



DRUMLIN'S RUMBLINGS

DARC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2007

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday MARCH 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: Feb 21 2007 call to order: 19:30 Adj. : 21:05

MEMBERS/GUESTS: KE4VHA, N2RUS, W2CDW, KB2ROP, KC2JAL, N2MLD, KB2KBY, N2COJ, KB2SOZ, W2EVU, N2JC, AB2F, W2GIV AND guest, Marianna Plante

MINUTES:

Motion to accept as printed: W2CDW 2nd: KB2SOZ carried:

TREASURERS REPORT: by KB2KBY: copy attached

Motion to accept: W2EVU 2nd: N2MLD carried:

PUBLIC SERVICE:

REPEATERS: 146.745: ok 146.685: 5khz high; ref'd

WB2QKO 144.950:ntr 444.950: ntr

ACTIVITIES & CONTESTS: CW & RTTY contests this weekend?

VE TEAM: NTR

RACES: No known problems. 2 events; GINNA- 5 people needed.

SKYWARN class 04/21/07 at 0930.

SKYWARN: Some discussion on sending post cards to notify local hams of the SKYWARN class. Might be a way of getting our name into the public eye. Can we advertise the class at the hamfest. Possibly our neighboring county nets could mention it.

NEWSLETTER: OK

OLD BUSINESS: Jackets and logo-work in progress, Equipment committee- Insurance cost update to more realistic values. We had some trouble identifying several items. KB2KBY hamfest flyers to Horseheads.

NEW BUSINESS: KB2KBY contacted Rich

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RACES-ARES MARCH 2007

Another winter is almost officially over. It is March 3rd as I type this month's article. Lately as per usual it is in the car using the laptop on battery power while the XYL is shopping. Sounds like a goofy thing to be doing but I find I have more time in the car with no interruptions like the telephone, chores to do and anything else that can get in the way. Hi! I know many of you find me goofy and it sounds pretty normal and you are quite correct. I know it! Hi!

This is the tricky time of year! Those freezing rain 'thingies' for a lack of better words seem to occur at this time of the year. We had a little hiccup of that freezing rain just two nights before I started typing this article. That was our second freezing rain this winter. Luckily Mother Nature was kind to us and the temperature rose quickly and the warm rain melted the ice layer away this last time. Whew-once again! But "it ain't over yet" is an expression, which we should be tuned to. Be prepared!

You know I am an amateur radio magazine 'junkie.' I believe I have five different magazines I read. Two of them are quarterly magazines. They keep my mind geared to the emergency radio stuff especially. I came across an article in the March 2007 "WorldRadio" that got my attention. I know many of the club members do not participate in the Sunday night VHF 2m drills or the yearly State or FEMA Ginna drills. I will admit with the Ginna drills it looks like we may not be needed much. It does appear that way, as technology seems to leap ahead.

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SILENT KEY

James R. Woolworth KA2MYV

February 27, 2007

The Drumlins Leaders 06-07

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Cobb and county IS 100 training certificates. should be forthcoming. KB2ROP mentioned that the snowplows had gotten too aggressive and the north antenna support for the wire dipoles had suffered major damage. (destroyed?)

50/50 DRAWING: \$ Donated WINNER: N2COJ

PROGRAM: KB2SOZ informed that the 3rd weekend in Oct is the 50th year for the Boy Scout's "Jamboree on the air". "KB2SOZ" requested help from the club to make it happen locally. If the club wants to participate we have to start the process by 1 June

Part 2: The club is not recruiting new /younger members, the older hams are not being replaced, what can be done to reverse this trend? KB2SOZ stated that the younger graduates from his efforts in Walworth, had difficulty attending club meetings on Weds night because of school activities/homework and transportation, unless their parents got a ham license and helped with a station and transportation. KE4VHA stated that we should look beyond just trying to get new members to join, we have a lot of equipment in the club station that is locked up and just sitting 365 days a year. We just purchased 2 brand new Icom radios waiting to be installed so they can sit for the next 365 days. We used to have activity nights/ sessions shouldn't they be continued? It was mentioned that some current and potential new members maybe staying away because the meetings were just business items and boring. It was suggested that much of the past meeting's addenda was comprised of club business that could be handled by executive committee and did not need the general memberships approval. This would shorten business meetings and allow more time to be allocated for programs. Many topics for activity nights or programs were discussed. Including Contesting procedures and helpful hints, Packet and APRS, Using our own club station, Revamping the club station antennas and power feeds, Canned programs are available thru the Wireless Museum for the asking. **WHAT ABOUT AMATEUR RADIO TURNS YOU ON! CAN YOU SHARE IT WITH OTHERS?**

