



DRUMLIN'S RUMBLINS

DARC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JULY 2007

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday July 18, 2007

Doors open at 7:00pm

Meeting 7:30pm

New York State EMO

Route 31 Newark, NY

or try 146.745

RACES-ARES JULY 2007

Wow! Summer is sure here with a blast of humid and hot weather. It is a good day to stay in and type this article in the radio shack. I know there are those of you out there that love this heat. But this kid is not one of them. Hi!

Speaking of summer, it is the doldrums time of the year for RACES-ARES! The check-ins have been less with the good summer weather. It is expected and it is okay. It is the time of the year you can get out with ease. So enjoy it. Wimps like me can stay inside. But whoever invented air conditioning has my great admiration. Hi! Unfortunately "Flipper" Dave will be around more himself this summer as the elbow has nixed all the summer camping, hiking and fishing plans. Do I sound a little envious? Well I would not be human if I was not a little. I'd rather be camping, hiking and fishing. Hi! I will have more time for RACES-ARES this summer. The positive side we are on the mend but it will take longer than plans were made for. If you are in the boat of missing the nets, do not worry. Amateur radio is not to take away from our lives but an addition to it. That is a good addition too. Without ham radio I'd be going crazy with the elbow stuff. The comradely has been a blessing. Thank you members.

Doldrums seemed to be the case for the asked help with the Canal Bike Tour that is to go through Wayne County in July from Buffalo. The tour didn't get the amateur radio coverage. The tour didn't contact the Buffalo area clubs soon enough to coordinate everything and the effort was cancelled. So look for it next

MINUTES

THE DRUMLINS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, LTD Meeting Agenda

DATE: June 20 2007 **CALL TO ORDER:** 19:33 **ADJ:** 19:56

MEMBERS / GUESTS: KE4VHA, W2CDW, N2RUS, W2GIV, KB2KBY, N2MLD, N2COJ, WB2QKO, AB2IK, KB2ROP, K2MPE AND xyl BRENDA COOK.

MINUTES: MOVE TO ACCEPT:
W2CDW 2ND: N2COJ CARRIED

TREASURERS REPORT: by KB2KBY motion to accept :
K2MPE 2ND KB2ROP CARRIED

PUBLIC SERVICE: WB2QKO- Muscleman event can use help, as well as the Erie Canal Bicycle Event.

RACES: No races net on 07/01/07

REPEATERS: 146.745 146.685
144.950 wa2aaz-2 user port trouble.
444.950 dead

ACTIVITIES & CONTESTS: Field Day

VE TEAM: NTR

PUBLIC RELATIONS: NTR- other than the public service comments.

NEWSLETTER: NTR

REMEMBRANCE: NTR

OLD BUSINESS: Logging program for Field Days received. KB2KBY and N2RUS tested and verified that 80 M (75) is indeed getting into the State equipment at the SEMO with as little as 5 watts out. A meet is set up with State radio personnel to isolate the problem.

NEW BUSINESS:

50/50: KB2KBY \$5.50

ADJOURNMENT: 19:56

The Drumlins Leaders 06-07

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"BITTEN BY THE BUG" 2008

Greetings from Field Day 2007! This Field Day we were even lazier than last year.

Last year we did use the generator and used portable antennas. I am one of the 'younger' members and it was decided at the monthly meeting we were getting 'older' to worry about carting everything around. Hi! (My oldest brother's XYL say we are not 'old' but we are 'older.' It is the truth and sounds much better. Hi!) Since "Flipper"-KB2KBY- was still on the repair with the elbow business, it sounded like a good idea. W2CDW was on SSB and yours truly was on the CW.

So we operated as a SEMO with '2F WNY.' We just walked in, turned on the rigs and operated! We could not operate on the 75-80mb as we are still interfering with SEMO. How we don't know yet but the week of July 9th, I'll be meeting with Ken Goetz the NYS RACES 'big wig' to see why. More on that in the next newsletter.

