



DRUMLIN'S RUMBLINS

DARC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2005

NEXT MEETING

MARCH 16, 2005

Doors open at 7:pm Meeting 7:30pm

New York State

EMO

Route 31 Newark, NY

or try 146.745

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Due to Cal Bruzee, KC2HUP's inability to perform his duties, the board of directors has appointed Jim Collinworth, N2JC VP Protem till further action is taken by the membership

RACES-ARES: MARCH 2005

March is upon us! This is the crazy month of winter. This is the time of the year we can have the worst winter storms, and this is the month we had our ice storms. So-keep your fingers crossed! You may even want to cross your toes as well if it helps. (I am not one of those who can cross my toes. Hi!)

There is some clarification this month about the issuing of badges. If you remember we wondered last month why a ham could not get a RACES badge when he had a Red Cross badge. This is from Bruce, WB2QKO, in an e-mail. When it comes to ID cards, only one is issued to a person. Some people will get a card listed with some other group. If a person is a volunteer fireman he also welcomed as a member of RACES, but he

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MINUTES

Date: 2-16-2005

Call to Order: 1929

Welcome:

KC2MBU, KB2ROP, N2JC, KB2SOZ, WA2SOK, KC2HUP, N2RUS, K2MPE, KE4VHA, KB2KBY, N2MLD, W2SWL, AB2F, WB2JOF, W4ILN

Guests: N2BEL

Minutes Approval: 1st KB2SOZ 2nd KC2HUP

Treasures Report: 1st N2MLD 2nd KB2SOZ

Public Service: N2BEL of RARA gave a presentation of upcoming events where help is needed.

Contact Keith at (585) 254-0722 or e-mail him at

N2BEL@frontiernet.net. Visit the RARA website at www.rara.org.

Repeaters:

144.950 good

146.685 still in the shop. The old 745 repeater can be modified to work on 685. KB2SOZ will be contacting WB2QKO about the 685 repeater. Move to contact WB2QKO: 1st KB2SOZ 2nd N2MKT

146.745 good

444.950 good

Antenna Committee: none

Trailer Committee: none

Activities and Contests: none

VE Team: W4ILN volunteered to be a VE at our hamfest.

WARECS/ RACES/ ARES: There was a nice break on Super Bowl Sunday. The next expected day off is the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend.

Public Relations: none

Newsletter: There was a little mistake in the last newsletter in the Drumblins leaders list.

Remembrance/ Concerns: none

Old Business:

- The hamfest is coming up on April 9.

- Thanks go to N2RUS, KC2HUP, W4ILN, & KB2KBY for taking charge of inventorying our equipment to readjust the level of our ARRL insurance. \$4,509.00 of useless equipment has been

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The Drumlins Leaders 04-05

President	Doug Peeso, KB2ROP	315-587-2889
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Director 1 yr	Steve Elliott, N2COJ	315-789-2701
Sysop .745	Jeff Jenson, N2MKT	315-483-1537
Sysop .685	Bruce Blair, WB2QKO	315-597-9731
News Letter	Irv Walter, WA2SOK	315-597-2192
Club Trustee	Dave Taylor, KB2KBY	315-597-4293
Web Master	Doug Wakeman, KC2BMI	315-331-2980

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primarily is a fireman than his card will be listed as a firemen of Wayne County. Of course this would apply to anyone with another organizations. It makes sense. KB2SOZ at the last meeting also stated this as well. So there is your answer. It is a "no-brainer." There would be just too many badges floating around if you had more than one group you were with. There are a lot of us who wear more than one "hat."

Save June 1st, Wednesday, and July 19th, Tuesday, on your calendar. If you are able to help that is. Thelma Wideman, the director of the Wayne County Emergency Management, has informed WARCES-RACES there will be a State-evaluated exercise June 1-3. Plus there will be FEMA-evaluated exercise July 19-21. Our responsibility, however, and most response personnel will only be needed on the first day of each exercise ONLY. If this is a full-fledged exercise members are needed for the two teams in vehicles and manning the EOC positions. July, I can see as a much more difficult time with summer vacations and travel to cover all our bases. I must admit for all the members of DARC there are, very few and the same few fall out for these exercises. Please consider helping! Contact Bruce or myself!