The meeting location was discussed, is the location keeping hams away? Is there another location available to us more accessible to the handicapped and with less restrictive access (locked doors)

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that would allow the use of the equipment?

The possibility of getting young people interested by running a program in which the construction of radio kits takes place and Scouting merit badge program was explained.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion: N2COJ 2nd N2JC carried:

GOOD TIME AT THE ANNUAL DARC POST-CHRISTMAS DINNER

Well, despite the weather, the 2007 Drumlins post-Christmas dinner was a lovely success. Attendance was down due to the weather and a few mid-winter sicknesses and ailments of members. But-as with life, for those who were there, it was enjoyable and the crowd very cordial. You can't ask any more than that. Right! Hi!

27 attended the dinner. The VFW did their usually good job with the meal, dessert and coffee. There were no complaints and all seemed quite satisfied. Hi! Despite a mix-up with the VFW on our original date conflicting with their gun show, we were able to quickly switch the date to the next weekend. I guess the 'mayor and mayoress' of Lock Berlin, KD2NJ and WA2FJL, mistakenly attended the gun show but had had a good time anyway. Hi! It looks like I'll have to make a mental note and remember the date situation for next year.

There was lots of talk and laughter before and after the dinner. It was quieter during the dinner. I guess we were hungry. Hi! N2RUS was honored with a certificate for his work for the club this past year by ex-President KB2ROP. Well deserved, Rus! We also had a fifty-fifty drawing which helped the "slush fund." One of the winners of the fifty-fifty was the team of KC2DTP and AK2E, Antje and Hal. If you recall they each were winners of one of our top door prizes for the 2006 DARC hamfest. If you see them, stick close to those two. Some of that luck may rub off! Hi!

Yours truly gave all who attended at the dinner a reminder that if one wishes to attend another DARC social event, we have the summer "bunknic" to look forward to. You may remember we have nicknamed the summer picnic at the SEMO underground bunker as the "bunknic." It is wonderful. We don't have to worry about the weather outside. We are comfortable inside (or is it down-under? Hi!). About it. You may have missed the post-Christmas dinner but you have another chance for some good fun coming up. Look for the summer "bunknic" notice in the upcoming "Drumlins Rumlins" issues. 73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

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Except for Holiday Weekends

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But! Be very careful before you think we are dinosaurs!

The big word in emergency jargon is interoperability! That is the new "buzz word" and it means everyone is connected. As the article points out that is connected whether they need to be or not. But as the article pointed out it is desirable and in theory is wonderful. But!

A commercial radio system tried figuring it this way. Let's say you have three different independent radio systems. If each system had a capacity of 100 users, you could have 300 users, no overload but no interoperability. Their thought was by connecting these three systems together you have the potential for 300 users and interoperability. That is what the commercial radio guys said. Our amateur "dinosaur" wisdom and experience says you'll have an overloaded system and either traffic will slow down considerably or nothing would get through! In the actual exercise this is exactly what happened in just "normal" activity. Nothing got through! In a real emergency no traffic would have been "normal." An emergency does not seem a "normal" thing in my vocabulary. You cannot all talk at once! Interoperability of technology was exactly planned but it didn't solve the problem of communication.

Okay you say how about new technologies! You have digital identity users who can pass data, share channels, sends GPS coordinates, and connect departments with digital encryption. True you may have 60 channels shared by different 20 different departments. That is three channels of communication per department. But Let's say you "trunk" that system. In a trunked system that is not 60-shared frequencies total. You have dropped technically from 60 to 10 channels if you have "interconnected." Not everybody can "talk" at once, once again. When you load any system of communication you find the capacity doesn't match what an agency had before. There are tradeoffs. It sounds logical to us "dinosaurs" for have know it for a long time.

