



DRUMLIN'S RUMBLINGS

DARC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2006

NEXT MEETING

Saturday August 19, 2006

**Combo Meeting 5pm
Meeting / Picnic**

**New York State EMO
Route 31 Newark, NY
or try 146.745**

MINUTES

THE DRUMLINS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, LTD.
Minutes

DATE: JULY 15, 2006 **ALL TO ORDER:** 0905 hrs.

MEMBERS: KB2ROP, WA2SOK, N2MLD, KB2KBY, N2MKR, N2RUS, W2CDW, W4ILN, N5THV, N2COJ. K2MPE, BRENDA Cook. **Guests:** KB2BHX, Stephan Brown, Elizabeth Reid.

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

TREASURERS REPORT: Accepted as given, 1st W2CDW, 2nd K2MPE

REPEATERS 146.745: Ok, more in Old Business. **146.685:** OK. **144.95:** Ok since WB2QKO got the software working right, Good Job Bruce. **444.95:** No Change.

ACTIVITIES & CONTESTS: Field Day from the EMO. With KB2KBY, KE4VHA, KB2ROP, N2COJ, W2CDW, W2GIV & N2MKR Check out KB2KBY's article on Field Day.

RACES: Our usual summer lump.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: KB2ROP Doug, says Rose is Planning a Festival and suggest a Booth to promote Amateur Radio.

NEWSLETTER: Struggling..

OLD BUSINESS: On the matter of moving location of the Ham-fest it was decided by a vote of 19 to 3 to remain at our present location, Marbletown Fire Hall.

Have to settle on date, preferred date would be 2nd Saturday in April.

NEW BUSINESS: After some discussion a motion to purchase 2

RACES-ARES AUGUST 2006

Man what a hot one so far for the summer! I am typing this month's article two days after our big rainstorm in July and the heat and humidity are terrible for me. Yes-it is better than January for some of you, but I sure wish there was a better medium for the summer weather. Hi! 75 degrees is my perfect temp. As ole Dad use to say 'You don't have to shovel it.' He was right again.

That rain on July 12th however sure was a dilly. K2MPE had 5.8 inches in his rain gauge. In my Palmyra an acquaintance of mine said he had 5.0 inches. My old 1871 QTH has a basement that was built wrong and leaks. Of those 5.0 inches here I think 4 inches was in my basement. I had to get the old spare pool pump out to help the sump pump. I don't call my basement the 'Black Hole of Calcutta' for nothing. Hathaway Creek flows through the Wayne County Fairgrounds behind me. All the homes on the north and east side have problems. But again we were able to win the water battle of intake vs. outtake. Hi! Some of my neighbors were not so lucky.

Once again it shows the peculiar weather of up New York State. Once again we were lucky to not be called out for communications help. Seems like this topic has

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DRUMLINS PICNIC-AUGUST 19

Save Saturday August 19th for a Drumlins picnic following a very short meeting. Picnic meeting is at the SEMO and the start time 5:00 PM gathering and eats will be ready for 6:00PM. The club will furnish plates, utensils, soda, rolls and hamburgers. Please bring a dish to pass! We will cook everything up at SEMO and eat in the 'bunker's' dinning area, so weather will not be a problem. We have use of the kitchen and we have the refrigerator too. Bring the 'better half', the kids, a friend, even an 'outlaw' (a.k.a. in-law).

Come for a good time!

NY STATE RACES FORM SITE

For those of you interested in using the 'official' New York State RACES form for your check-ins on the state HF net or to just copy the message for fun, or for our own net here is the website address: (3w-thing).semo.state.ny.us/info/RACES/racesform.pdf (or .../racesform.html).

This is a two-page form showing the 5 regions and counties in each, colored, columns for each region station checking in, message form and area for comments. Check it out! You can even save the form to a disk or CD for making copies or just copy the form off the site. Save paper you can copy one page at a time and copy on the back of the first page.

This is the official form used Sunday AM and what I read off on our Sunday PM net.

