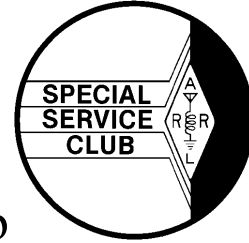




Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club

Since October 7, 1953



Smoke Signal

November 2019

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I must apologize for not having an October issue. I was called out of town abruptly to drive my son back from Montana as he was a little ill, and so did not have time to send it out.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 13 at 7:30pm at the Safety Training Center, 2914 CR 48, Canandaigua. It will follow the 6:30 Laurel VE testing session. Our program will be by Scott, N2UMH, on Cybersecurity. All are welcome and I hope to see you there.

Remember the **next Breakfast will be on Saturday, November 9** at 8am at the Villager Restaurant!!

Past Events

The Finger Lakes Triathlon on September 8, was a great success and we were able to keep it as safe as possible. Those helping were; KA2HQZ, WA2SSJ and wife Linda, KD2LGE, WD2STK, KC2TCM, KC2TNJ, W2WDS, N2EZY, KD2GMX, KC2YGH, N2IZV, W2ODD, WB2VMR, KB2FSB, KD2PER, KD2RUQ, KB2NCI. Thanks to all and see you next year.

Our program in October was by Dave, KC2DQS and was on 3D Printers. It was very interesting, Dave, and informative.

22 operators from SIARC and Drumlins, over two nights, helped Troop T and local law enforcement to keep the Thruway safe for motorists on October 30 and 31 during the annual Pumpkin Patrol. Those participating were: KC2YGH, KA1CNF, KC2TNJ, KB2FSB, KD2DNO (2 nights), KD2LGE, N2MKT, WD2STK, KC2TCM, KD2LBM, WB2VMR, KC8QXT, W2WES, KD2PER, KD2FCX, KD2AVK, N0EK, KA2HQZ, W1YX, AB2XM, KC2RZM, KB2NCI. Thanks to Dave KB2KBY for organizing the team and posts. Our work is appreciated and we will be there again in 2020.

The Board of Directors met before the October meeting to discuss next years activities and several topics were hit. We are looking forward to have committees to cover: Programs, activities (HF, Direction Finding hunts, kit building, etc), ways to get more hams (especially younger ones). We will look to have the board meetings before the regular meetings on the even months. All are welcome to attend.

Upcoming Events

A reminder that our **next Breakfast** will be this coming Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 8am at the Villager Restaurant, 245 S. Main St, Canandaigua. All are welcome.

Our **next VE Session** will be held at the November 13 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.

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.

New licenses issues from our testing session in September were:

Kevin KD2SQS

Adam KD2SQT

Eric KD2SQU

If you hear them on the air, congratulate them.

The December meeting will be our annual holiday dinner at the AWA on Routes 5 and 20 in Bloomfield. The club will provide pizza and drinks and attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass, as well their table service. If the weather is questionable, monitor the 146.820 repeater to see if it is cancelled. The event will begin at 6:30pm.

Upcoming Contests and Special Events this month include: ARRL Sweepstakes CW and SSB, AWA Bruce Kelley 1929 CW QSO Party, North American SSB Sprint Contest, 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint, ARRL EME contest, and many others. See the November QST pages 89 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

WA2SSJ, KD2PER, KD2LGE, and W2ACC have been putting in plenty of time at the Geneva EOC station at City Hall. The multiband HF, 6meter and two Tri Band vertical antennas have been installed and the associated radios are being added regularly. The station will have a Kenwood TS2000, Icom 880H, Yaesu FT 8900 and a Motorola VHF radio installed. The room also houses the 147.090 repeater.

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

A reminder that we will NOT have a RACES net on Sunday, December 1 because of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

I believe that Skywarn Recognition Day will be Saturday, December 7, 2019. Stay tuned details as they come out.

Odd and Ends

We held elections in September and the slate of officers remains the same.

President—Tom Sanders KB2NCI

Vice President—Steve Benton WB2VMR

Secretary—Ray Dreimiller Sr. AB2UY

Treasurer—Stan Avery WM3D

Directors: Dave Hunter N2EZY

John Park WA2SSJ

Wes Mills W2WES

Doug Howles KD2LGE

Liaison to Drumlins—Jay Hamill KC2TCM

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.

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. 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	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 hope you all survived the wind event we had this past week. It may a hint of the things to come over the next few months. I they we are predicted to have a warmer but wetter winter here in the northeast. Just be sure you are prepared for what we usually get. I got my snow blower back this week and have scheduled the switchover to snow tires on my cars. I don't like getting caught at the tire shop when the first snow hits. We are very lucky to live in this part of the country and not be subject to the fires, earthquakes, heavy rains and other calamities that have beset other areas. I hope we are all prepared.

Thank you for your faith in me to lead and I appreciate your support for another year. We have a great group and something for most any interest in the hobby. The fellowship is the most powerful part of the hobby and I look forward to seeing you all at as many activities that you can attend. Keep smiling and getting on the air as much as possible, and don't be hesitant to get involved.

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.