



DRUMLIN'S RUMBLINGS

DARC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2007

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday May 16, 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: April 18 2007 call to order: 19:33 Adj. : 20:14

MEMBERS/GUESTS: KE4VHA, N2RUS, W2CDW, W2EVU, KB2SOZ, W1YX, WA2CER, K2OEQ, WB2QKO, W4ILN, Returning member KC2GZ (Ron Faro) and guest N2JAC (Jon Dickason)

MINUTES:

Motion to accept as printed: KB2SOZ 2nd: W2EVU carried:

TREASURERS REPORT by KB2KBY:

Motion to accept: W2EVU 2nd: KB2SOZ carried:

RACES: NTR

PUBLIC SERVICE: W2QKO: Ginna Drill held on Apr 03 2007. The second drill will be held in MAY with the "OFFICIAL OBSERVATION" team present. KB2KBY was Net Control WB2QKO was roving.

Charley KB2SOZ: "Tour de CURE" will be held June 10 2007 always looking for help (35 hams would be used) contact KB2SOZ if you are able to help.

REPEATERS: 146.745: Weak receive from Rt. 14/96 area by W4ILN At hamfest N2MKT stated he thought there was a corrosion issue at the hardline / antenna connection. Possibly a preamp problem? Maybe an antenna party is due?

146.685: 5khz high improving Per WB2QKO: the county has received 1 response from a vender for the replacement bid, still waiting on 2 other suppliers before presenting it to the county. **144.950: Brantling Hill Node** user port is down. Antenna broke off, will be repaired soon, need a climber to do the antenna aerial work. **444.950: ntr**

ACTIVITIES & CONTESTS: NTR

RACES-ARES MAY 2007

April was a busy month for RACES-ARES. (You have to remember events take a month before they appear as an article.) We had the state Ginna Drill and the summer severe weather Skywarn class.

Let's start with the state Ginna Drill that was on Tuesday, April 2nd. It seems to have been a theme in past articles about these Ginna drills that we are just the so-called 'paper trail gang' in this event. That is a true statement believe me! The paper trail is necessary and a big item factored in the whole scheme of the drill. But the paper trail took a very different turn in this drill. Let me explain.

Normally the EOC radiological teams have their own radio communications between the EOC and the van(s) and we are the paper-work-filler-outers for that paper trail for them. Ironically the EOC radiological communication was on the blink. "Kaput!" as a good German would say. I married into a good ¾ German family. (The other ¼ is English. Hi!) So I have to put in a good plug for them. Hi! Of course my English son-in-law says we are all just Americans. That is the European view of things. Only in America could this be. It is one of the beauties of this country. My Dad was a real English immigrant who became a naturalized citizen. There was no one who was a better U.S. citizen. But Dad would sort of pull the tail of the XYL at times. He would al-

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VE TEAM: 5 hams passed/upgraded at the hamfest

SKYWARN: Class April 21 at 0900 @ SEMO

NEWSLETTER: NTR

OLD BUSINESS: KB2ROP found and presented to W2CDW, several old newsletters (PDF files) to fill in some of the gaps in the archives. Walt, W2EVU, asked about publishing a complete club roster. W2CDW explained some of the procedural and privacy pitfalls to be encountered in the process.

NEW BUSINESS: Some discussion about the sale of possibly illegal radios and equipment at the hamfest. Members were asked to reflect on a policy. The issue was tabled until the MAY meeting for further discussion.

50/50 DRAWING: \$no tickets- none held **WINNER:**

ADJOURNMENT: Motion: KB2SOZ 2nd W2CDW **carried:**

PROGRAM: APRS by Jon Dickason, N2JAC

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PRIZE WINNERS HAMFEST 2007

This year's Drumlins Hamfest 2007 was a good year for local hams, the club and club members.