I have contacted NWS-Buffalo about our Skywarn class May 4th, Wednesday night at the SEMO site in Newark. At this time it looks like there will be a 7PM start time for the class. This in not confirmed 100%. We are trying to get the start time compromised between NWS and DARC best for working members of the club and travel for NWS from Buffalo.

Last month I kind of went over my limit a wee bite. So I'll make this a short one for this month. Hi! Yes! I know it is about time. Hi! Take care and see you next month.

Dave Taylor, KB2KBY

RACES NET SUNDAY
8:45 PM 146.745 Temporarily

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Fellow Amateur Radio Operators,

As any amateur radio person will know there are, in fact, only two seasons, winter and hamfest. Winter is that few weeks on each side of the new year and has only one good purpose. It is that time to work on projects and to make room for all the "stuff" you will get during hamfest season. Although snow is still covering the ground, make no mistake, hamfest season is upon us. You can smell the pancakes made just hours ago, and feel the crowds as they move round and round looking for that can't-live-without item.

Well, as you may know by now the Drumlin's Amateur Radio Club's Hamfest is scheduled for April 9th. I want to encourage all of you to come. There is no better way to meet face to face people you only get to hear on the air. So, come one, come all to the biggest hamfest ever (within a two mile radius). I truly hope to see you there.

PS the pancakes are really not that old. I'm not saying anything about the coffee.

Ye ol' ham proverb. The rain in Spain may fall mainly on the plane, but in Newark it falls on the hamfest so dress warmly.

Doug KB2ROP

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ATTENTION: RACES MEMBERS WITH BADGES

NEW BADGES ARE BEING ISSUED AT THE WAYNE COUNTY CRIMINAL RECORDS DEPARTMENT. THE NEW BADGES ARE DIGITAL DONE AND HAVE A BAR-CODE ON THE BACK. ALL RACES MEMBERS WITH CURRENT OLD STYLE BADGES FOR RACES MUST HAVE A NEW PICTURE TAKEN AND A SIGNATURE. BRING YOUR OLD BADGE TO TURN IN AND IDENTIFICATION (E.G. YOUR DRIVERS LICENSE).

ALL RACES MEMBERS WITH THE OLD BADGE MUST GET NEW ONES. THE NEW BADGE IS ONLY GOOD FOR ONE YEAR FORM DATE ISSUED. PLEASE DO THIS AS QUICKLY AS YOU CAN. THE RECORDS DEPARTMENT IS THE TEMPORARY BUILDING ON THE FRONT-WEST SIDE OF THE SHERIFF-ECO

Dave Taylor, KB2KBY

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taken off. Added on to the policy was \$870.00 for the beam antenna, \$650.00 for the rotor, all coming to a total of \$3,000.00.

New Business: - KB2SOZ will be contacting WB2QKO concerning the 685 repeater.

50/50 Drawing: N2JC, back to the club.

Adjournment: 2018

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas Grice, KC2MBU

FOR SALE-MUST DOWNSIZE SHACK-KB2KBY

KENWOOD TS-830S HF CW/SSB TRANSCEIVER W/ VFO-230, ASTATIC D-104 MIC, AND MANUAL (InCLUDES WARC BANDS): \$ 275.00

YASEU FT-101EX HF CW/SSB/AM TRANCIEVER W/ YC-601 DIGITAL DISPLAY, LANDLINER SPEAKER-PHONE PATCH, HAND MIC, SPARE SET FINAL TUBES AND MANUAL: \$295.00

