



# DRUMLIN'S RUMBLINS

DARC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2005

## NEXT MEETING

**June 15, 2005**

**Doors open at 7:pm Meeting 7:30pm**

**New York State**

**EMO**

**Route 31 Newark, NY**

**or try 146.745**

## **RACES-ARES JUNE 2005**

This is going to be a weird article for the month. So beware! Yours truly is getting this month's article out early way before the end of the month of May. I have to get all the ends tied up before my back surgery. Doing the RACES-ARES article is one of them. (As you read this I will be recuperating at home.)

WB2QKO will have to give the report on the critique of the June 1<sup>st</sup> Ginna Drill. This will be the first time in four years that I have missed a drill. After getting the new badge and pumping the event in the "Rumlins Drumlins," I am a little miffed at not being there to help. Oh well, you have to go with the flow. Hopefully I will be able to get to the meeting for June. The XYL will probably have to drive me as I think I will not be able to drive quite yet. That will be interesting for her. She thinks these meetings are so much fun like going to some primeval orgy. Hi! Will she be surprised! Hi! I will have to a good boy and take it easy eating the donuts. "Mums the word!" She would strangle me if she knew I had two donuts. (Actually the XYL just read this over my shoulder, so the gig is up. Hi! She did at least metaphorically "strangle" me!)

Better get to the business at hand. The June 2005 "World Radio" magazine had an interesting article I am relating here

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## **MINUTES**

**The Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD.**

**Secretary Notes**

May 18, 2005

Call to Order: 1930 local

**Attendance:** KB2ROP, N2RUS, KC2BMI, WB2QKO, N2MLD, KB2KBY, K2MPE, N2JC, P. Lundry

**Guests:** Lynn Williams KB2KJN, B Bruzee

**Minutes:** Reading waved and approved as published 1<sup>st</sup> K2MPE, 2<sup>nd</sup> KB2KBY

**Treasure's report:** Accepted as given: 1<sup>st</sup> KC2BMI, 2<sup>nd</sup> K2MPE

**Public Service:** Help is needed for the Ginna Drill on June 1. There will be no evening exercise. Work is being done on the kits.

\*June 12, 2005 help is needed for the Triathlon in Penn Yan. Contact KE2BV at [ke2bv@arrl.net](mailto:ke2bv@arrl.net) for information.

\*July 17, 2005 Mussel Man event in Geneva

**Repeaters:**

146.745 OK

146.685 OK

144.950 OK Jeff N2MKT replaced power supply

444.95 OK

**Activities and Contests:** Sky Warn Class was held. Although the attendance was less then expected the class was said to be excellent.

**VE Team:** No report

**WARECS/RACES:** see above

**Public Relations:** None

**Newsletter:** No report.

**Remembrances/Concerns:** none

Thanks you:

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## The Drumlins Leaders 04-05

President	Doug Peeso, KB2ROP	315-587-2889
V-President	Jim Collinsworth, N2JC	315-483-8136
Secretary	Need help in this area	315-
Treasurer	Dave Taylor, KB2KBY	315-597-4293
Program	Charles Escriva, KB2SOZ	315-986-5779
Director 3 yr	Russ Millspaw, N2RUS	315-483-8024
Director 2 yr	Bob Wilkin, W2GIV	315-923-2620
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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from their "Traffic" column. (N2RUS gave me a copy of the article at the last meeting too. He must have gotten his copy read earlier on the "throne" than I did. Hi!) The title of the article caught your eye too- "Bubonic vs. Pneumonic Plague." The article was of course about traffic handling and from the title you can tell there was a mistake in communication. I think you can grasp the mistake from the article title. When it comes to very difficult words the NC (Net Control), would logically have pronounced "pneumonic" phonetically using the Civil Defense phonetics. It is evident here that was not done.

The article pointed out we may be placed in situations where "... operators, many of whom end up in a position handling critical or sensitive information in time of an emergency are often provided with little or no formal training on how to communicate. At the risk of sounding blunt, if we want to be relied upon, the time has come to learn to communicate..."

"The only way to do this is through periodic drills involving a standard message form." This is where our regular Sunday night "drills" come in handy. I like this article by WB8SIW. He is thinking in the same track as I. I'm not the only weirdo out there. Hi!

