



DRUMLIN'S RUMBLINS

DARC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEETING

SATURDAY

March 15, 2006

Meeting 7:30pm

New York State

EMO

Route 31 Newark, NY

or try 146.745

RACES-ARES MARCH 2006

This article is going to be like in a time warp. To make sure WA2SOK gets an article for March I am typing this in February. I don't know what shape I'll be in after my knee replacement, I thought I better get this in ahead of time. (You better have sent good signals on February 28th! Hi!)

W4ILN sent me an article by e-mail on the 9th of February. Some of you may have gotten the same article. After reading the article I said to myself I would put a few thoughts down about it.

The article was "A Salute to Ham Operators" by the Hon. Mike Ross of Arkansas in the House of Representatives. He is also WD5DVR by the way. He said that ham radio operators were "true heroes" in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. "He noted that while ham radio is often overlooked 'in favor of flashier means of communication,' Gulf Coast communities learned after the 2005 hurricanes that technology can be 'highly vulnerable' to storm damage. 'Ham radios self contained transmitters, require no cell towers or satellites, simply a battery and wire as an antenna, Ross explained.'" "Just as after earthquakes, tornadoes, and the terror attacks of 9/11, HAM operators around the country received an alert to stand by their radios to listen for calls for assistance." Last week in the NYS RACES HF net

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MINUTES

THE DRUMLINS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, LTD. MEETING AGENDA

Date: February 15, 2006 **Call To Order:** 1934 hours

Minutes: Minutes: Accepted as printed, 1st AB2F, 2nd N2RUS

Treasurers Report: Accepted as reported, 1st K2WPO, 2nd W2CDW

Public Service: Ginna Drill May 9, 2006, will put 2 teams on the road.

Keith N2BEL needs help to work the Empire State Games be sure to call and offer you help.

Also The Musselman Triathlon July 16, Geneva, NY.

Repeaters: 146.745: Needs Power supply and battery; KB2SOZ has a supply that will more than handle the job.

146.685: Still trying to come up with a new repeater, No money in county budget.

144.95: Backbone working, user port needs needs help.

444.95: No report.

Remembrance: Mary Saunders, KC2DCB is having some difficulty with her sight. Wish her the best

Dave Taylor, KB2KBY will be having knee surgery at the end of months wish him a fast recovery.

We hear good news that Tom W2TRW has finished his kemo treatments.

Old Business: Hamfest! Setup as usual 7pm Fri. evening Mar, 31. with Pizza. Saturday setup could start as early as noon.

Need all the help we can get, makes the job so much easier. There will a drawing for the help.

New Business: Make a \$25.00 donation to Scout Troop 167, Will have our name on Place mats.

50/50 Drawing: N2MLD

Program: No Program

Ajournment: 2039 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Irv Walter, WA2SOK

**GINNA STATE DRILL
TUESDAY MAY 9, 2006 2 FIELD TEAMS & EOC OPS
NEEDED-CONTACT BRUCE WB2QKO-SAVE THE DATE
Tel. (3 15)- 597-9731**

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ARRL HAM AID "GEAR READY TO GO" AWAITS NEXT DISASTER

When another disaster on the scale of Hurricane Katrina comes along, the League will be able to deploy "ham gear ready to go," thanks to manufacturers' donations of Amateur Radio gear, ARRL members' generous monetary contributions and a federal grant. The ARRL Ham Aid-sponsored "Go Kits" now being assembled at League Headquarters are the third leg of a program that's already reimbursed certain out-of-pocket expenses for ham radio hurricane zone volunteers and helped restore Amateur Radio backbone infrastructure along the US Gulf Coast.

"To me, this is a first step in ramping up ARRL's ability to support Amateur Radio volunteers in the field before the next big disaster hits," says ARRL Chief Development Officer Mary Hobart, K1MMH. "It won't replace or supplant anything that's already on the ground and working well, but it will strengthen it and add flexibility to Amateur Radio's overall response capabilities." The equipment and cash donations, coupled with a grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), will mean Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) field volunteers will never go without in terms of equipment. Hobart says \$25,000 in Ham Aid funds have been set aside for the Go Kits.

