



# DRUMLIN'S RUMBLINS

DARC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JULY 2005

## NEXT MEETING

**July 16, 2005**

**Breakfast @ Cross Park 7:30am**

**Meeting to follow approx. 9am**

**New York State**

**EMO**

**Route 31 Newark, NY**

or try 146.745

**Maybe some of those who find it hard to  
get there on Wenesday nights can find  
there way down!!**

**If this works we could do it 2/3 times a  
year..comments welcome**

## **RACES-ARES JULY 2005**

Here we are in the heat of the middle of the summer! Yes! Enjoy it while you can! I do apologize for not informing the members that there was no RACES net for the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. I realize it is pretty much common knowledge we usually don't have a net for the 4<sup>th</sup>. While we are at it, there will not be a RACES net on the Labor Day weekend.

Bruce, WB2QKO, and I thank Al, K2MPE, and Doug, W2CDW, for helping with the Ginna drill on the first of June. Yours truly was day one home recuperating from his back operation. So what is read about here is from the June meeting by WB2QKO. K2MPE manned the NC position at the EOC. W2CDW and WB2QKO traveled with the vans. W2CDW did luck out with the air-conditioned van. Hi!

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## **MINUTES**

**THE DRUMLIN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, LTD**

**Date:06.15/05**

**Call to Order: 1935**

**Minutes:**

Accepted as printed in the Newsletter. 1<sup>st</sup> K2mpe, 2<sup>nd</sup> WB2QKO

**Treasurers report:**

Accepted as given, 1<sup>st</sup> K2MPE, 2<sup>nd</sup> KB2SOZ.

**Public Service:** Ginna drill got a passing grade with WB2QKO, W2CDW and K2MPE participating. There was something about road crews had new maps but the people in the know had the old maps, good start. Then the dosemeter reading were running somewhat high also, so they do have some things to work out in preparation for next drill.

Next Ginna Drill with Fema onboard will be July 19<sup>th</sup>

July 17<sup>th</sup> is the Musselman Triathlon Geneva, Contact person , Richard Kingsley KE2BV.

July 30<sup>th</sup> Mercy Flight Bike Run, contact Kieth Freeberg N2BEL 585-254-0722 .

**Repeaters:** 146.745 Ok, 146.685, Still having some problems but will have to wait till after the July 19<sup>th</sup> Ginna drill., 144.95, doing ok. 444.95 Temporarily down, N2MKT tool a lightening hit..

**Activities & Contests:**

Aug. 20-21<sup>st</sup> Light House weekend, Club has no plans.

Oct. 15-16<sup>th</sup> Boy Scout Event, Jamboree on the Air (Joda). We are invited to help with demos, contact Charlie Escriva KB2SOZ.

**Races/Ares:** Dave reports a new Ham KC2OBM, also a new member checked into Races Training net.

**Remembrance:** Silent Key John Henninger, WA2VXH

**New Business:** N2RUS suggested that we decide on date for Saturday meeting preferably this coming month. It was decided to

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## The Drumlins Leaders 04- 05

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Communications went very well. This was a first time for K2MPE and W2CDW. It shows that the experience of doing the Sunday night RACES net can be easily transferred. They both survived very well. Hi! The lunch put on by the EOC is a definite plus! Hi! Even the van crews have plenty to eat when they return. It is good. Hey maybe we bribe members to help out at drills just because of the food? Hi! It works for me! Seriously it is a nice reward for a good days work. There are even hot drinks, donuts and bagels for breakfast too. Talk to K2MPE and W2CDW about the drill. You too could be convinced to help out.

A mistake of wrong data given in the drill scenario by the state guys in one of the vans did cause some intense messaging to the EOC and the vans. Even though the wrong data was sent as it should have been, the fact was the messages send and received were processed properly. That was what is counted as a success for RACES. The knowledge from our nets is invaluable. K2MPE and W2CDW can prove this fact very well as would WB2QKO.