You can check out the general New York Sate SEMO site where the form is located: (3-w thing).semo.state.ny.us/. There is a lot of good 'stuff' to see including the NIMS mentioned in this month's RACES-ARES article.

Just thought there could be some interest there so give it a good look and use the site.

88 & 73, Dave KB2KBY

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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Fellow Amateur Radio Operators:

Once again its those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer which can only mean one thing, PICNIC TIME. Yup, it's time once again to party with the Drumlins ARC. Bring yourself down to the EMO and join the fun that is family friendly (mostly). It was decided to have a picnic and *short* meeting on Saturday the 19th instead of our normal Wednesday night meeting. Check out the newsletter for details.

Also this month I would like to touch on some opportunities to spread the fun of amateur radio. I was approached by the head of a Cub Scout pac who is interested in having a few of us do a demonstration of our hobby. What a great way of introducing the hobby to little ones. They may be a little young but you can not start too soon (well, if someone starts chewing on the mike it may be a bit too soon, but then again, they might develop a taste for it). My point is that we need to take advantage of these chances to demonstrate what we do.

Doug Peeso KB2ROP

Ye ol' ham proverb:

If a picture paints a thousand words then you should stop by a ham shack and see the art work in progress.

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IC718 Radios for club station was put to a vote, 1st N2COJ, 2nd W2CDW. Motion Carried. The old equipment will be gone over and and some decisions will have to made to sell or keep as backup and or loaners. There has been a lot of discussion about a more organized method to keep track of of club equipment that is put out on loan. The board is working on a procedure.

50/50 DRAWING: N2MLD

PROGRAM: No Program

ADJOURNMENT: 1007 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Irv Walter WA2SOK, Secretary

Hamfests 2006

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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been coming up a lot more than usual and for good reasons.

One of the new acronyms coming out of 9-11 is NIMS-National Incident Management System. A lot of the NIMS has come out of the older ICS-Incident Command System- usage and expanded. Going along with NIMS there are new titles that one should become familiar. Below is a comparison of ARES and NIMS/ICS equivalent:

<u>ARES</u>	<u>NIMS/ICS Equivalent</u>
ARES	Emergency Communications (Eccom)
Section Manager	State/Provincial Eccom Officer (S/PECO)
District Emergency Coordinator	County/Municipal Eccom Officer (C/MECO)
ARES Group	Emergency Communications Unit (COMU)
Emergency Coordinator	Communications Unit Leader (COML)
Assistant Emergency Coordinator	Incident Communications Ctr Man. (INCM)
ARES Member	Radio Operator (RADO)

Are you 'acronym-ed' out? (That 'ain't' a word but it sure fits! Hi!) I am! Unfortunately or fortunately depending on how you look at it, the NIMS is here to stay. So you better get used to the new vocabulary. This is the first step to keep amateur radio in emergency communications. It will be a little awkward at first but us amateurs have been the creators of a lot of new terms. So we are very adaptable. (By the way most of the information came from the July 2006 'CQ' magazine. So if it looks like you've read this before, you may have. It is a good article. I don't want to take credit away from someone else.)

NIMS is a fact! It has been talked about on the NYS RACES net Sunday morning at 0900 hours on the HF frequency of 3.993.5. There is more you will hear of it too. In fact on the state level of communications a minimum of NIMS training is required to participate in Eccom. I have some info on that 'floating' around some place in my shack. Right at the moment I cannot put my hands on it. It just as well I can't as this article is getting pretty full. The training is an on-line thing, which is good. I sure don't see any state, national or 'whatever' group coming forward for organized classes for one to attend. That wouldn't be a bad idea either. In fact I talked with 'Penny Stitch's' helper at our hamfest about this past April. Seems she too was a retired teacher and we compared notes on the fact a good educational day course about emergency communications would be a good thing.