HEATHKIT DX-60 CW/SSB TRANSMITTER W/ MATCHING HG-10 VFO, AND MANUAL: \$95.00

YASEU FRG-7 COMMUNICATIONS RECIEVER: \$125.00

MFJ-784B TUNABLE DSP FILTER, CABLE FOR CONNECTION TO FT-101 & TS-830 AND MANUAL: \$100.00

MFJ-407B DELUXE ELECTRONIC KEYER W/ MANUAL: \$35.00

MFJ-851B DELUXE HF PEAK READING SWR/WATTMETER (200W MAX): \$30.00

HEATHKIT HD-15 HYBRID PHONE PATCH: \$30.00

MFJ-986 DIFFERENTIAL-T TUNER-HF BANDS, 3KW PEP W/ WALL-WORT FOR LIGHTED METER: \$140.00

AUTEK RESEARCH QF-1A SSB/CW/AM FILTER: \$25.00

NYE COMPANY WEIGHTED BASE CW KEY W/ CABLE & PLUG: \$30.00

JONES KEY IAMBIC KEYER-SELF WEIGHTED BASE W/ CABLE & PLUG: \$40.00

T.G.M. COMMUNICATIONS (MADE CANADA) MQ-26 SIX-BAND 20M-6M HYBRID-MINI BEAM W/ MAST & MANUAL (NEVER USED): \$225.00

RADIO SHACK TV ROTOR (FOR MINI BEAM OR LIGHT DUTY ANTENNA-NEW): \$60.00 (THROW-IN RADIO SHACK 8' HEAVY GAGE -GRAY-MAST EXTRA NEVER USED: \$10.00)

CONTACT: KB2KBY-DAVE- 597-4293 (Leave message on phone recorder) or kb2kby@juno.com.

I take good care of all my gear. All gear in good to mint shape. Must downsize for future move to new QTH.

Web Page: <http://www.drumlinsarc.com>

Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course registration

(Mar 4, 2005) -- Registration for the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level I on-line course (EC-001) opens Monday, March 07, 2005, at 1201 AM EST and will remain open until all available seats have been filled or through the March 12-13 weekend--whichever comes first. Class begins Friday, March 25. Radio amateurs 55 and up are strongly encouraged to participate.

Act now! This is the final year of the grant-subsidized classes!

Thanks to our grant sponsors--the Corporation for National and Community Service and United Technologies Corporation--the \$45 registration fee paid upon enrollment will be reimbursed after successful completion of the course. During this registration period, seats are being offered to ARRL members on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn more, visit the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education Web page. For more information, contact Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG, cce@arrl.org; 860-594-0340.

From the ARRL Web Site

HAMFESTS 2005

Apr 9..... Marletown FH..Newark NY
<http://www.drumlinsarc.com>
May 20-21&22.....Dayton Hamfest
<http://www.hamvention.org/>
Jun 3 4 5.....ARRL Convention, Rochester, NY
<http://www.rochesterhamfest.org>
Jun 5..... Breezeshooters/Butler, PA
<http://www.breezeshooters.net>
Jun 11.....Courtland County Y Fairgrounds
www.skylineradioclub.org
Jul 16.....Batavia, NY
<http://www.hamgate.net/~gram/>
Jul 23.....Frankfort (Utica), NY
Email: tbd2626@yahoo.com
Aug 6-7.WNY Section Convention/Williamsville, NY
Email: luke@towncountryflorist.com

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FCC MORSE, RESTRUCTURING PROPOSALS COULD HIT THE STREET BY MID-YEAR

The FCC continues to work toward developing a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) that will spell out what the Commission has in mind with respect to possible changes in the current Morse code requirement and Amateur Radio licensing.

A total of 18 petitions have been filed, including one from the ARRL, seeking Part 97 rule changes addressing the future of the 5 WPM Morse requirement (Element 1) and revisions to the overall Amateur Radio licensing structure. The FCC is planning to tackle all 18 rulemaking petitions within the framework of a single proceeding.

As far as the code issue is concerned, petitions--and comments in response to them--run the gamut from retaining or even beefing up the Morse requirement to eliminating it altogether. (The ARRL's proposal would retain the 5 WPM Morse examination for Amateur Extra class applicants only.) The League and others have also put forth proposals for a new entry-level Amateur Radio license class.

At this point, personnel in the FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau are continuing to review the thousands of comments filed on the 18 petitions. While the FCC appears unlikely to release an NPRM any sooner than mid-2005, the issue still may be a major discussion topic during the FCC Forum at Dayton Hamvention, May 20-22.

Once public, the NPRM will initiate yet another round of public comments--this time on what the FCC has proposed. An FCC Report and Order to implement any new rules regarding Morse code and license restructuring is unlikely before the second half of 2006, although it's possible the Commission could wrap up the proceeding before then.

from the ARRL newsletter on Line

ARRL OFFERING FREE BASIC ELECTRONICS PRESENTATION

The ARRL Education and Technology Program is offering schools and clubs a CD-ROM presentation on basic electronics. The instructional presentation is available free of charge upon request.