The Go Kits will enable the League to loan out needed equipment on a moment's notice. Emergency Communications Specialist Harry Abery, AB1ER, spends his days at ARRL Headquarters securely stowing various equipment complements in rugged, water-proof Pelican 1650 containers.

"The idea is that this makes it easy to ship," explains Abery, "and since they're less than 50 pounds apiece, they'll be able to go by air if necessary." Flooding won't be an

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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Fellow Amateur Radio Operators:
to the tune of Jingle Bells:

Dashing through the slush,
Picking Hams up along the way,
In a car we go,
Full of stuff that wouldn't sell on E-bay,

Light on Bob's rig blink,
Letting buyers know it's OK,
Another ol' friend we'll meet,
At the Drumlins Hamfest today.

Oh, Drumlins Fest,
Drumlins Fest,
Venders all around,
Oh what fun it is to buy,
A tuner that is brown,

Drumlins Fest,
Drumlins Fest,
I studied 'til I'm blue,
I hope to get an HF rig,
And an upgrade too.

Come on, come all to the Drumlins Hamfest April
1st. I will resist writing any more songs.

Doug Peeso KB2ROP

Hamfests 2006

- Mar 25-26.....Timonium, MD
<http://www.gbhc.or>
- Apr 1st.....Newark, NY
<http://www.drumlinsarc.com>
- Apr 22.....Sardinia, NY
Email: rschwedt@netscape.net
- May 6.....BARA Hamfest, Owego, NY
<http://www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/bara/>
- Jun 2-4.....Rochester Hamfest, henrietta, NY
<http://www.rochesterhamfest.org>
- Jun 4.....Breezeshooters, Butler, PA
<http://www.breezeshooters.net>
- Jul 29.....Batavia, Hamfest .Alexander, NY
<http://www.hamgate.net/~gram/>

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there was a Long Island Station that could not hear the net message from the NCS. So one of the other Long Island stations had to give him the net message by 2m. Although not a "kosher" thing to do by the SOP of the state RACES, the message got through. In fact the whole the incident was brought up again on today's state HF net. That once again is the whole idea we do get the message through. One way or another we make it work. NN2H a year back demonstrated how a CW signal could make through the noise of an impossible SSB practice event. As long as we get the message through we are not outmoded!

We sometimes we think we are a "dinosaur" of communications. Sure when the normal telephone, cell tower and satellite communications are repaired we go home. From the "World Radio" January 2006 publication there is an interesting article in the Emergency Communications section that was titled "Who Benefits?" The article was by Jerry Wellman, W7SAR. The article's premise was that with the sophistication of communications these days and the need for interconnectivity of agencies we are too complex. He says, "I'd love to see what the mayor of a just-flattened-by-tornado community feels about 'ad hoc peer-to-peer networking.' I think they'd just be happy if a couple of Amateur Radio operators were there to simply relay the needs and requests on a timely basis." We would be there to help!

W7SAR continues," So here's the question when you consider your involvement in a public safety event: Who benefits? Simplicity is not a bad thing. Reliability isn't ever a bad thing. Volunteering because you benefit the community isn't a bad thing. Remember. We're not doing what we do in emergency communications because we're going to take over the town's radio needs. We're there to simply help until 'normal' happens again." We are helpful, we are there when needed, and we all benefit.

So don't think dinosaur, don't think we are not needed, because it is neither. You may think that we have nothing to offer in this technical age. But though disasters even our ice storms we are needed and we respond. We're just normal hams who more or less seat quietly around until all hell breaks loose. Then we are there! We help! We are prepared! We care! And then we slip back into being unnoticed. But what a proud heritage we have! I am proud of you. It is nice once in awhile to let you know.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

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Public Service Events

If you have any interest in helping at these events, call Keith Freeberg (585) 254-0722 or email: n2bel@arrl.net (from the RARA Website)