Well, that is it for this month. Keep cool, keep dry and keep reading the articles! I'll try to put more perspective on this in future articles. It is like I said; there has been a plethora of articles on emergency communications. Of course that is what we are in. See you next month. By then I hope to find that e-mail about NIMS from my Section Manager, a.k.a. S/PECO. Hi!

88 & 73 to DARC members, a.k.a. COMU
Dave KB2KBY
ARES EC, a.k.a.COML

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

SURPRISE CHECK-IN!

You get a few nice surprises in this amateur radio and on of those was tonight-July 23rd.

I had just finished the RACES-ARES Sunday net. Being it was summer the check-ins called in are on the low side. (Believe me it is okay with me. Summer is short enough in New York State. Today was a good day nice and mild and the temp was perfect with little humidity. My kind of day! Hi!) In fact if AB2F, 'Doc,' had not been in there it would have been a 'family net.' I am not kidding! It would have been my 'Big Brother' and me. Hi! What do they call that? Nepotism? Hi! I haven't had to drag that term out of the gray cells in six years. Funny! I can remember the stuff long ago but the short term is terrible. No one else has that problem. Right? Hi! Oh, oh! 'Bird walking' again! I better get myself back to the subject. Hi!

Just as I had closed the net, W2LC came back hoping to be added to my list. As I use to tell my kids "I might look dumb but I am not stupid." You bet I said. Unfortunately the gray cells had not kicked in yet on this one. I called back for name and location. W2LC comes back with 'Scott in Baldwinsville.' Bingo! I sure know who you are, Scott! Scott is the ARRL Section Manager (SM) for the Atlantic Division in Western New York. He is naturally my ARES 'boss.' I have met Scott at the Rochester Hamfest in the past. Good man! I was sure tickled he had called in.

Scott had just climbed down his 80' tower and was using his 11-element 2m-beam to see what repeaters he could hit. Bingo! Scott came through like 'gangbusters!' I replied he had a setup we all would drool over. (That would exclude AB2F of course. Hi! I know 'Doc' has the beam but I am not sure of the height of his tower. I am quite sure I'll be told soon. Hi!)

I had a good conversation with Scott. But, I let Scott bow out before I talked his ear off. I told him us old history teachers could talk forever so I better let him go. I remember my daughter once said, "Dad, you are the only person I know who could strike up a conversation with a toilet seat cover." Isn't she sweet? Hi! I guess I better bow out of here too.

88 & 73, Dave KB2KBY

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NEW EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BILL INCLUDES ROLE FOR HAMS

A bill to enhance emergency communication at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) includes Amateur Radio operators as part of an overall effort to provide interoperability among responders. The 21st Century Emergency Communications Act of 2006 (HR 5852), an amendment to the Homeland Security Act of 2002, passed the US House this week on a 414-2 vote and has gone to the Senate. Its sponsor, Rep David G. Reichert (R-WA) -- who chairs the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science and Technology -- says his legislation is designed "to improve the ability of emergency responders to communicate with each other" -- interoperability.

"Until the events of September 11, 2001, many people in this nation believed and assumed that first responders from different disciplines and jurisdictions could actually talk to each other," Reichert -- a former police officer -- told the House in support of his bill. "It wasn't happening. It is still not happening today. Unfortunately, that was not the case then, and, as demonstrated by the inadequate responses to Hurricane Katrina, that is not the case today."

Reichert told his colleagues that the inability of first responders to communicate with each another effectively led to the loss of many lives along the US Gulf Coast last year. "This is simply unacceptable," he said.

His measure also would require the DHS to strengthen its efforts to improve emergency communications. HR 5852 calls for Amateur Radio operators to be part of a "Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group" (RECC Working Group) that would be attached to each regional Department of Homeland Security office. The RECC Working Groups would advise federal and state homeland security officials.

In addition to radio amateurs, membership in the RECC Working Groups would include state and local officials; law enforcement, first responders such as fire departments; 911 centers; hospitals; ambulance services; communications equipment vendors, telephone, wireless satellite, broadband and cable service providers; public utilities; broadcasters; emergency evacuation transit services; state emergency managers, homeland security directors or representatives of state administrative agencies; local emergency managers or homeland security directors, and "other emergency response providers or emergency support providers as deemed appropriate."

