



DRUMLIN'S RUMBLINS

DARC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEETING

MAY 17, 2006

Meeting 7:30pm

New York State

EMO

Route 31 Newark, NY

or try 146.745

MINUTES

THE DRUMLINS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, LTD. MEETING AGENDA

DATE: April 15, 2006 **CALL TO ORDER:** 0905
MEMBERS / GUESTS: KB2ROP, N2RUS,
AB2F, KE4VHA, KC2NFV, W2CDW, KB2KBY,
W2ARK, W2TRW, N2JC, WA2SOK, K2OEQ,
N2MKR

MINUTES: Accepted as printed in newsletter, N2COJ 1st,
N2RUS 2nd.

TREASURERS REPORT: 4 new memberships, Dona-
tions from Gene K2KJI. Report included results from ham-
fest which were very satisfactory. Accepted as given, AB2F
1st, KC2NFV 2nd accepted as given.

REPEATERS 146.745: Working with a temporary PS.
146.685: Working **144.95:** The computer was reset but did
not show any improvement will have to get technician to
check it out. **444.95:** Still on the bench.

ACTIVITIES & CONTESTS: Bob W2GIV did talk with
people at Sodus lighthouse and we have
permission to use the site for field days. Now we need to
get a commitment from members to work the event. A sign
up sheet will be
passed at next meeting. Anybody interested let Doug
KB2ROP know by email(kb2rop@hotmail.com) or phone.

RACES: Ginna drill scheduled for May 6th. There will be 2
teams in the field, net control Dave KB2KBY will be
checking with surrounding groups that will be participating.

REMEMBRANCE: Got a nice thank you note from

A HAPPY PRIZED ENDING" (a cute story and true.)

Two of the prizes won by hams at our April 1st were won by an
XYL and OM team. This is the whole story.

The 2nd prize, the ICOM IC-V8 VHF HT, was won by Antje
Dirksen, KC2DTP. The 4th prize, the "Banner" Badge, was
won by Harold (Hal) Post, AK2E. Of course Antje's last name
is actually Dirksen-Post. Yes-you got it! They are husband and
wife! What are the odds of that happening? Hi!

The cute part of the story is I e-mailed Antje and Hal on win-
ning their prizes, but Antje just used her given last name. So I
didn't get the connection. Plus Antje and Hal are one of these
modern day couples that because of circumstances of their jobs
live apart during the weekdays, Sodus Center and Middle
Grove respectively. Therefore I didn't get the connection there
either. (You have to do what you must do to keep your bene-
fits, retirement, and job.)

Hal e-mailed Antje first about his winning prize. Antje was go-
ing through her e-mails at lunchtime. Antje admits she was a
little jealous because she never wins anything. Well, maybe a
small \$1.00 scratch off she said. Hi! Then further down the list
of e-mails is an e-mail from KB2KBY about her winning the

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REMEMBER YOUR FIRST QSO?

Don't we all remember our very first QSO as a "ticketed" ham! You bet! Well, AI-K2MPE- made the day for a newly "ticketed" Canadian ham.

As many of us know AI does a lot of his traffic handling at the club station, WA2AAZ. Well when you're sort of "killing time" you tend to listen to the band a little. Well, AI heard "CQ 20 meters, CQ 20 meters, CQ 20 meters, this is VA6FUN, VA6FUN, VA6FUN and listening" on SSB. This was Mike and his first QSO as a ham. He had just pruned his homemade 20-meter half-wave dipole and "warmed" up his rig comprised of "used components bought or scrounged...." Of course he is thinking "This... was going to allow me to communicate with others Radio Amateurs around the world!" He "...wondered how far my signal would reach, who would be my 'first contact' and where they'd be located!"

Well, that was AI! Mike doubted his signal was getting out his attic when he heard "WA2AAZ!!!!!!!"

Mike said, "I almost slid off my chair and onto the floor. The sound of MY call sign coming through the static was amazing! My brain promptly froze and my tongue tied itself into a knot! I must have muttered some sort of a reply because when I regained brain function I was having a 'QSO' with AI.... AI had been a HAM for almost 50 years and I believe he really enjoyed being my first contact." (AI did enjoy the contact and the QSL card is right by the position by the club's rig.)

"Thanks for your patience, AI, you'll always be the first

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Fellow Amateur Radio Operators:

A wise man once said, and you should always listen to wise guys, that everything has a beginning, a middle and an end. That is a very profound and, well, somewhat obvious observation. All processes have a starting point followed immediately by a period of existence and finally, sometimes long after it starts or sometimes very abruptly it must end. I find myself in the middle of more than a few processes these days. Many of you may be aware that I am involved in the Rose Free Library, and others may know that I am involved in a other civic activities in and around the town of Rose. I don't mean to brag or to complain, just to provide a little background. The past few months have shown me that I have to end a few of these processes and one will be the presidency of Drumlins ARC. I have every intention of finishing out my term but come the elections I will not be seeking a fourth. I have enjoyed my stay and hope to remain a very active member. All things have an end and plus I have almost run out of Ye Ol' Ham Sayings. Speaking of which:

Ye Ol' Ham Saying: When you walk though a storm hold your head up high and don't be afraid of the rain, its the lightning you got to watch out for so ground those stations.