WB2QKO attended the exercise at the Pal-Mac schools the next week. I helped WB2QKO with communications from the "sofa shack" at my QTH. So I was able to help a little. It was just a small demonstration of our capacity but it showed what could be done.

Help is needed once again. The FEMA Ginna drill is coming up Tuesday July 19. So help will be needed once again. It was nice to have new faces for this past drill. So if you have the time, give it a try. Try helping and enjoy the camaraderie. It is interesting. It is fun. It brings more knowledge about the whole operation of the Ginna drill and the EOC. It shows how valuable RACES is in the scheme of things. Hey-you get a good breakfast and lunch too. Contact WB2QKO or myself if I've enticed you enough. Hi!

73 Dave KB2KBY

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**RACES TRAINING NET SUNDAYS 8:45PM**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### Fellow Amateur Radio Operators,

Variety is the spice of life, as they say. Well, this month we will try something new. It was suggested that we have at least one meeting on a Saturday instead of the normal Wednesday night, and this month is it. Mark your calendars for Saturday July 16th starting at 9:00 a.m. It will be a regular meeting. If you would like to join us before hand, a group will be forming at Cross Park for breakfast at 7:30. It is my hope that those who can not make the Wednesday night meetings will find this a good reason to come and join us that day. If this turns out to be a good thing we may try it again or something else. I am always open to suggestions and a little prodding to do different things.

A word to the wise. As the long hot days of summer come upon us so do the electrical storms. Please, be sure and disconnect your antenna.

Ye ol' ham proverb. If Carpe Diem means seize the day, would mark the day be "Sharpie Diem?"

OK so it isn't so much a ham proverb, but I thought it was funny.

Doug KB2ROP

### CONGRATULATIONS TO AB2IK

Our own Drumlins ARC member, Wally-AB2IK, has accomplished his goal!

If you remember Wally was mentioned in a past "Rumlins Drumlins" articles. Wally who is a greeter at Walmart was collecting one dollar at a time from patrons for the Golisano Childrens Hospital at Strong Memorial in Rochester. His goal was to collect \$100,000. Well you better give Wally a good handshake the next time you see him. Wally has achieved his \$100,000 goal and even then some.

And Wally was honored with an article and picture on the R-News website by Time-Warner. There was a cute picture with Wally wearing his cap with dollar bills on and drooping down from the cap's brim. If you have been to Walmart in Newark you know what I mean. You couldn't miss him. Hi!

Also, Wally was honored in the Canandaigua paper "The Daily Messenger" in the "Cheers and Jeers" section of the opinion page on Friday June 11 for his achievement.

If you are wondering what gives Wally his incentive for this goal, the story has a downside. Wally and Ann-N2OYZ, his

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go with July 16<sup>th</sup>, breakfast at Cross Park, 7:30am, Meeting 9am at the EMO. Picnic, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Place Marbletown Firehall. Picnic Shelter in the back. Time Noon. Bring your own utensils and dish to pass, meat and sodas by the club. Charlie KB2SOZ had a call from a fellow looking for amateur classes. If he had at least 5 people interested he would consider running another class. He will check it out maybe run an ad in Penny Saver, If t here is interest then he will decide.

**50/50 Drawing:** Charles Escriva, KB2SOZ

**Ajournment:** 2040

Respectfully Submitted  
Irv Walter, WA2SOK

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XYL, lost a grandson at an early age to cancer. Believe me, all who gave their dollar can be assured; it was done for a good reason and a good cause by a man with a purpose.

So, Wally, the Drumlins members send you their warm congratulations for achieving your \$100,000 goal. "FB," Wally! Look for Wally in Walmart again. This is not the only time Wally has been collecting these dollars. As Wally said he will be doing this until there are no more sick children. Wally, good for you!

