



DRUMLIN'S RUMBLINS

DARC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2007

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday February 21, 2007

Doors open at 7:00pm

Meeting 7:30pm

New York State EMO

Route 31 Newark, NY

or try 146.745

MINUTES

**THE DRUMLINS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, LTD
MINUTES**

Date: Jan 17 2007, **Call to order:** 19:48, **Adj :** 2030

MEMBERS/GUESTS: N2RUS, W2CDW, W2GIV, N2EVU, KE4VHA, N2MKV, N2JC AND GUESTS KC2QOL, KB2VGI, Phil Lundy and Jake Delyser

MINUTES: Motion to accept as printed: W2EVU 2nd: W2GIV carried:

TREASURERS REPORT by KB2KBY:
Motion to accept: W2EVU 2nd: W2GIV carried:

PUBLIC SERVICE: Nothing to report
REPEATERS: 146.745: ok 146.685: 5khz high
144.950:ntr 444.950: ntr

ACTIVITIES & CONTESTS: Some discussion of our upcoming hamfest. W2GIV set the menu to include pancakes& sausage with chili and hots for lunch. Can use more help in the kitchen. The final details with vendors etc. to be set in late March

VE TEAM: NTR

RACES: The Glitch in the ID procedure at Wayne County appears to have been fixed.

SKYWARN: there will be a class covering Summer weather conditions by the Weather service (Buffalo office) to be held at the SEMO facilities 0930 Sat, April 21 2007, all are invited.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Some discussion of ways to enhance our HAMFEST advertisement to the general public and hams in nearby areas.

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Silent Key

Edwin J. Holdsworth, N2EH

1931-2/11/2007

RACES-ARES FEBRUARY 2007

Whew! If you heard that back on Martin Luther King Day, January 15th, that was I! I was sighing a big sigh of relief back on day. The ice storm did get us but it was small in comparison to other events in the past. I for one was truly thankful. The generator, extension cords, camping Coleman lanterns and cook stove were ready. In Palmyra Sunnyside Lane just around the block from me lost electricity. That was the only place I know of near me. The Saratoga area got hit hard according to the "Daily Messenger" paper. It was 4 and 5 days before places got their power back. "Glad it was them," old Dad would say when things like this happened.

Lucky too the ice melted before our snow started to cover the area and the winds came up. As I type the snow and wind are still at it as an Upstate New York winter is holding on. You can blame the sudden change in WX, weather in CW, on the Taylor family. The first granddaughter born to KB2KBY's family was on the worst WX of the season the week of January 18th. Up until then the temperatures were mild and the ground and roads were bare. But Willow Brynn Taylor started making her move into the world and "whamo!" Guess what? Hi!

In fact traveling back from F.F. Thompson Hospital after seeing the new arrival one night the power was off at the traffic light in Manchester on Rte 21 up to the Wayne County line. The Daily Messenger said power was out for 4,500 customers for 8 hours. In this very freezing WX that is "not cool" so to speak in a kind of off color way. In these single and low teen

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The Drumlins Leaders 06-07

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NEWSLETTER: no complaints or comments

OLD BUSINESS: KB2KBY is resuming efforts to procure a club logo patch and or jackets. Some discussion on the failing 146.685 equipment, the weather service HF and Rich Cobb at the county level.

There will be an equipment committee meeting after Fri lunch Jan 19.

NEW BUSINESS: Some discussion on the ARRL publishing a Q&A manual for the new question pool.

50/50 DRAWING: \$ Donated **WINNER:** N2RUS

PROGRAM: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion: W2EVU 2nd N2JC carried: 20:30

THE U.N. CONNECTION

Did you know the Drumlins ARC has a connection with the United Nations? Well, you are in for a small surprise. So read on!

It seems N2JC's XYL, Rose, has a niece who works at the United Nations. Her name is Dr. Asha-Rose Migiro of Tanzania. Dr. Migiro has been appointed Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations-that is of course the number two spot in the United Nations! Rose and Jim are naturally "flabbergasted with surprise and awe." (Those are the exact words from N2JC's e-mail.) They should be! Check it out on the UN website or try www.tzuk.com or www.asha-rosemigiro.com. Lastly try www.ippmedia.com which is the Guardian newspaper site regarding Tanzania. By the way the ambassador from Tanzania to the United Kingdom is another of Rose's nieces, a sister to Asha-Rose.