"The Basic Electronics Course is intended for teachers and instructors who want a ready resource they can adapt to their instruction of electronics fundamentals," says ARRL Education and Technology Coordinator Mark Spencer, WA8SME. "The materials include a PowerPoint presentation and instructor's script."

Spencer says the course is designed around affordable components, a prototyping board and a volt-ohmmeter (VOM). The recommended text is Understanding Basic Electronics <<http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?category=&words=3983>>.

"The course covers the very basics up to Ohm's Law and then touches on other components like capacitors, coils, diodes and transistors--components common to virtually all electronic circuits," Spencer explains. He says teachers or instructors can use the presentation "as is" with the script or "cut and paste and roll their own" course.

"The course should take on the order of 10 hours to present," he notes. The PowerPoint presentation is on the order of 19 MB, so it is being made available on CD-ROM by request. Spencer has included a parts list and source. Those with high-speed Internet connections may wish to download the PowerPoint presentation <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/tbp/Basic-Electronics-for-the-New-Ham.ppt>> and the Instructor's Script MS-Word document <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/tbp/Basic-Electronics-Script.doc>>.

For ARRL Education and Technology Program-participating schools, Spencer says he's kitted up the necessary parts, VOM, prototyping boards and text. That package is available by request to program schools as part of their progress grants.

For more information or to request a copy of the presentation, contact Mark Spencer, WA8SME, m Spencer@arrl.org; 860-594-0396.

from the ARRL Newsletter on Line

March 13 - April 23, 2005

Drumlin Amateur Radio Club, LTD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>March 13</i> WARECS 7:45 pm KE2VN B'Day	<i>March 14</i> K2MPE B'Day	<i>March 15</i>	<i>March 16</i> DARC Meeting 7:30pm WT2P B'Day	<i>March 17</i> St. Patrick's	<i>March 18</i>	<i>March 19</i>
<i>March 20</i> WARECS 7:45 pm	<i>March 21</i> KG2BF B'day	<i>March 22</i>	<i>March 23</i>	<i>March 24</i> N2CMA B'Day N2OLJ B'Day	<i>March 25</i> N2VWT B'Day	<i>March 26</i>
<i>March 27</i> WARECS 7:45 pm Easter	<i>March 28</i>	<i>March 29</i> KX2T B'Day	<i>March 30</i>	<i>March 31</i> WA2ENW B'Day	<i>April 1</i> April Fools Day	<i>April 2</i> KB2IKK B'Day
<i>April 3</i> WARECS 7:45 pm Daylight Savings- -set ahead 1 hour	<i>April 4</i> N2COJ B'Day	<i>April 5</i>	<i>April 6</i>	<i>April 7</i> N2HVN B'Day	<i>April 8</i> Hamfest Setup 7 pm WA2MBR B'Day	<i>April 9</i> DARC HAMFEST N2MLA B'DayAY
<i>April 10</i> WARECS 7:45 pm	<i>April 11</i>	<i>April 12</i>	<i>April 13</i>	<i>April 14</i> KD2CO B'Day N2CSY B'Day N2DIT B'Day N2NNG B'Day	<i>April 15</i>	<i>April 16</i>
<i>April 17</i> WARECS 7:45 pm	<i>April 18</i> N2MKT B'Day	<i>April 19</i>	<i>April 20</i> DARC Meeting 7:30pm	<i>April 21</i>	<i>April 22</i>	<i>April 23</i> N2OMO B'Day

HAMFEST SATURDAY APRIL 9, 2005

SETUP FRIDAY APRIL 8 — 7pm

NEED LOTS OF HELP NEEDED!!

PIZZA PROVIDED

**ALSO SATURDAY AFTERNOON TAKE DOWN
AND SETUP FOR BINGO**

**Breakfast at Alton Coffe Shop, Rte.14
Saturday Mornings 6:30 am.
Check in on 146.685**

**Lunch at Tom Wahl's
Rte. 31 Newark
Friday Noon**