73 Dave KB2KBY

### HAMFESTS 2005

**Jul 16.....Batavia, NY**

<http://www.hamgate.net/~gram/>

**Jul 23....Frankfort (Utica), NY**

Email: [tbd2626@yahoo.com](mailto:tbd2626@yahoo.com)

**Aug 6th...Thompkins County ARC..Ithaca, NY**

<http://www2.compcenter.com/~tcarc>

**Aug 6-7.WNY Section Convention/Williamsville, NY**

Email: [luke@towncountryflorist.com](mailto: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>

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## **US SENATE VERSION OF AMATEUR RADIO SPECTRUM PROTECTION ACT OF 2005 INTRODUCED**

A US Senate version of the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2005 has been introduced in the 109th Congress with bipartisan support. Sen Michael Crapo of Idaho sponsored the measure, S 1236, on June 14. The wording of the bill is identical to the House version, HR 691, introduced earlier this year by Rep Michael Bilirakis of Florida. Joining Crapo as cosponsors of the Senate bill were Senators Christopher Bond of Missouri, Max Baucus and Conrad Burns of Montana, and Daniel Akaka of Hawaii. The bill has been referred to the US Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee of which Burns is a member. ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, said the League is pleased that Crapo has agreed to once again sponsor this legislation at ARRL's urging.

"We are grateful for Sen Crapo's demonstration of support by introducing the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2005," Sumner said. "His sponsorship of this bill shows his appreciation for the value and utility of Amateur Radio to the US public, especially in times of emergency."

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### **Welcome New Members**

A warm welcome to our newest member to the Drumlins ARC: Jim Stone-KC2OBM- of Palmyra. Jim passed the Tech level test at the Drumlins Hamfest this past April. Jim has already reported into one of the RACES nets with his new 2m/440m rig. He is a trucker so he will be away during the week but "look" for his call on the 745 and 685 repeaters when in town.

A warm welcome to Brenda Bruzee, who the joined the Drumlins last month as an "associate" member. Brenda was kind to treat members at the June meeting with some homemade cookies.

Some of us were lucky to even take some home. Mine actually did get home! Hi!

(We also thank N2RUS' XYL for a chocolate cake for the June meeting. I got a good piece to take home of that too. Chocolate with chocolate! My favorite! Hi! Thanks, Rus.)

Dave KB2KBY

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### RILEY HOLLINGSWORTH: "GET INVOLVED IN THE GOOD THINGS IN AMATEUR RADIO!"

FCC Special Counsel for Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth told the Dayton Hamvention FCC Forum May 21 "all you need to know to enhance your radio service--in one simple lesson." Drawing upon his nearly seven years experience as the FCC's Amateur Radio enforcement point man, Hollingsworth told his audience "what I personally think you need to do to make the Amateur Radio Service thrive and to enjoy the incredible opportunity" to have fun and engage in public service activities.

"Overall, amateur compliance, I think, is very, very good--I'm really happy with it," although, he said, "we still have a good distance to go" in certain areas. Complaints also have continued to decline steadily over the past year. "I think that's a good sign," he said, predicting the trend would continue. He advised hams to avoid ugly on-the-air situations and confrontations. "Just use the VFO and go somewhere else," he said.

On the other hand, enthusiasm and happiness on ham radio are contagious, Hollingsworth asserted, and amateur licensees themselves are responsible for creating and maintaining a hospitable operating environment. Among the good things going on in ham radio, Hollingsworth elicited a round of applause by singling out Pennsylvania teacher Sean Barnes, N3JQ, whose classes have helped 60 youngsters to obtain Amateur Radio licenses over the past three years.

The most high-profile recent enforcement case--involving former amateur licensee Jack Gerritsen in the Los Angeles--"is not technically an amateur case," Hollingsworth explained. He pointed out, however, that the FCC is looking to determine who supplied Gerritsen with Amateur Radio equipment and "encouraged him."

His final admonishment: Good amateur practice means "not operating so that whoever hears you becomes sorry they ever got interested in Amateur Radio in the first place." He urged hams to look to the future and "get involved in the good things in Amateur Radio" and spread the word among to acquaint the public and even legislators, lawmakers and government officials.

"It's not about enforcement. It's about your obligation," he said. Enforcement can't cure all Amateur Radio's ills. "It's all about you and what you're doing with [Amateur Radio]," he concluded. "Look beyond enforcement."