Attendance or at least tickets sold were up. It was the best hamfest in the past three years. Even with the Drumlins' donation to Ben Fields, the Student to Student Ambassador, we made the same profit as in the past two years. The weather was good. The real amateur vendors who were here were a great plus. Both KJI Electronics, Inc., and Quick Silver Radio were pleased with the hamfest talking to them afterwards. Both said they would rather come to our hamfest than even Rochester.

The prizewinners this year you know too. First prize, the Yaseu FT-2800, went to Stu Soura, KC2KJO, from Lyons. Stu has been a vendor at many of our hamfests and a former DARC member. (Stu get this year's dues in will you! Hi!)

The second prizewinner, the Yaseu FT-1802, went to club member Antje Post, KC2DTP, who won the third prize at last year's hamfest. Antje and her OM, Hal, won one of the 50/50 prizes at the Drumlins post-Christmas dinner. I told you in an article about the dinner you better "rub shoulders" with these two for their luck. Hal won the second prize at last year's hamfest too. Antje commented to me in an e-mail the Drumlins should sell NY State lotto tickets. The lotto is about the only thing she has not won! Hi! Antje you sure have a nice 2m setup now between the two years. Hi!

Our third prizewinner was also a club member, Harold "Spence" Spencer, W4ILN, who won the Icom IC-8 "Sport" HT. Good going, Spence.

It was great to see two of our own club members win prizes. The general opinion of attendants to the hamfest was the top prizes were great and the choices of the door prize drawings were very eclectic and varied. Being the top three prizes were from the local area we did not have to ship any prizes by mail as well.

The Drumlins would like to thank KJI Electronics, Inc., who donated \$90 worth of prizes to our prize table. Thanks, Gene!

A big thanks goes out to the club members who helped with the hamfest setup and the hamfest teardown. Without the support of members, each doing their small but collective help, the hamfest would not be possible. Now it is off to planning Hamfest 2008!

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

Lunch at Cross Park every Friday, Noon
We can always try other restaurants
Come join us

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ways refer to his big stomach as his "German goiter." It was all in good fun. Luckily the XYL knew this. Hi! Oops! Bird walking again!

Well it seems that EOC was doing some work with phones, wiring, etc., in preparation for the drill. The EOC radiological section's telephone-radio did not work. So they tried bringing in a HT and a 5/8 mag mount antenna. They thought at first just to put the antenna on a non-metallic table. I suggested placing the antenna on the cast iron steam radiator by the window. But with too many walls, a questionable ground plane and lots of metal in the EOC building the setup didn't work. Our RACES communications position and the EOC radiological team's position face each other across our tables. So the EOC radiological dual just handed their messages to me and I relayed them to the van radiological team through WB2QKO.

So instead of being in the van back seat where we usually literally are, we were in the communications "driver's seat" so to speak. Other than yours truly being a little rusty as NCS with a few procedural things, the radiological team messages went back and forth without the smallest glitch between Bruce and I. (I told Bruce to just "slap" me up on the side of the head next time. Hi!) In other words we saved the day. We shined! Without our message handling expertise the entire Ginna Drill radiological team(s) would have been "up the creek" not only without the paddle but also without a canoe or even a life preserver. The state drill would have not happened. It would have failed flatter than a pancake. The radiological communications went so smooth I believe the state observers and the EOC personal didn't even realize they had a problem. So for those of you are skeptical of our need as RACES in the Ginna Drill, this shows we ARE needed and we have a true purpose. That "When All Else Fails" slogan of the ARRL was true to life that day.

Bruce and I thank Bill, WA2CER, for coming in and observing the EOC RACES communications. Bill will be a good asset as he has been active in the Monroe County RACES communications. WA2CER just jumped right in with the job. Thanks, Bill! Remember, the FEMA Ginna Drill is May 22nd, Tuesday. Stay tuned in case your help may be needed for this drill.