Mall Walk @ The Market Place – tbd
MS Walks in Roc, Greece, Geneseo,
Canandaigua - May 7 (Sunday)
STPR at Wellsborough, PA– June 3, 2005 (Saturday)
Tour de Cure at Mendon Ponds– June 11 (Sunday)
Spirit of America - July 4 (Tuesday)
Cycling the Erie Canal – July 9 – 16
Musselman Triathlon in Geneva – July 16
Stuart Horse Trials in Victor - July 22 (Saturday)
Empire State Games – July 26-30
*** Hosted in Rochester July, 2006 ***
Cycling For Mercy - August 12 (Saturday)
Walnut Hill Driving Competition – August 9 -13
Multiple Sclerosis Bike Tour – August 19 & 20
Rochester Labor Day Parade - September 4 (Monday)
Rochester Arthritis Foundation Marathon – September 17 (Sunday)
Finger Lakes Triathlon, Canandaigua – September 17 (Sunday)
Alzheimer's Walk, Rochester – tbd
America's Walk for Diabetes – September 30 (Saturday)
Wine Glass Marathon, Bath to Corning – October 1 (Sunday)
Scouting Jamboree On the Air - October 14, 15
Pumpkin Patrol (NYSP Troop T) – October 30 & 31 (Monday & Tuesday)

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issue. "You can throw them in the water, and they'll float," he adds.

So far, Abery says, there's an HF Kit, a VHF/UHF Kit, a Handheld Transceiver Kit and a Support Kit—seven of each, and more on the way. He and other League staffers consulted with volunteers who'd been in the field during Hurricane Katrina to find out what gear served them best or what they wished they'd had but didn't.

The HF Kit contains a 100-W HF transceiver, a microphone and a power supply. The VHF/UHF Kit includes a dualband mobile transceiver, power supply, headset, 10 handheld transceivers and a supply of alkaline batteries. In the Handheld Transceiver Kit are eight dualband handheld transceivers and antennas plus a stock of extra batteries. The Support Kit includes a length of BuryFlex 213 coaxial cable, rope, 15-foot jumper cables with battery

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8:45 PM 146.685

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clamps at one end and an Anderson Powerpole on the other. The kit includes various fittings and adapters to connect to the power distribution unit and to make RF feed line connections. All kits contain any necessary manuals. Packed in a separate container, appropriate antennas and antenna accessories will accompany a given kit.

More than two dozen members of the Amateur Radio industry and individual radio amateurs contributed equipment last year for use in the Hurricane Katrina relief effort <<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2005/09/09/105/>>.

Citing Amateur Radio's favorable treatment in recent US House Subcommittee and White House reports on the Hurricane Katrina response (see below), Hobart said it's imperative to sustain and enhance ham radio's emergency communication capabilities for the future. "Disasters happen to be one place Amateur Radio can shine," she pointed out. "We need to maintain a high level of readiness to do those things that are second nature to ARES members but that the public is just coming to recognize."

Making the Go Kits available to ARES teams, Hobart says, will help to cement Amateur Radio's position as a community resource. "We want to be able to ensure that we have the personnel and the equipment," she said. "With a disaster of this magnitude we need to be ready."

ARRL continues to solicit Ham Aid donations to help maintain and sustain the League's ability to support Amateur Radio volunteers in the field. League members can contribute to Ham Aid via the secure ARRL Development Office donation Web site <<https://www.arrl.org/forms/development/donations/basic/>>. Simply click "Ham Aid" and complete the on-line form.

From ARRL Newsletter On Line

HELLO" CAMPAIGN TO PUT FRIENDLY, INVITING FACE ON AMATEUR RADIO

A new ARRL public relations campaign set to launch this April will cast Amateur Radio in the light of the 21st century and focus on its universal appeal, even in today's already technology-rich society. At the same time, the "Hello" campaign will note the 100th anniversary of what many historians consider the first voice radio broadcast in 1906 by Reginald Fessenden.

"It is quite simply the largest PR campaign that ham radio has ever attempted," says ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP.

Built around the word "Hello," the coordinated campaign will set "a positive, upbeat tone that highlights the international capabilities of Amateur Radio," he explained.