Those of us, as myself, who have met Rose, know Rose is a very gifted and fantastic person as well. Wow! What a family! We are proud along with you, Rose and Jim. Jim, you never looked so respectable. Hi! Just pulling you leg, Jim. But you do have a good

W1AW Special Event, Midnight Exam Sessions to Mark New Amateur Rules

NEWINGTON, CT, Feb 9, 2007 -- As new Amateur Radio Service rules phase in Friday, February 23, eliminating the Morse code requirement, Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station W1AW will mark the milestone with a weekend-long special event. In addition, a number of Central Connecticut volunteer examiners will be on hand at ARRL Headquarters -- both before and after the new rules become effective at 12:01 AM EST -- to offer Amateur Radio examinations under both the current and new rules. ARRL Regulatory Information Specialist Dan Henderson, N1ND, is helping to coordinate the celebration. He says Headquarters staff and other volunteers will keep W1AW active for the "Welcome Weekend" event.

"W1AW will be on the air all weekend for this special event to celebrate the fact that so many amateurs have gained or will earn new privileges as a result of the rule changes," he said. "The station will operate starting at 12:01 AM Eastern Time on Friday, February 23, continuing into the wee hours and resuming operation during the day. Then W1AW will be on the air on both days of the weekend, from 10 AM until 5 PM -- perhaps longer as conditions and enthusiasm dictate."

Operation will be on both SSB and CW. W1AW operators will concentrate their activities on the Technician and General class HF subbands. On SSB, the station will use its normal phone frequencies -- 1.855, 3.990, 7.290, 14.290, 18.160 and 21.390 MHz. On 10 meters, W1AW will operate SSB on or about 28.480 MHz.

Henderson says operating will be casual unless pileups develop. "The purpose is to welcome newcomers to new privileges," he said.

"First Contact" certificates will be available as part of this event. ARRL invites anyone making a first contact or first HF contact to enter the contact information on the ARRL

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RACES NET SUNDAYS 8:45 PM 146.685
Except for Holiday Weekends

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XYL there. And doesn't this make the world a little smaller? It sure does!

Congratulations to you, Rose and Jim.
88 & 73, Dave KB2KBY

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temps before wind chill is factored in, one can get hypothermia very quickly. Believe me I know what I am talking about as an ex-Army patriot of the Alaskan Command. That Polar Bear on the Alaskan Command shoulder patch is there for a good reason. It "ain't" any Bahamas. Ironically where I saw duty was the same longitude as Hawaii but the latitude was too bloody far north. Hi!

Again, what is all this leading too? (I love 'bird walking' when it gets ones interest. Hi!) We should be ready for our emergency communications role. There are some upcoming exercises RACES-ARES amateurs should put on the calendar. The Ginna practice drill and the FEMA observed exercise are coming again for this new 2007-year. The State practice drill is on Tuesday, April 3rd. The FEMA exercise in on Tuesday, May 22nd.

Sharpen your communications skills! We will need RACES members to cover these two events. Is your Wayne County Office of Emergency Management badge up to date? If not get it renewed! You will only be useful for an exercise with the EOC unless you have a valid badge. The Ginna exercises are our RACES "bread and butter." When the call goes out for volunteers (Remember we don't do this Army-style volunteering.), please, say "yes."

Put those dates on your calendar right now!

88 & 73, Dave KB2KBY

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"Welcome Weekend" Web site and receive a certificate in return. "If the first contact is with W1AW we will also be including a W1AW QSL card for the contact," Henderson added.

The ARRL anticipates a huge influx of upgrade applications once the Morse code requirement disappears. In addition, all Technician licensees will have limited HF privileges starting February 23, whether or not they've passed a Morse code test.

Amateur Radio exam sessions both before and after the zero hour will offer an opportunity for applicants either to upgrade under the outgoing licensing rules at the last possible opportunity or under the new licensing rules at the first possible opportunity.

"Dual exam sessions are scheduled at ARRL Headquarters around the effective time of the new licensing rules," says Brennan Price, N4QX, a former ARRL staff member and an ARRL VEC volunteer examiner. "At 11 PM on February 22, a session will be held for candidates wishing to upgrade under the existing rules. A few folks have expressed interest in such a session." Price says all Amateur Radio written and telegraphy elements will be offered until midnight.