13 hams attended the Skywarn class on Saturday, April 21st. Again Judy Levan from the NWS Buffalo did a great job. I am amazed how videos taken by ordinary people of tornadoes in various stages are incorporated so well in the Skywarn presentation. Every time I go to these refresher classes I learn and understand more of this whole tornado severe weather business. Those videos sure made the difference. Good job, Judy! It really shows how these refresher classes really are needed and they have true value. Try to attend the next time if you missed this one. This fall either in September or October we are due for a winter refresher Skywarn class. Keep looking in the "Drumlins Rumlins" for the date of this class.

Well that is it again for another month. Enjoy the true spring weather that has finally arrived. Take care.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

HAMFEST VE EXAM RESULTS

The VE team is glad to report that we had nine 'customers' for the VE exams during the Drumlins Hamfest 2007.

Of the nine participants all came out with a 'ticket' either an entry level or an upgrade. We had three Techs, four Generals and two Extras after all the correcting was done. That is the best results in a long time. Our congratulations to all the test takers!

One of our visitors to the March meeting was Scott Thomas, N2TPT, who was once a member of DARC and a past Secretary of the club. Scott went to and lives now in Cortland and happened to be in the area for the March meeting and was kind to attend that month's meeting. Scott upgraded to General. It was good to see him!

Paul Fyles, KC2JAL, one of our club members, upgraded to General officially. Paul passed the General with RARA but had to wait for the official date of the no-code license decree to pass before he could upgrade officially. I just got an e-mail from him this past week and he got the official new 'ticket' in the mail. He is planning to upgrade to Extra as soon as possible. Congrats, Paul, on the General! (Get that new HF antenna up now, Paul, and fire up that TS-480 on the new bands you worked for! Hi!)

We thank, AB2F, AA2MS, and N2COJ for helping with the testing. N2JC was available for help if needed. Without their help the testing would not have been possible. It was great working with such a good crew once again. Again, thanks, gentlemen.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY
DARC VE Team

HAMFESTS 2007

- 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
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- 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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Public Service Events Need Your Help

By Keith Freeberg, N2BEL RARA
Public Service Coordinator

If you can possibly help out on one of these fine public service events it would be greatly appreciated. If you are concerned about the high cost of fuel when you volunteer, let me know, perhaps I can help. Volunteering or getting more information about an event has never been easier. Simply go to www.EochesterHam.org and click on "Public Service" and you will have access to details and sign up on line. Or, just call me @ 254-0722 with any questions. The complete listing of the 2007 Public Service Season is below for your consideration:

Susquehannock Trail Performanceally R - Sat. & Sun., June 2 & 3, 2007

Tour de Cure - Sunday, June 10, 2007

Spirit of America Celebration - Wednesday, July 4, 2007

Cycling the Erie Canal - Mon. & Tue., July 9 & 10, 2007

International Triathlon Union - Pan American Cup Saturday, July 14, 2007

Musselman Triathlon - Sunday, July 15, 2007 Mercy Flight - Cycling for Mercy - Sunday, July 29, 2007

Multiple Sclerosis Finger Lakes Bike Tour - Sat. & Sun, August 11 & 12, 2007

Walnut Hill Driving Competition - Wed. thm Sun., August 15 - 19, 2007

Labor Day Parade - Monday, September 3, 2007 Rochester Arthritis Foundation Marathon Sunday, September 16, 2007

Finger Lakes Triathlon - Sunday, September 23, 2007

America's Walk for Diabetes - Saturday, September 29, 2007

Wine Glass Marathon - Sunday, September 30, 2007

Jamboree on the Air (BSA) - Sat. & Sun, October 20 & 21, 2007

NYS Thruway Pumpkin Patrol - Tue. & Wed., Oct. 30 & 31, 2007

From the RARA Rag

Antique Wireless Association Spring Meet and Vintage Radio Auction

By Ed Gable, K2MP / W2AN
Curator AWA Museum

Flea Market, Vendors, Programming, Tours of the World
Famous Museum Saturday, May 5, 2007 Bloomfield,
NY Elementary School 45 Maple Ave. (Rte 444)
in the Village of Bloomfield, New York

From the RARA Rag

"FIELD DAY" MADE SIMPLE!