Federal government representatives to the RECC Working Groups would include representatives from the DHS "and other federal departments and agencies with responsibility for coordinating interoperable emergency communications" with state, local, and tribal governments.

According to the bill, the RECC Working Groups would function to assess the survivability, sustainability, and interoperability of local emergency communications systems to meet the

goals of the National Emergency Communications Report. That report would recommend how the US could "accelerate the deployment of interoperable emergency communications nationwide."

The RECC Working Groups also would be tasked with ensuring a process to coordinate the establishment of "effective multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency emergency communications networks" that could be brought into play following acts of terrorism, natural disasters and other emergencies.

HR 5852 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

from the ARRL Letter on line

FIRST ARRL ONLINE AUCTION PLANNED FOR OCTOBER

The ARRL may be giving eBay and the other auction sites a little competition in the Amateur Radio arena this fall when the first ARRL Online Auction gets under way. Auction proceeds will help to support the League's educational services and programs. The event now is in the planning stages, says ARRL Business Services Manager Deb Jahnke, K1DAJ.

"We will soon embark on an exciting new venture," Jahnke said in providing the broad strokes of the online auction to ARRL Headquarters staff members. Jahnke and her Business Services team will organize and manage the event, which is planned for late October -- the exact dates haven't been set yet -- and she promises it will be lots of fun.

"This will not be just another boring auction, because we plan to include many unique and special items related to Amateur Radio," she said. "We are hoping to offer items that will interest our audience, ranging from DXpedition vacation rentals to restored Collins 75A4s." Jahnke says this inaugural online auction will be limited to 100 items.

The auction will be open to all -- ARRL members and otherwise. Bidders just need online access to take part. "With an online auction, we can reach potential bidders across the nation and around the world," Jahnke pointed out.

Jahnke says she anticipates that the online auction will be open for about two weeks, and participants will need to register in advance. At this stage, she says, the auction planners are seeking additional ideas but no auction booty as yet. Contact Jahnke via e-mail <djahnke@arrl.org>.

from the ARRL Newsletter online

COME ONE COME ALL
Saturday Picnic-Meeting August 19, 2006
A Visit with old Friends makes a great Day!

August 13 - September 23, 2006

Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Aug 13</i> WARECS 8:45 pm N2VTM B'Day	<i>Aug 14</i> WB2IVU B'Day	<i>Aug 15</i>	<i>Aug 16</i> DARC Mting 7:30pm This Meeting Canceled	<i>Aug 17</i>	<i>Aug 18</i>	<i>Aug 19</i> Picnic Meeting 5pm NYS EMO
<i>Aug 20</i> WARECS 8:45 pm	<i>Aug 21</i>	<i>Aug 22</i>	<i>Aug 23</i>	<i>Aug 24</i>	<i>Aug 25</i> N2FBN B'Day W2KFU B'DAY	<i>Aug 26</i>
<i>Aug 27</i> WARECS 8:45 pm	<i>Aug 28</i>	<i>Aug 29</i> KA2NDW B'Day	<i>Aug 30</i>	<i>Aug 31</i>	<i>Sep 1</i>	<i>Sep 2</i>
<i>Sep 3</i> WARECS 8:45 pm	<i>Sep 4</i>	<i>Sep 5</i> WA2STW B'Day	<i>Sep 6</i>	<i>Sep 7</i> KB2YMO B'Day	<i>Sep 8</i>	<i>Sep 9</i> N2MKU B'Day
<i>Sep 10</i> WARECS 8:45 pm	<i>Sep 11</i>	<i>Sep 12</i> K2KWK B'Day	<i>Sep 13</i>	<i>Sep 14</i>	<i>Sep 15</i>	<i>Sep 16</i>
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Saturday August 19, 2006

Meeting / Picnic

5pm

New York State EMO

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