Here is where us amateur "dinosaurs" come in. We have had a long experience in handling all kinds or traffic. In emergencies we have had a set of prioritizing in place. We have the "talk" experience down pat. The terminology may have changed but the traffic is handled in the same way as we have done it. The command system has changed but we are use to the hierarchy. We have had it in place for a long time. The article states there will be a need for just plain, simple voice communication and thus a need for amateur radio. There we have the experience. The new technology is in many ways more reliable and the rigs make for easier transport and setup. But our experience in communication is al-

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most second to none. With that experience is wisdom. Wisdom that makes the new technology work with us hand in hand. We know what to do with that rig mike in our hand to effectively apply the technology. No "head scratching" for us!

The rigs get fancier but if you can send and receive one message, you can send and receive any message. Keep that practice up! Listen in and/or call in on those Sunday nights WARECS nets. Help in those Ginna drills. Become part of the packet Sunday 2m message handlers. Yes, we can do data too. Attend the Skywarn sessions. Listen and/or call in on the NY State HF RACES net. Read a drill message. You don't have to do all of this all the time. But do it enough to keep that experience and wisdom in sharp focus. You stay away from the experience too long and your "vision" will be blurred. Be prepared to help if the need arises by staying "sharp" in experience. Participate!

Spring is just around the corner. See you next month.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

**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
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**Contact Raj Dewan, N2RD to reserve
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HAMFESTS 2007

- 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>
- Sep 15.....RAGS Hamfest.....Pompey Hills**
www.ragsinreview.com
- Sep 29.32nd Elmira International Hamfest..Horsehds, NY.**
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AB2IK "HAT" REPORT UPDATE!

It has been along time since I have had the chance to give an update on AB2IK. I just happened to be at Wal-Mart a few weeks on an errand and there was Wally, AB2IK, greeting the customers. Wally is a good greeter just by his good general nature, but of course he was donning his "dollar hat." You have to appreciate Wally's cap! I have described it before. There are the dollar bills hanging on and off his special hat and some dangling beyond his shoulders. I have mentioned before you can't miss Wally! Hi!

Wally is collecting \$1.00 donations for the Gulisano Children's Hospital at Strong Memorial. It has been awhile as I said since I seen Wally. I don't get to Wal-Mart that much. But as usual I pulled out a "buck" and gabbed with him a few minutes. If my memory is correct my last "hat report" had Wally at just passing the \$130,000 mark in memory of his grandson. Wally has now passed the \$150,000 mark! Good for you, Wally!

In a world that many of us feel we don't matter much, Wally has proven that theory is a fraud. Wally is as grampa-ish as one stereotype can get. He looks the part and I am sure fulfills the part as well. That is a compliment. Believe me! Yet this unpretentious, soft spoken and humble "ham" has one handedly raised over \$150,000, one dollar at a time. Wally has my deep respect! As "hams" we know we are all pretty unique and we are individuals. Wally has shown one person can make a difference

Talking to Wally, he said that Wal-Mart has even helped expand his effort. He has been given permission to collect for the Gulisano Children's Hospital in his grandson's honor at any of the area Wal-Marts. So when the weather gets better, you my see Wally in Canandaigua or in the new Wal-Mart in Macedon or wherever. But wherever is have a big heart! Get that dollar out and have a minute gab with Wally. It is for a good cause and worth your dollar for a minute gab! Wally, my hat is off to you once again!

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

"SKYWARN" CLASS APRIL 21-SATURDAY NYSEMO 9:30AM (DOORS OPEN 9AM)

The Buffalo U.S. Weather Service will present a spring-summer Skywarn class for the Drumlins ARC at the New York State Emergency Management Office Region 5 (the club's usual meeting location) starting at 9:30AM. The doors will be open at 9:00AM.