Okay, Gang! The ARRL Field Day is coming up for the weekend of June 23-24. I would like to make it as simple as possible to enjoy.

First we have two new club Icom 718 HF rigs that look very nice and a lot of fun in my QTH shack. They are working fine and are "burned" in. But we have to get these rigs installed at the club stations. They are easy to operate! Believe me this is true because I am no wiz kid and I can operate them in a simple basic fashion without the manual. (Manual? What is that? You mean I am supposed to read it first? Hi!) We have to at least get the donated State power supply out of the box in the storeroom and figure a hookup for the 718s.

Second we can operate the Field Day as a SEMO! This would mean we operate the club positions just as they are. That means no club generator, no canopy or tarps, no lugging table and chairs. This is a valid Field Day setup. All we need is permission to operate is to officially have Paul Wilson at the SEMO to authorize our use. (That is a "no brainer." In fact I'll e-mail SEMO right after typing this article.)

If we wish to use our club generator to give it a workout, lets make it easy. We'll just use two-extension cords-one for each 718-and keep the positions right where they are. That should be the hardest part of any so called "work."

Last year during Field Day four of the call-ins for the Sunday morning State RACES HF net were from SEMO-operated Field Day operations. Lets join them this year!

Look at this site: 3w.n3fjp.com. This is a site of ham programs some of you may be familiar with. Take a look at the basic Field Day Logging System. We could purchase this for the club and we could make copies legally for both positions. (See if I am correct on this. I believe I read this right.) We could use a new good Field Day program and it seems economical. Check it out!

Lets discuss Field Day at the May and June meetings. May meeting we can get a gang together to at least get the 50amp power supply dusted off and in position. The end result is to have a Field Day as simple and easy as we possibly can. We're not as young as we use to be! Hi!

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY (a.k.a. "Flipper")

Don't forget to check out the Drumlins web site, I know Doug would like to see more visitors.
He does a fantantastic job and we should at least check it out!!

Thanks Doug I for one do appreciate your efforts!! ..

IMW/sok

May 13 - June 23, 2007

Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>May 13</i> RACES NET 8:45pm	<i>May 14</i> N2MLE B'Day W2CDW B'Day	<i>May 15</i>	<i>May 16</i> DARC Mting 7:30pm	<i>May 17</i> KB2CM B'Day	<i>May 18</i> Dayton Hamfest	<i>May 19</i> DAYTON HAMFEST
<i>May 20</i> RACES NET 8:45pm KB2GZM B'Day DAYTON HAMFEST	<i>May 21</i>	<i>May 22</i>	<i>May 23</i>	<i>May 24</i> N2HZK B'Day	<i>May 25</i> WD2AAQ B'Day	<i>May 26</i>
<i>May 27</i> RACES NET 8:45pm	<i>May 28</i>	<i>May 29</i>	<i>May 30</i>	<i>May 31</i> KG2JI B'Day	<i>June 1</i> Roch Hamfest	<i>June 2</i> Roch Hamfest KB2YMQ B'Day
<i>June 3</i> RACES NET 8:45pm Butler Pa Hamfest Roch Hamfest KA2LDQ B'Day	<i>June 4</i>	<i>June 5</i>	<i>June 6</i>	<i>June 7</i>	<i>June 8</i>	<i>June 9</i> Courtland Hamfest
<i>June 10</i> RACES NET 8:45pm KA2JQV B'Day	<i>June 11</i>	<i>June 12</i>	<i>June 13</i>	<i>June 14</i> N3WZO B'Day	<i>June 15</i>	<i>June 16</i>
<i>June 17</i> RACES NET 8:45pm	<i>June 18</i>	<i>June 19</i> N2MLD B'Day	<i>June 20</i> DARC Mting 7:30pm	<i>June 21</i>	<i>June 22</i>	<i>June 23</i> FIELD DAY 1800 UTC