class preferable) to be present.

Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: ARRL International DX contest, Oklahoma QSO party, Idaho QSO party, Wisconsin QSO party, Louisiana QSO party, Virginia QSO party, North American RTTY and SSB Sprints, and many others. See the March QST pages 88 and 98 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!

I know it is a few months off, but our **May 8 meeting and VE testing session** will be in another location. The Safety Training Center will be used for a police training class, so we will be moving to the Human Resources Building, 3019 County Complex Drive, Canandaigua. I will be out of town, so VP Steve, WB2VMR, will have the meeting and

program. We will also be taking orders for Field Day shirts at that meeting with payment due at pick up in June.

Our **Field Day** event with Drumlins, is still up in the air for a location. If you have ideas, bring them to the March meeting. Some venues need to be secured well in advance, so we want to work on those if necessary. Don, N2VDE, and Rich, KC2TNJ, talked at the breakfast so I am hopeful things are progressing nicely. Remember that the Field Day weekend is June 22 and 23.

Finger Lakes Triathlon will be Sunday, September 8. We will be looking for operators.

RACES and ARES

Notes from the admin meeting:

RACES PLANNING TEAM MEETING

FEBRUARY 08, 2019 0900 EOC

PRESENT: SCOTT, N2UMH; TOM, KB2NCI; STEVE, WB2VMR; JOHN, WA2SSJ; NORM, WB2GGM; VERN K2VJK.

INTERIM STATUS:

- Scott has other commitments, will be in and out for good part of the year. Rest of us are to do what needs to be done, keep him informed.
- HTs: RACES has acquired 19 Motorola and Icom handhelds from the EMO. Steve is reprogramming; ok to buy batteries, more standard cases, and speaker mics as needed. Programming to include area repeaters, simplex channels, and GMRS etc in case direct comm with public becomes necessary.
- UHF repeater: Vern has donated a UHF repeater. It could be set up as a portable unit to be used for events and emergencies, and we could buy a backup for the 442.2 separately.
- Membership list: complete as far as John knows; to be distributed to all at this meeting.
- HF Go kit: Steve reports it's about half completed.

GOALS:

1. clean up EOC. We have option of some space in garage and unlocked storeroom. Find out how much we have to store; Brett Kindel of EMD will make room in storeroom 1 or garage.
2. Tompkins Co: Scott in touch with county EMD; Hugh WA2LXB staying in touch.

Plan to keep him apprised of developments here. Our role with them is advisory, maybe training. Mutual aid agreement with OC RACES, Wayne, SIARC, etc. would be desirable long term goal.

3. EOC connections: possibly have drill to see if we can link EOCs in multiple counties, Geneva City station, and determine how many different ways we can communicate with them. Summary of area repeaters that'd be available over multicounty area might be useful.
4. Red Cross shelters: Scott reports no update on locations from ARC; 911 has a contact number. Best idea is that we go wherever county EMD sets up a shelter. Best scenario is having go kits as usable as possible. May need more antennas to support; have 3 tripods now. Need to learn how to assemble; during summer drills?
5. Hospital support: Scott says no NYS DOH drill this year, per Monroe group's minutes. He'll be updated if Jim Stefano or Mike Rink hear anything on it. Tom noted there are issues at Soldiers and Sailors with radio installed there; Scott thinks it might be feedline.
6. 911 Backup: Scott reports nothing's changed. Should definitely run drill this year with stations at fire/ems sites; simplex MT63 should be tried; determine best antenna setup for the fire/ems stations, to be installed at county expense ahead of need. Concept might be to provide infrastructure for handling of fire/ems calls, but not necessarily operate. Group to consider what should be installed for fire/ems stations in terms of amateur equipment.
7. DLAN: noted very few of us can operate it efficiently; Scott has NYS EMO info, where they use "state DLAN." Who's going to set up and schedule Dlan training?
8. RACES organization: Reviewed ARES strategic plan; Scott thinks ARES level 2 would be good goal for all our members, which would mean ICS 100, 200, 700 and 800, plus ARRL EC-001 or current equivalent, i.e. *Introduction to Amateur Radio Emergency Communications*.
9. Outside world contact ability: Winlink: Scott suggests we all learn how to use it. Practice use of software. Then add radio as needed.

PRIORITIES FOR NEXT 60 DAYS:

1. Find training officer/director.
2. Launch first purchasing order
3. Decide what we'll need for fire/ems stations.
4. Dlan operations: Scott will train a trainer. Need to find volunteer/draft person with energy.

LATER PRIORITIES:

1. Link 146.82 at VAMC Canandaigua to RACES 442.2 repeater on Gannett Hill.

Need to figure out what's needed, order it, and install, with SIARC providing engineering and installation, RACES providing equipment.

Adjourned around 1230. Next meeting TBD.

Drills are coming. Start preparing with portable equipment and capability to send and receive MT63.

The **Wild Water Derby in Shortsville**, is usually the last weekend in April, and if that holds this year, it will be the same day as the Drumlins Hamfest. In that case, we will not have a table at the hamfest and will be asking those that can help us to arrive in Shortsville by 11am. Usually done by 2:30pm. More details to follow, but I wanted to let everyone know of the possible conflict.

I have six committed to help at this time, but that is the minimum to help the event. Contact Tom if you can help.

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

John, WA2SSJ, reports that the **Geneva EOC station at City Hall** is moving forward with us going up to the 3rd floor. Stay tuned to progress in this area.

Odd and Ends

Russ, N2IZV, is heading up a Technician License class that Drumlins ARC is sponsoring. He is looking for anyone who would like to help with the classes, which will probably be on Saturdays, starting in March. Contact him at rcharris@msn.com The first class was held yesterday, March 2.

Stu, KC2KJO, is holding a **"Ham Radio Hobby for Kids"** event on Saturday March 23 in Newark. Let him know if your are interested in helping out.

Age 10 + Are Welcome





Safe, Fun, Educational
March 23rd.
3 Pm - 4:30 Pm
FREE EVENT

Ham Radio

in the 21st Century

Ham Radio Hobby For Kid's

Cannery Row Plaza 513 West Union St. Suite 14, Newark, NY 14513

KC2KJO hamhobby4kids@yahoo.com 315-573-9205



Canada is holding a National Parks on the Air event this year, similar to the one the ARRL supported in 2016. It is a great way to become a Chaser and make a contact with an Activator at one of their parks units. See the Radio Amateurs of Canada website, wp.rac.ca ARRL website www.arrl.org or pages 68 and 69 in the March QST for details. Or if you are in Canada, see if you can become an Activator!

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

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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). He is also working on a 900mHz repeater in Stanley. Stay tuned for more details.

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

Sundays 8pm Ontario County RACES/ARES training net
Sundays 8:35pm Wayne County RACES net
Tuesdays, 7pm Drumlins ARC Weather Net

146.610- (110.9) N2MPE
3993.5kHz LSB

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
KD2HYJ D-Star 444.500 (no offset) Victor hot spot—very local coverage for now

President's Thoughts

Last month, I spoke of “enjoying the thaw”. Well, today it does not look much like a thaw. They say spring will be here soon, but who knows for sure. We will enjoy it when it gets here. All you can do is prepare for it (that’s what hams do, right?) and have fun with our hobby outside in the times of shorts and t-shirts. I sure look forward to the public service events, Field Day, a picnic or two and our July meeting event where we inspect others mobile/portable set ups. I hope you are also looking forward to the time we can spend together and learn from each other. We have lots of great people in the group and hobby, so I encourage you to get out and meet them.

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.