One aim of the "Hello" campaign will be to reframe Amateur Radio within a contemporary context. "ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, was correct in stating that the Main Street of today is not the same as the Main Street of yesteryear," Pitts went

on to say. "To reach out today, the very first requirement is that Amateur Radio operators be perceived as friendly and trustworthy. That's a true public relations goal and the prime focus of the campaign."

Pitts says it's not helpful to lament the time in decades past when Amateur Radio grew pretty much on its own, without too much effort on the part of clubs and individuals. "Only our combined, effective action will do that today," Pitts says. "This campaign will give hams the tools they need to reach out in their communities to non-hams and influence their perception of Amateur Radio."

The national "Hello" campaign can bring curious people into contact with ham radio groups, but it will be up to local radio amateurs to make them truly welcome, Pitts maintains.

The "Hello" campaign is designed to gain momentum as the year progresses. Components will include the release of public service announcements for use by radio and TV broadcasters and a video for meetings, presentations and even broadcast. Other highlights will include a "Hello" campaign Web site and special operating events. The high point of the "Hello" campaign will come in December on the centennial of Fessenden's first radio broadcast.

History recalls that the Canadian-born and educated Fessenden, using an early alternator, transmitted the first audio radio broadcast from his laboratory in Brant Rock, Massachusetts. Radio operators aboard ships at sea--tipped off in advance to be listening for something special--were astounded to hear Fessenden's broadcast that included the scientist and inventor playing "O Holy Night" on the violin and reading a Bible passage.

The campaign will show that despite the Internet and other technologies, the possibility of being able to talk with everyday people around the world and sometimes in exotic locales--coupled with the surprise, art and uncertainty of DXing--remains a major attraction for Amateur Radio. The "Hello" campaign also will take advantage of likely FCC action this year to drop the Morse code requirement at least for General class applicants.

"We all say we want to make a change for the better for Amateur Radio and get others interested," Pitts said. "This is the time, this is the chance. Stay tuned! More to come!"

From the ARRL Newsletter

**HAMFEST SETUP
MARBLETOWN FIREHALL
FRIDAY, MAR.31 7PM COME ONE COME ALL
PIZZA WILL BE AVAILABLE
TEAR DOWN SATURDAY APRIL 1
PRIZE DRAWING FOR WORKERS**

March 12 - April 22, 2006

Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>March 12</i> WARECS 8:45 pm	<i>March 13</i>	<i>March 14</i>	<i>March 15</i> DARC Mting 7:30pm	<i>March 16</i>	<i>March 17</i>	<i>March 18</i>
<i>March 19</i> WARECS 8:45 pm	<i>March 20</i>	<i>March 21</i>	<i>March 22</i>	<i>March 23</i>	<i>March 24</i>	<i>March 25</i>
<i>March 26</i> WARECS 8:45 pm	<i>March 27</i>	<i>March 28</i>	<i>March 29</i> KX2T B'Day	<i>March 30</i>	<i>March 31</i> DARC FEST SETUP WA2ENW B'Day	<i>April 1</i> DARC HAMFEST
<i>April 2</i> WARECS 8:45 pm	<i>April 3</i>	<i>April 4</i>	<i>April 5</i>	<i>April 6</i>	<i>April 7</i>	<i>April 8</i>
<i>April 9</i> WARECS 8:45 pm	<i>April 10</i>	<i>April 11</i> N2COJ B'Day	<i>April 12</i>	<i>April 13</i>	<i>April 14</i> KD2CO B'Day	<i>April 15</i>
<i>April 16</i> WARECS 8:45 pm Easter	<i>April 17</i>	<i>April 18</i> N2MKT B'Day	<i>April 19</i> DARC Mting 7:30pm	<i>April 20</i>	<i>April 21</i>	<i>April 22</i>

HAMFEST SETUP
FRIDAY MARCH 31, 7PM
COME ONE COME ALL

**Breakfast at Alton Coffee Shop,
Rte.14
Saturday Mornings 7:00 am.**

**Lunch at Cross Park
Rte. 31 Newark
Friday Noon**