Doug Peeso KB2ROP

Hamfests 2006

- Jun 2-4.....Rochester Hamfest, henrietta, NY
<http://www.rochesterhamfest.org>
- Jun 4.....Breezeshooters, Butler, PA
<http://www.breezeshooters.net>
- Jun 10.....Skyline ARC, Cortland, NY
<http://www.skylineradioclub.org>
- Jul 29.....Batavia Hamfest 2006, Alexander, NY
<http://www.hamgate.net/~gram/>
- Aug 5Thompkins County ARC, Ithaca, NY
<http://www2.compcenter.com/~tcarc>
- Aug 12....WNY Section Convention, Williamsville, NY
<http://gbhamfest.hamgate.net>
- Aug 19.....Rome Radio Club, West moreland, NY
<http://pages.prodigy.net/romeradioclub>
- Sep 16.....RAGS Hamfest, PompeyHills Firehall
<http://www.ragsinreview.com/ragham.html>
- Sep 30...31st Elmira International Hamfest. Horsehds, NY
<http://www.arast.org/hamfest.shtml>
- Oct 7.....NN Section Convention, Lake placid, NY
<http://www.nnyara.org>

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2nd big prize. Antje said in her e-mail reply to me, "Wow! You made my day!" To top things off Antje is "radio-less" at the moment. Isn't that just grand!

Of course KB2KBY was polite enough to remind Antje in our "twisted pair" conversation that I didn't see their dues last year. How subtle can you get, right? Hi! Well at our arranged pickup rendezvous KB2KBY was able to exchange two gifts that did not need posting. And Antje, taking my subtle hint, gave me dues to renew their Drumlins memberships. So Hal and Antje are on the official roster again.

Isn't that a great turn of events! It sure is nice to see happy hams! I couldn't pass up a good story. 73 & 88 until the next post-hamfest!

Dave KB2KBY

P.S. 1st Prize, the MFJ 259B analyzer, went to Nikhil Bodhanilar, KC2OSW, and a student from India attending Syracuse University. Lastly Roger Ray, KC2JEF, of Utica, won the 3rd prize, the ICOM "Pro" Clock. They also were happy about their luck.

THANK YOU FROM KB2KBY

My sincere thanks to all members that remembered to send "good signals" on my surgery day for a total knee replacement. Once again you did a wonderful job! I knew I could depend on you. A special thanks to those who called, sent cards and even dropped by for an "eyeball to eyeball" QSO. I will tell you one thing. WA2SOK who had both knees replaced at once puts him up a few "notches" in the respect category for me. There is a long recovery time in this operation. So keep good thoughts on those "signals" and keep them coming. I am doing very well in recovery and I thank you for help.

73 & 88 Dave

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

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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)

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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entry in my log book! Signed 73....Mike VA6FUN.

The article was sent to Al by Mike and printed in the "Smokey Lake Signal," Wednesday, April 5 2006 Page 9. Smokey Lake is about 55 miles northeast of Edmonton, Alberta on Rte 28. (Bob Buss, N2MLE, is this anywhere near your old stomping ground?) From Alberta to New York State on your first QSO is memorable enough, but to meet up with an "ole timer" such as Al must have been "frosting on the cake" for Mike.

Yes, it brings back many memories at this QTH and I hope it brings you down "memory lane" as well. Good going, Al! On our old "drumlins" jackets in the old circle emblem are the words "international goodwill" and "friendship." Al, your are commended because that day with VA6FUN, you did both!

(73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY) (No RACES-ARES article this month as I have written too many articles for this month's "Drumlins Rumlins." I think Irv will run out of room. Hi!)

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Dorothy Delyser(N2AIJ's xyl)along with a 20.00 Donation.

OLD BUSINESS: The hamfest had another successful year. Attendance was good and a good turnout of vendors. The trash will have to be considered. Fire Dept. new directive is you pack it in you pack it out. They no longer have a trash contract. Will critique operation at May's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Doug W2CDW has been busy working up a design for new club logo that can be digitized to fit onto either Caps or Jackets. W2CDW has a quote from "Penny's Stitch & Print" a vendor at Hamfest of approx. \$150.00 for setup. A motion to approve the cost of digitizing setup was passed.

A committee was formed. W2CDW, N2RUS, N2COJ, KB2KBY to finalize design. KB2KBY will send membership cards to those new hams from KB2SOZ's Class held at Walworth Library KS2JEK, KC2PHQ, KC2PHS, KC2PHT

There was a suggestion from KC2EGP Jim Parks to look at a hall in Ontario and consider moving location of hamfest. Apparently it also would have space to hold exams on site.