WB8SIW makes another good point. "It is important to note that most emergency communication is tactical in nature." A good example is our Canal Town Days. "A net control ...tells an individual to "go there," or "do that." Such communication does not require a standard message format. However, the same skills used to convey a radiogram efficiently and accurately translate directly to efficient tactical communication." This is the reason the practice net keeps using those same ARRL radiogram message forms. That is why we keep practicing messages.

Parts of the message form remain the same but the "text" part, the most important part, does change. The practice in the "drill" messages seems awfully repetitive- you know "boring." That boring is what we are trying to achieve. Think about it! You are comfortable enough to read and receive

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### Fellow Amateur Radio Operators:

April showers bring May flowers followed by June mosquitoes. But that's all good, because we are sliding, head first, into summer. If you are anything like me, your calendar fills real fast this time of year with family events, blockbuster movies, yacht trips to the islands, visits to the emergency room, (OK, so now I know to cook both sides of the hamburger) and all of those other things that use up those few months of summer. Well, I am here to add to that list. All I am asking you is to set aside a little time to stop in at a meeting (always the third Wednesday of the month) or one of the club events coming this year. This month we will be planning the summer picnic. You can take time to set and visit with the other members and family and answer the age old question of just how many different been dishes can you make?

Above all ENJOY your SUMMER!

Ye ol' ham saying:

Early to bed and early to  
rise may make a man  
healthy, wealthy, and  
wise, but it's no way to  
win a contest.

Doug Peeso KB2ROP

### \*\*NOTICE TO RACES/ARES MEMBERS\*\*

to: All Exercise Participants  
from: Thelma Wideman  
Date: April 7, 2005  
Re: New Id Cards

All EOC Exercise Participants need to schedule an appointment with the Wayne County Sheriff's Records Department to get their new ID Cards. Please call 946-5790 to schedule your appointment. Your old ID cards will not get you access into the EOC for the June 1st exercise. If you have any questions you can email me or call the Wayne County EOC at 946-5663.  
from Bruce Blair, WB2QKO

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**Old Business:** Date of DARC's Hamfest has been set, April 1, 2006 (no foolin')  
We have a commitment from KJI Electronics for that date.

**New Business:**

No official news, however, a letter was received and read from Tom KC2MBU who is starting boot camp.  
Contact the secretary for an address if you wish to contact him.

**50/50 Drawing:** KB2KBY

**Program:** none

**Adjournment:** 1<sup>st</sup> N2RUS, 2<sup>nd</sup> K2MPE

**Respectfully submitted:** Douglas Peeso KB2ROP

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any message. Think of the boring as being "centered." Being centered you can send and receive any message in any form "...efficiently"...and ... "accurately." That center ness can translate to any message form being the Ginna Drill forms or any other forms. All 75 DARC members should look to that goal! It is a goal easily achievable.

June 1<sup>st</sup>, I was not there for the state Ginna Drill. How many of you could or would have filled in for me? Who else could you or would you have filled in for? That is why the Sunday nets are important. You are not bored. You are getting "centered!"

73 Dave KB2KBY

**Various 2 meters Nets**

Auburn Radio Assoc. on-air Meeting 40/00 7 p.m. Sun.  
Central District Emer. Net 7 p.m 2nd Tues. . 40/00  
Onon. County Radio Emer. Net 7:30 p.m. 1st/3rd Mon. 90/30  
Oswego RACES Net Wed. 7 p.m. 147.15 1st/3rd Sun. 8 pm  
40/00 Swap Net 7 p.m. Wednesdays 40/00  
Cent. N. V. Traffic Net 9:15 nightly 90/30; except Thurs. on 40/00  
Monroe County FM Net Sunday 9pm  
Alternating between 79 and 88 repeaters  
Hilltop Bulletons before FM net  
Also CW Practice Wed. 8:30 – 8:45 146.40/147.00..pl 71.9

Thanks to Rags review who had request from a member. I have also heard the same request from our memebers. If anyone has some suggestion maybe some HF nets send me info.  
Thanks Irv wa2sok

**FOR SALE-MUST DOWNSIZE SHACK-KB2KBY**

**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-851B** DELUXE HF PEAK READING SWR/WATTMETER (200W MAX): \$30.00  
**HEATHKIT HD-15** HYBRID PHONE PATCH: \$30.00  
**T.G.M.** COMMUNICATIONS (MADE CANADA) MQ-26 SIX-BAND 20M-6M HYBRID-MINI BEAM W/ MAST & MANUAL (NEVER USED): \$225.00  
**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.