I must admit we did not operate for a long time. Part of this

RACES NET SUNDAYS 8:45 PM 146.685

Except for Holiday Weekends

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being 'older' is we can't take these all day-'nighter' Field Day operations any more. That is okay! But it does not mean you can't have some fun, use the new 718 rigs, have a good comradely and simply enjoy. And we did all of that! We did look mighty 'cool' with our matching "Bitten By the Bug" t-shirts, however! Hi! It would have been a photo shoot worth 'CQ' or 'OST' magazines.

Lets face it we are not testers to any extent. I still think there were some 'big guns' operating out there with more than the 100 watts. It sure seemed it! We were using the beam on 20m SSB and with the elements on that beam we should have been heard well. Of course there was no NN2H to help out on the CW on the 40mb. (Missed you again, Kay!)

Results! Well we beat our score last year by 100% on SSB and on CW by 33%. So we went from a total of 18 points 2006 to a total of 26 points for 2007. Yes, I know! It is no world record, but we were on the air, did better and the club rigs were used! That is the important part. Like I said we are not testers. I am sure if we were we would have done better. But we enjoyed ourselves with out sacrifice of abandoning our families or stressing ourselves out. You must have fun at this or it isn't worth it. We did have fun!

One added item. We used for the first time the N3FJP Field Day logging program. It was so cool to punch everything in and just see the program do its magic. This was a club purchase so anyone can use it. The nice thing was it kept track of dupes automatically. Even for our limited amount of contacts it was handy. Of course we were the recorders as well as ops the whole time. I personally have purchased the copy right to the entire program so we can now use the N3FJP CD for all contests. So it is available for any contest we want to do in the future.

That is it for "Bitten By the Bug" 2007! Now that you know that there is no 'real work' to have fun at a Field Day contest, give next year a try. This is the nice thing. You can get 'Bitten By the Bug' what you feel you have time for. No excuses now! Hi!

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

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**Lunch at Cross Park every Friday, Noon
Come join us**

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year. The Musselman Triathlon will be done by the time you read this article. With the busy summer KB2KBY has plans for that time and will not be able to help. Family commitments! We're doing the right thing of course. May be there is no camping etc but we are still busy. Hi!

It may seem early but Canal Town Days is coming up September 15th and 16th, Saturday and Sunday. It is only this month's and August's newsletter to remind you that help is needed. Bruce, WB2QKO, could use your help. The Canal Town Days parade would never get organized and run on time with out our help. That is no joke! The Canal Town Committee knows it and they remind me months before as they see me on the 'streets' of Palmyra. Hi!

There is one other thing you can get on your calendar! October 20th, Saturday, 9:30AM, is the Winter Skywarn course with Judy from the Buffalo NWS at SEMO. We are due for a 'tune up' every three years. It is time! Look for further bulletins in the newsletter to remind you. As per usual there will be the breakfast get-together before the class at Cross Park.

Personally I have been trying to upgrade my RACES-ARES efforts each year. That is not just participation only. You remember I have a mobile-portable packet ability I started last year. This year the effort has been to go HF mobile-portable. I am about 90% in place to that goal. It is the old time-money thing. You know what I mean. But before the summer is out I am planning to have that HF capacity. There are members with full time full-blown HF mobile stations in their vehicles. I am looking more toward mobile in a more static portable situation where I can go between vehicles. I mean any vehicle. I would still be able to get on the state 3.993.5mhz frequency. (Technically that can be any frequency deemed but that is the usual one used for the Sunday morning 9:00AM state RACES net. Hint, hint! Hi!) I have a 40mb capacity also. Of course who says I can't have fun on the CW portions of the bands when portable like camping! Hi! Contrary to many of you who think, I am not completely nuts! Hi!

Use some of this time in the doldrums to 'rekindle the fires' so to speak of 'upgrading' your RACES-ARES. Participation? Of course if time allows this is always appreciated. It is our bread and butter of community service. Get on packet? Sure! My packet RACES-ARES messages are nearly equal to the call-ins each week. In fact the 'packeters' have outnumbered the call-ins on two Sundays during the doldrums. I know of two of those 'packeters' who are mobile capacity now also other than myself. About three weeks ago, WA2UKX, Bill, my SM for RACES did a demonstration with packet at an emergency drill in Yates County, I believe. Packet is alive for the purpose of RACES-ARES.