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Like previous versions of the proposal, the House and Senate measures would require the FCC to provide "equivalent replacement spectrum" to the Amateur Radio and Amateur-Satellite services in the event of reallocation to other services of primary amateur spectrum or the diminution of secondary amateur

spectrum. The bill also would cover additional allocations within Amateur Radio bands that "would substantially reduce" their utility to Amateur Service licensees.

In a letter this week, ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, also thanked Crapo for his continued support of the Spectrum Protection Act. "As you know, this legislation is vital for ensuring that the Amateur Radio Service, the only 100 percent fail-safe emergency communication capability, remains a viable public safety option," Haynie said, adding that the League also appreciates the work of Crapo's staff in getting the bill into play in the new Congress. "The ARRL looks forward to working with you on successfully passing this legislation during the 109th Congress," he said.

The legislation references Amateur Radio's role in providing "voluntary, noncommercial radio service, particularly emergency communications," and it points out that hams have "consistently and reliably" provided communication support in the event of emergencies and disasters including tornadoes and hurricanes, chemical spills, forest fires and rail accidents. As the measure notes, FCC actions already have led to the loss of at least 107 MHz of spectrum to radio amateurs.

Efforts will continue--now in both chambers of Congress--to attract additional cosponsors for S 1236 and HR 691. The League encourages its members to urge their congressional representatives and senators to sign aboard. A sample letter for HR 691 <<http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/hr-691-sample-letter.html>> and a sample letter for S 1236 <--are"<http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/s-1236/>>--are available on the ARRL Web site for members to use as guides in writing their members of Congress to seek their support. To expedite delivery, send all correspondence bound for Members of Congress--preferably as an attachment--  
To [research.assistant@chwatco.com](mailto:research.assistant@chwatco.com) or fax it to 703-684-7594.

The ARRL will bundle correspondence addressed to each Member of Congress for hand delivery.

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# July 10 - August 20, 2005

## Weekly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>July 10</i> <b>WARECS</b> 8:45 pm	<i>July 11</i>	<i>July 12</i>	<i>July 13</i> <b>KB2UDB B'day</b>	<i>July 14</i>	<i>July 15</i>	<i>July 16</i> Breakfast Cross Park 7:30am DARC MEETING 9am
<i>July 17</i> <b>WARECS</b> 8:45 pm <b>Batavia</b> <b>Hamfest</b>	<i>July 18</i> <b>N2EH B'day</b>	<i>July 19</i>	<i>July 20</i> <b>Meeting</b> <b>Canceled</b> <b>DARC Mting</b> 7:30pm	<i>July 21</i>	<i>July 22</i>	<i>July 23</i> Utica Hamfest
<i>July 24</i> <b>WARECS</b> 8:45 pm	<i>July 25</i>	<i>July 26</i>	<i>July 27</i>	<i>July 28</i>	<i>July 29</i>	<i>July 30</i> <b>N2MKV B'day</b>
<i>July 31</i> <b>WARECS</b> 8:45 pm	<i>August 1</i>	<i>August 2</i>	<i>August 3</i>	<i>August 4</i>	<i>August 5</i> <b>KB2SOZ B'day</b>	<i>August 6</i> <b>WB2YWI B'day</b> <b>K2OEQ B'day</b>
<i>August 7</i> <b>WARECS</b> 8:45 pm	<i>August 8</i>	<i>August 9</i>	<i>August 10</i>	<i>August 11</i>	<i>August 12</i>	<i>August 13</i>
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**Breakfast at Alton Coffe Shop, Rte.14  
Saturday Mornings 6:30 am.  
Check in on 146.685**

**Notice!                      SATURDAY                      Notice!**

**Next meeting Saturday July 16, 2005**

**State EMO at 9am**

**Breakfast 7:30am Cross park Restaurant  
if you so desire!**

**This is an effort to provide for those who have difficulty making the  
Wednesday evening meetings.**

**Any thoughts on subject please make them known**