The class is open to any hams in the area. Judy Leven from the NWS in Buffalo will once again present the class. The class is

GRAMPA KB2KBY

Born January 18th at 6:26AM was Willow Brynn Taylor, the "second harmonic" to the fundamental frequency of KB2KBY and his XYL. The proud grandparents have been helping out the "first harmonic" daughter and son-in-law. If you are interested in seeing the "second harmonic" of KB2KBY's family, go to the web at: 3w.taylorjournal.com. Just click on "Baby" and you'll see the latest pictures with Willow Brynn. The English son-in-law is a computer expert unlike his dad-in-law. Hi! He has set up the site. (My disputable computer prowess has brought many a "hi" to KE4VHA, W2CDW, N2RUS, WA2SOK, K2WPO and AB2F at the Friday lunches. You have missed a lot of fun at the Friday lunches by the way.) Of course there is more to the web site than just granddaughter pictures. Give it a look-see on a snowy New York winter day. If you want to see more pictures ask KB2KBY. Hi! Seeing it is the first grandchild, he'll gladly show pictures. (If he can get the 'brag book' from his XYL. Hi! Maybe I should make my own 'second harmonic book?') [Author's note: I have been patting CW on the back of Willow for her after-meal burp sessions. She especially likes the 88's-love and kisses! The 88's work the best too bringing up the burps. Hi! But I have been spelling out her name, also, and whispering the characters in her ear as I snuggle with her on my shoulder. I love this amateur radio. Where else could you do this? We'll see if the CW catches on with Willow Brynn. None of the first-harmonics of the family are interested. Let us see what happens! I could be on to something. Hi!)

Skywarn

required once every two years. For those who attended the last class, your time is up for a refresher. But newcomers are gladly welcomed to attend the class. Hope to see you there!

If you are planning to attend, please, contact me below by one of the forms of communication listed below to inform me.

For those interested the 'gang' will meet before hand at the Cross Park Family Restaurant across from SEMO at 7:30AM for breakfast. Come join the 'gang' for a before the class for a gab session and camaraderie!

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March 18 - April 28, 2007

Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>March 18</i> RACES NET 8:45pm	<i>March 19</i> KA2LJL B'Day	<i>March 20</i>	<i>March 21</i> DARC Mting 7:30pm K2TKB B'Day	<i>March 22</i> N2PMH B'Day	<i>March 23</i> WB2FCR B'Day	<i>March 24</i> N2CMA B'Day N2OLJ B'Day
<i>March 25</i> RACES NET 8:45pm	<i>March 26</i>	<i>March 27</i> KB2DIM B'Day	<i>March 28</i> KC2BEO B'Day W2RFM B'Day	<i>March 29</i> KX2T B'Day WA2IKC B'Day	<i>March 30</i>	<i>March 31</i> WA2ENW B'Day
<i>April 1</i> RACES NET 8:45pm	<i>April 2</i>	<i>April 3</i>	<i>April 4</i> N2MKR B'Day N2COJ B'Day	<i>April 5</i>	<i>April 6</i>	<i>April 7</i> N2HVN B'Day
<i>April 8</i> RACES NET 8:45pm WA2MBR B'Day <u>No Races Net</u> Easter	<i>April 9</i>	<i>April 10</i>	<i>April 11</i>	<i>April 12</i>	<i>April 13</i>	<i>April 14</i> <u>DARC</u> <u>HAMFEST</u> KD2CO B'Day N2CSY B'Day N2DIT B'Day
<i>April 15</i> RACES NET 8:45pm	<i>April 16</i>	<i>April 17</i>	<i>April 18</i> DARC Mting 7:30pm N2MKT B'Day	<i>April 19</i>	<i>April 20</i>	<i>April 21</i> <u>Sardinia</u> <u>Hamfest</u> N2QFM B'Day N2SPQ B'Day
<i>April 22</i> RACES NET 8:45pm KA2NYC B'Day	<i>April 23</i>	<i>April 24</i> N2NZO B'Day	<i>April 25</i>	<i>April 26</i> N2MXJ B'Day	<i>April 27</i> N2IQA B'Day	<i>April 28</i> AA2MS B'Day KB2KCA B'Day

Put These dates on your Calendar

Friday April 13th 7:00 pm

Setup Marble town Fire Hall

Saturday April 14th Hamfest

Workers 5:30-6 am

Friday Luncheon

Cross Park at noon