"At 12:01 AM February 23, a second session will begin under the new licensing rules," he said. "Examiners will not only be evaluating previously earned Certificates of Successful Completion of Exam (CSCEs) for upgrades, but will be offering all written ele-

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ments." Two teams of volunteer examiners will be on site until all applicants have been served.

On or after February 23, applicants upgrading on the basis of a valid CSCE must present the certificate for element credit, fill out an application and pay any applicable exam session fee, which most VECs charge. Only after the VE team has issued a CSCE for upgrade credit may applicants actually use their new operating privileges on the air.

Additional Welcome Weekend information will be available on the ARRL Web site in the days leading up to February 23.

From ARRL website

HAMFESTS 2007

- Feb 24**.....26th Annual Winterfest.....Horseheads, NY
<http://www.arast.org/>
- Mar 04**...Greater Buffalo "Winter" Fest..Williamsville, NY
<http://gbhamfest.hamgate.net>
- Apr 14**.....Marbletown Fire Hall.....Newark, NY
<http://www.drumlinsarc.com>
- Apr 21**...Pioneer Radio Operators Society...Sardinia, NY
Email: rschwedt@netscape.com
- Jun 1-3**.....Rochester Hamfest.....Henrietta, NY
<http://www.rochesterhamfest.org>
- Jun 3**.....Breezeshooters HamfestButler, PA
<http://www.breezeshooters.net>
- Jun 9**.....Skyline A R C Hamfest.....Cortland, NY
www.skylineradioclub.org
- Jul 21**.....Utica Amateur Radio Club.....Frankfort, NY
Email: tbd2626@yahoo.com
- Aug 4**.....Tompkins County A R C Hamfest.....Ithaca, NY
<http://tcarc.compcenter.com>

**RaRa Amateur Radio
License Testing**

**All Elements needed
to complete a license class.**

**3rd Saturday of each
Month, Sept. – April**

**Registration – 10:00AM
Testing – 10:15AM**

**Room 3139, Building 9
(Park in Lot J)
Rochester Institute of Technology
1 Lomb Memorial Drive
Rochester, NY 14623**

**Contact Raj Dewan, N2RD to reserve
Space. Call (585) 703-4003 or e-mail
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February 18 - March 31, 2007

Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <i>Feb 18</i> RACES NET 8:45pm | <i>Feb 19</i> | <i>Feb 20</i> | <i>Feb 21</i> DARC Mting 7:30pm KB2GZN B'Day | <i>Feb 22</i> | <i>Feb 23</i> | <i>Feb 24</i> Hamfest Horsehds NY N2RUS B'Day |
| <i>Feb 25</i> RACES NET 8:45pm K2MDN | <i>Feb 26</i> | <i>Feb 27</i> | <i>Feb 28</i> WA2MVB B'Day | <i>Mar 1</i> | <i>Mar 2</i> KB2KM B'Day | <i>Mar 3</i> |
| <i>Mar 4</i> RACES NET 8:45pm | <i>Mar 5</i> KC2JLY B'Day KC2TLX B'day | <i>Mar 6</i> N2UGR B'Day WB2MBO B'Day WB2JOF B'Day | <i>Mar 7</i> | <i>Mar 8</i> | <i>Mar 9</i> | <i>Mar 10</i> KC2DQN B'day |
| <i>Mar 11</i> RACES NET 8:45pm | <i>Mar 12</i> | <i>Mar 13</i> | <i>Mar 14</i> K2MPE B'Day | <i>Mar 15</i> KC4WHJ B'Day | <i>Mar 16</i> WB2GKY B'Day | <i>Mar 17</i> |
| <i>Mar 18</i> RACES NET 8:45pm | <i>Mar 19</i> KA2LJL B'Day N2UGR B'Day | <i>Mar 20</i> | <i>Mar 21</i> DARC Mting 7:30pm K2TKB B'Day | <i>Mar 22</i> N2PMH B'Day | <i>Mar 23</i> WB2FCR B'Day | <i>Mar 24</i> N2CMA B'Day N2OLJ B'Day |
| <i>Mar 25</i> RACES NET 8:45pm | <i>Mar 26</i> | <i>Mar 27</i> KB2DIM B'Day | <i>Mar 28</i> KC2BEO B'Day W2RFM B'Day | <i>Mar 29</i> KX2T B'Day WA2IKC B'Day | <i>Mar 30</i> | <i>Mar 31</i> WA2ENW B'Day |