**CLUB ADDRESS:**

Dave Taylor KB2KBY Club Trustee  
228 W. Jackson St. Palmyra, NY 14522  
Packet: Kb2kby-1 thru Newark Node  
Email: kb2kby@juno.com

MSG#123 06/06/05 00:00:43 FROM KB2KBY TO WA2SOK  
SUBJECT: TNX U FOR NEWSLETTER  
PATH: WA2SOK  
DEAR DRUMLIN MEMBERS,  
THANKYOU FOR THE THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS WITH MY BACK SURGERY. YOU DID A SWELL JOB. THE "COMMUNICATIONS" WAS "QRM" AND "QRN" FREE AND NO "QSB."  
YOU WILL BE PLEASED, AS I, WITH THE RESULTS.  
THANKS!

**HAMFESTS 2005**

**Jul 16.....**Batavia, NY  
<http://www.hamgate.net/~gram/>

**Jul 23....**Frankfort (Utica), NY  
Email: tbd2626@yahoo.com

**Aug 6th...**Thompkins County ARC..Ithuca, NY  
<http://www2.compcenter.com/~tcarc>

**Aug 6-7.**WNY Section Convention/Williamsville, NY  
Email: luke@towncountryflorist.com

**Sep 17.....**RAGs Pompey Hills  
[www.ragsinreview.com/ragham.html](http://www.ragsinreview.com/ragham.html)

**Sep 24.....**Horseheads, NY  
<http://hamfest@arast.org>

**Oct.8th.....**Lake Placid, NY  
<http://www.nnyara.org>

**News Letter Stuff Send To:** Irv Walter, WA2SOK  
2881 Macedon Ctr. Rd. Lot #57 Palmyra. NY. 14522  
Packet: DARC thru Newark 144.95  
E-mail: wa2sok@rochester.rr.com

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

**Loud and Clear**

*By, Thomas Grice*

*It was a hot and humid summer day  
The guy on the weather radio had to say  
There is a storm coming with hail  
Take my advice and flee and do not fail*

*Next with a mighty rush  
Strong winds passed through the brush*

*Then as far as the eye could see  
Way off in the west  
Far past any visible tree  
There was a big storm that would not rest*

*Next it got very dark  
Lightening looked like giant sparks*

*The rain and hail came  
There outside were game  
To a storm with no shame*

*Though that may have been a dark hour  
Even with no power  
Through the shower  
Of rain and hail  
On the mobile radio you could hear  
Morse code loud and clear*

**Tom's Military Address**

'Predators' RN#203  
Pvt. Thomas Grice  
"A"Co. 2/47 INF  
5375 Hanson Dr.  
Ft. Benning GA. 31905-4934

**SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE BROADCAST  
TO MARK DEBUT OF FM**

Broadcasting history buffs mark your calendars! A special commemorative FM broadcast Saturday, June 11, at noon EDT will mark the 70th anniversary of Maj Edwin H. Armstrong's first public demonstration of wide-band frequency modulation (FM).

The broadcast will emanate from Armstrong's 400-foot-tall experimental tower in Alpine, New Jersey, overlooking the Hudson River. An area landmark that also served several New York City broadcasters in the wake of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks that destroyed the World Trade Center, the gigantic structure now is owned by CSC Management Inc, headed by Charles Sackerman Jr. He and Steve Hemphill, WA3ZAE, owner of Solid Electronics Laboratories--a Pennsylvania broadcast equipment manufacturer--have secured a Special Temporary Authority (STA) from the FCC to conduct the FM broadcast on Armstrong's original frequency of 42.8 MHz at a power of 250 W ERP. They'll use the experimental/STA call sign WA2XMN, reminiscent of Armstrong's W2XMN call sign.