Jim will be asked to get more info for next meeting. Anybody with comments please voice.

50/50 DRAWING: Winner W2CDW

PROGRAM: None

ADJOURNMENT: 1026 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted, Irv Walter WA2SOK. Secretary.

A FORCE FOR THE FUTURE: EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR HELP

To those who wonder--or worry--about what the League is doing to ensure the future of Amateur Radio, ARRL Chief Development Officer Mary Hobart, K1MMH, offers a prompt response: the ARRL Education and Technology Program (ETP).

More familiar to many as "The Big Project," the program has provided turnkey Amateur Radio stations and educational materials to more than 170 schools across the US. More important, Hobart says, the ETP each year exposes many youngsters and their teachers to Amateur Radio, wireless technology, electronics and even robotics--something that likely wouldn't happen if the program didn't exist. With the ETP kicking off its 2006 fundraising campaign this month, Hobart emphasizes that the program depends entirely on individual donations.

"The Education and Technology Program is unique among

ARRL's programs in that it is totally funded by voluntary member contributions, so the onus to continue to put stations in schools and to grow the program rests on those willing to contribute," she says. "This is an awesome responsibility for the Amateur Radio community."

Campaign revenue not only covers the cost of placing stations in schools, Hobart notes. It also funds a burgeoning schedule of Teachers Institutes each summer as well as ongoing efforts to guide national educational standards in science and mathematics. Hobart called the Teachers Institutes "a powerful tool" to inspire educators and to help them develop confidence in teaching about wireless technology and electronics through Amateur Radio.

Generous gifts helped the ETP to expand to five the number of free Teachers Institutes it's offering in 2006, its third year, and Hobart is optimistic that the program will be able to afford additional sessions in the years ahead. Some, but not all, of those who attend are Amateur Radio licensees, while others become hams as a result of attending the week-long sessions. In any event, Hobart points out that Teachers Institute alumni influence thousands of youngsters each year.

In fact, the "poster boy" for the 2006 campaign is Ronny Risinger, KC5EES, a teacher at LBJ High School in Austin, Texas--an ARRL "Big Project" participant. Risinger attended the first ETP Teachers Institute in 2004 at ARRL Headquarters. His success with the program became the centerpiece of this year's ETP fundraising effort.

"Ronny's story is a powerful one," said Hobart. "He's a teacher and a ham who's taken advantage of all the ETP resources at his disposal. This is why we tell his story."

Risinger credits the ETP and the Teachers Institute with his success in inspiring and teaching his students. He says the League program gave him a strong sense of confidence that allows him to be a better teacher, presenting his classroom material in unique and engaging ways--and especially hands-on projects that captivate his students.

Hobart says Risinger is just one example of how ETP participation and attendance at a Teachers Institute can inspire educators and help their students to embrace both wireless technology and Amateur Radio.

"Supporting the ARRL Education and Technology Program is an opportunity to do something about the future of Amateur Radio and attracting the younger generation," Hobart says. "Outside of the League's ongoing and essential effort to defend our spectrum, I can think of no other initiative that prepares ham radio for its future."

Contribute to the ARRL Education and Technology Program by July 31 via the secure donation Web site <<https://www.arrl.org/forms/development/donations/education/education.html>>.

Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

From the ARRL newsletter online

May 14 - June 24, 2006

Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>May 14</i> WARECS 8:45 pm N2MLE B'Day	<i>May 15</i>	<i>May 16</i>	<i>May 17</i> DARC Mting 7:30pm	<i>May 18</i>	<i>May 19</i> Dayton Hamfest	<i>May 20</i> K4FXD B'Day Dayton Hamfest
<i>May 21</i> WARECS 8:45 pm Dayton Hamfest	<i>May 22</i>	<i>May 23</i>	<i>May 24</i>	<i>May 25</i>	<i>May 26</i>	<i>May 27</i>
<i>May 28</i> WARECS 8:45 pm	<i>May 29</i>	<i>May 30</i>	<i>May 31</i>	<i>June 1</i>	<i>June 2</i> Rochester Hamfest	<i>June 3</i> Rochester Hamfest
<i>June 4</i> WARECS 8:45 pm Rochester Hamfest	<i>June 5</i>	<i>June 6</i>	<i>June 7</i>	<i>June 8</i>	<i>June 9</i>	<i>June 10</i> Courtland Hamfest
<i>June 11</i> WARECS 8:45 pm	<i>June 12</i>	<i>June 13</i>	<i>June 14</i>	<i>June 15</i>	<i>June 16</i>	<i>June 17</i>
<i>June 18</i> WARECS 8:45 pm	<i>June 19</i>	<i>June 20</i>	<i>June 21</i> DARC Mting 7:30pm	<i>June 22</i>	<i>June 23</i>	<i>June 24</i>

**The Friday noon luncheons have moving around so your best bet is to check the “Yahoo Reflector”.
Doug W2CDW has posted the location there!
“OR” check the repeater 146.745**

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

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