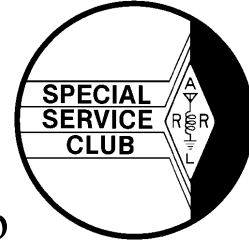




Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club

Since October 7, 1953



Smoke Signal

July 2019

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Welcome to July and the hotter weather. Stay hydrated while you have fun with amateur radio.

Sad to report that Lew, WE2LEW, from Drumlins, suffered a stroke this past weekend and is at Rochester General Hospital. Thoughts and prayers are appreciated. Get Well Soon, Lew.

Our **next meeting will be Wednesday, July 10, 2019** at 7:30pm at the Safety Training Center, 2914 CR 48, Canandaigua. We will be meeting in the parking lot for our annual "Check Out Your Mobile or Portable Station" night. So, spiff it up! There will be VE testing at 6:30pm also. See you there!

We will NOT have a meeting in August.

Past Events

The June program was an "Ask the Doctor" from ARRL and covered SWR. Very informative.

Several of us helped with the line up for the Shortsville Fire Department Parade on June 14. It was a beautiful evening to be outside, be helpful and see all the participants. Helping out were KD2LGE, KD2GMX, WB2VMR, N2CT, W2ODD and KB2NCI. They might even invite us back next year!

SIARC and Drumlins conducted their joint Field Day weekend again on June 22 and 23. This year's event was held at the White Springs Fire Department in Geneva. Tony KD2HNI and the department were great hosts and it was especially appreciated that they ordered

very nice weather for the weekend. The bands were so-so (as usual lately), but the food and fellowship was top notch. We had several guests stop by to see what we were doing. They were all given the hand out crafted by Doug KD2LGE telling about the club and went away with a better understanding of the hobby. It is fun and great experience working with the Wayne County group and lends itself to a very strong relationship, which will come in handy in an emergency situation. Don N2VDE and Rich KC2TNJ did a superb job again this year organizing all the aspects of the weekend. Thanks to both.

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:

July 13 and 14, Musselman Triathlon, Geneva—Operators are still needed! See Tom

August 24, Roc the Ride MS bike event, Rochester—go to www.rochesterham.org

September 8, Finger Lakes Triathlon, Canandaigua—Operators are still needed.

October 6, Wineglass Marathon, Bath

October 30 and 31, Pumpkin Patrol, Thruway bridges

Our **next VE Session** will be held at the July 10 meeting at 6:30pm. Sabrina WD2STK will be the lead this month as Russ will be out of town. 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.

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: 10-10 International Spirit of 76 QSO Party, FISTS Summer Slow Speed CW contest, IARU HF World Championship, Nort American QSO Party RTTY, CQ Worldwide VHF Contest, RSGB Islands on the Air (IOTA), and many others. See the July QST pages 85 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!

RACES and ARES

An organizational meeting was held for a group known as the Finger Lakes Amateur Radio Emergency Service (FLARES). The purpose of the meeting was to assess ways the counties of Livingston, Wayne, Monroe and Ontario, can work together in times of regional need. Each county brings unique resources, needs and procedures and it is felt that now is the time to understand those things and better prepare for a possible need for our services. There will more information coming out in the coming months.

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

A reminder that we WILL have a RACES Net on Sunday, July 7.

Just learned some sad news.

Frank Mallows, G1GYJ, from England, became a Silent Key on June 25. Several of us worked with Frank many times over the past 12 years. Starting with the Space Shuttle contacts and continuing with several 4H Expos. Frank was very involved with Scouting and introduced Ham Radio to many, many youngsters.

He will be missed by many around the world.

Rest in Peace, Frank.

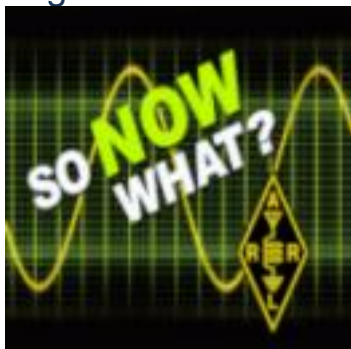
If you have an idea for programs for the meetings, please let me know. I have one person lined up for later this fall, but there is always room for someone to present about a topic they are knowledgeable about.

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. This project is nearing completion.

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

July, as the old song goes, Roll out those Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer. I am looking forward to reveling in the next few months of warmer weather and fellowship around the radio. Field Day was a great success for Drumlins and SIARC again. The teamwork needed to make this big event work is large and it always seems to happen. Rich and Don are the leadership that brings it all together, but the nuts (literally and figuratively) and bolts of the event are the many people that provide for tent (Gib), radios (Jay, Steve, Pat and others), antennas (Steve, Jay, Walter and that beautiful tower, Don, Pat), generator (Rich), tables and chairs (Tony and the White Springs Fire Department), computers (Jay), signs (Don) and all the great and timely food (thanks Rich for bringing so much of it and preparing most of it). Then there is the VE team that took time out of their weekend to promote the hobby for newcomers. I look forward to the last weekend in June of 2020 for the next one.

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.