The program itself will consist of David Ossman's dramatic production of "Empire of the Air," based on the book by Tom Lewis. They also plan to air excerpts from a 1941 test broadcast between member stations of the original New England Yankee Network, featuring actual voice recordings of Armstrong, Yankee Network Chief Engineer Paul deMars and others. They'll also rebroadcast the final signoff of Armstrong's pioneer FM station W2XMN/KE2XCC. The station went silent February 25, 1954, following Armstrong's death by suicide.

For those lacking an FM radio that can tune to 42.8 MHz, the broadcast will be simulcast via WFDU(FM) 89.1 MHz, which also will provide a streaming webcast <<http://alpha.fdu.edu/wfdu/wfdufm/index2.html>>. The entire program will be rebroadcast on the Web at 7 PM EDT on June 14 and 16. A recording of the complete broadcast will be available for download at <<http://www.cscmgt.com>>. Additional information about the commemorative broadcast and the Alpine tower site is available on the CSC Management Web site <<http://www.cscmgt.com/index.html>>.

From the ARRL Newsletter

SUBJECT: 11:56PM MONDAY    PATH: WA2SOK  
HELLO, IRV- SENDING LETTER TO U SNAILMAIL W/  
CUTE PICTURE YOU CAN SHOW THE LUNCH GANG FRI-  
DAY. YOU'LL GET A GOOD LAUGH ON ME. DOING  
EXCELLANT-GUD THING I HAVE THE "SOFA SHACK" TO  
KEEP ME BUSY & LYING DOWN I FEEL SO GUD. TYPING  
ON LAPTOP ON MY TUMMY RIGHT NOW. HI! GETTING  
BETTER AT "SOFA CW" TOO WITH MY NYE 'RANGER"  
KNEE KEY. HI! ODD HOURS UP I'VE BAGGED MINOT  
ND, LOS ANGES CA, EVEN TOURLOUSE FRANCE. AL-

WAYS SOMEONE ON THE AIR! HI! SO-LOOK FOR THE  
MAIL. SHUD GET THERE THURSDAY. 73 DAVE

I would say Dave is really enjoying this recuperation period, Hi

**RACES NET SUNDAY 8:45 PM 146.685**

# June 12 - July 23, 2005

## Drumlin Amateur Radio Club, LTD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>June 12</i> <b>WARECS</b> 7:45 pm	<i>June 13</i>	<i>June 14</i> Flag Day	<i>June 15</i> <b>DARC Meeting</b> 7:30pm	<i>June 16</i>	<i>June 17</i>	<i>June 18</i>
<i>June 19</i> <b>WARECS</b> 7:45 pm N2MLD B'Day Father's Day	<i>June 20</i>	<i>June 21</i> N2JML B'Day	<i>June 22</i>	<i>June 23</i>	<i>June 24</i> KB2LXZ B'Day	<i>June 25</i>
<i>June 26</i> <b>WARECS</b> 7:45 pm	<i>June 27</i>	<i>June 28</i>	<i>June 29</i>	<i>June 30</i>	<i>July 1</i> W2MTA B'Day Dominion Day (Canada)	<i>July 2</i> WB2LJG B'Day
<i>July 3</i> <b>WARECS</b> 7:45 pm	<i>July 4</i> Independence Day	<i>July 5</i> WA2SOK B'Day	<i>July 6</i>	<i>July 7</i>	<i>July 8</i> KB2ROP B'day	<i>July 9</i>
<i>July 10</i> <b>WARECS</b> 7:45 pm	<i>July 11</i>	<i>July 12</i>	<i>July 13</i> KB2UDB B'Day	<i>July 14</i>	<i>July 15</i>	<i>July 16</i>
<i>July 17</i> <b>WARECS</b> 7:45 pm <b>Batavia Hamfest</b>	<i>July 18</i> N2EH B'Day	<i>July 19</i>	<i>July 20</i> <b>DARC Meeting</b> 7:30pm	<i>July 21</i>	<i>July 22</i>	<i>July 23</i> Utica Hamfest KC2AJR B'day

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

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