One of these club meeting I would like to show a something on 'Twister.' An article from April 2007 CQ Magazine sparked my attention. Twister is a simple encrypted program to obscure meaning of a communication, which in certain setting would not be illegal in a hybrid message form using plain text as well.

"BUNKNIC" (PICNIC) 2007 SATURDAY AUGUST 18TH DOOR OPEN 3PM-EAT 5:30PM

Come to the annual Drumlins ARC summer picnic! We had the picnic last year at the Region 5 SEMO bunker-thus the nickname "bunknic." We did not have to worry about the weather-too hot, too cold, rain or shine-so it worked out well for all that attended.

Come early to enjoy a little workout with the new club Icom-718 rigs before the meal. And if you wish stay awhile after to play with the 718s. They are easy to operate and you only need a five- minute 'training' to operate them. We used them for Field Day and had a great time.

The club will provide drinks including diet, hots and hamburgers, and rolls. Bring you own table setting and a dish to pass. Please put his event on the calendar and come and enjoy the wonderful variety of food and the good 'eyeball" QSOs. If you have missed this time in earlier years, you have missed a good time.

It is not necessary but if you can contact KB2KBY about your coming, it would make the club's purchase a little easier to gauge. Contact me by the various means below by August 15th, Wednesday.

73 Dave KB2KBY

HAMFESTS 2007

- Jul 21..**Genesee Radio Amateurs...Alexander (Batavia), NY
http://www.geocities.com/gram_radio_club/index.html
- 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.
Email: ka2lim@yahoo.com
- Oct 6.....**NNY Section Convention.....Lake Placid, NY
<http://www.nnyara.org>
- Oct 14.....**WNY Section Convention.....Buffalo, NY
<http://gbhamfest.hamgate.net/>

The article was showing its use by MARS. In a real situation, which we hope never happens, it could be used by ECCOM. We could use Twister in a receive capacity for sure. (I sure have used that 'capacity' a lot this time. My word for the month I guess. Hi!)

Think about these things. Give '...the little gray cells a little exercise to keep them from the rust.' Sound familiar? I'm a big Agatha Christie 'Hercule Poirot' fan on WXXI and BBC America. Hi!

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

July 15 - August 25, 2007

Weekly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>July 15</i> RACES NET 8:45PM	<i>July 16</i>	<i>July 17</i> N2PTP B'Day	<i>July 18</i> DARC Mting 7:30pm	<i>July 19</i>	<i>July 20</i>	<i>July 21</i> KC2JAL B'Day
<i>July 22</i> RACES NET 8:45PM	<i>July 23</i> KC2AJR B'Day	<i>July 24</i>	<i>July 25</i>	<i>July 26</i> N2XS B'Day W2TJH B'Day	<i>July 27</i>	<i>July 28</i>
<i>July 29</i> RACES NET 8:45PM	<i>July 30</i> N2MKV B'Day	<i>July 31</i>	<i>August 1</i> WB2QOD B'Day	<i>August 2</i>	<i>August 3</i> KG2CD B'Day	<i>August 4</i>
<i>August 5</i> RACES NET 8:45PM KB2ITN B'Day KB2SOZ B'Day	<i>August 6</i> K2OEQ B'Day WB2YWI B'day	<i>August 7</i>	<i>August 8</i>	<i>August 9</i>	<i>August 10</i>	<i>August 11</i>
<i>August 12</i> RACES NET 8:45PM	<i>August 13</i> N2VTM B'Day	<i>August 14</i>	<i>August 15</i> DARC Mting 7:30pm	<i>August 16</i>	<i>August 17</i>	<i>August 18</i>
<i>August 19</i> RACES NET 8:45PM	<i>August 20</i>	<i>August 21</i>	<i>August 22</i>	<i>August 23</i>	<i>August 24</i>	<i>August 25</i> W2KFU B'Day