



DRUMLIN'S RUMBLINS

DARC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2005

NEXT MEETING

October 15, 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!!**

This is the Second Saturday meeting, The first one
went over pretty good hopefully this one will draw
even a few more members.

Comments Welcome

ARES-RACES OCTOBER 2005

Wow-what a change from my sitting down and typing the article for October. As you may recall I mentioned the fall-like sky and temperatures when I was typing the newsletter for September in August. Well, right now the temps and the sky look more like summer! Hi! It sure makes you wonder what that "long" season of w..... will be doing. I even dislike typing that season out! Hi! (With the fuel prices looking the way they will be, where is a good "El Nino" when you need it? Hi!) Anyway I better get to the matters at hand.

Canal Town Days has departed for another year. Once again the Drumblins ARC helped out with the event with communications. Yes, the Canal Town Committee has their own business

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MINUTES

The Drumblins Amateur Radio Club, LTD.

Secretary Notes

September 21, 2005 Call to Order: 1930 local

Attendance: KB2ROP, WB2QKO, N2JC, W2CDW, K2MPE, KB2KBY, N2MLD

Guest: None

Minutes: None available at meeting time.

Treasurer's report: Accepted as given: 1st K2MPE, 2nd N2JC

Public Service: Bruce WB2QKO gave a description of the NOAA Skywarn open house. Canal Town Days will need about six operators.

Coming:

July 2006 Musselman Triathlon

Geneva Bike Race

Empire State Games in Rochester 2006

Contact Keith Freeburg for information and to volunteer.

Repeaters: 146.745 OK, 146.685 Coming Soon, 144.950 Down 444.95 No Report

Activities and Contests: No Report

VE Team: No Report

WARECS-RACES/ARES: A couple of slow weeks.

Public Relations: No report

Newsletter: Thanks to Dave KB2KBY and Doug W2CDW for an outstanding job pulling together a newsletter.

Remembrances/Concerns: Irv WA2SOK is recovering from a unplanned hospital stay and procedure. Tom and Deb Clemens for their loss. Tom Wedrick is fighting cancer.

Old Business: Slate of officers: The following slate of officers was presented by the nominations committee.

President: Douglas Peeso KB2ROP

Vice President: Jim Collinsworth N2JC

Secretary: Irv Walters WA2SOK

Treasurer: Dave Taylor KB2KBY

Program: Charlie Escriva KB2SOZ

Director 3yr. Steve Elliott N2COJ

Director 2yr. Russ Millpaw N2RUS

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The Drumlins Leaders 04-05

President	Doug Peeso, KB2ROP	315-587-2889
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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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HTs. That is a fact. But once again "we," DARC members, and several helping amateurs ARE the backbone of organizing the big parade for Saturday at 4:00PM. There were in the neighborhood of 68 units, large and small, in the parade. Typically the majority of the units arrive just a half hour before the parade starts. Believe me without our 2m HTs, simplex frequency knowledge and tactical know-how; the parade wouldn't start until dark! I am not kidding! So, a special "thank you" goes out from Bruce, WB2QKO, and I for Bob-KA2BNL, Ken-N2MXB, Roger-WB2BWQ, and Bob-N2MLD for their meritorious work. N2MLD is especially commended, as it was his first time doing the parade. You can best assured N2MLD really knocked the dust off his HT working. Hi! (You did a fine job, "Big Brother.") The Canal Town Committee Parade Chairman, Tim Kurek, was so pleased the Committee gave DARC a nice \$25.00 donation! (Yours truly, now with treasurer's hat on, has already acknowledged Tim with a thank you letter.)

Again if you were not there, you missed a lot of fun and good times. It us really nice to get the HTs a good work out. Speaking of working out, Pumpkin Patrol time is just around the corner. Hopefully for the October 15th, Saturday meeting for elections and new membership year, we will have a presentation about the Pumpkin Patrol from one of the troopers of Troop "T." Our duty manning the bridges during Halloween IS very important! Halloween comes on a Monday this year. We may have to have more volunteers willing to help since Troop "T" may wish us to be out for three nights. Even Friday maybe a possibility too we will need to help. Fellow DARC members please consider giving a helping hand. Let me know my, packet, phone, repeater or e-mail if you are willing to help and what night(s). When I called Troop "T" they were so glad to see we would help once again, the importance of protecting the bridges, and there has been no problems at any bridge manned by a Pumpkin Patroller-you!

So come to this most important DARC meeting Saturday October 15th! It is elections and Pumpkin Patrol in one meeting. I am

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Fellow Amateur Radio Operators:

What is the difference between need and want? You could say that what is needed is more important than what is wanted. That maybe true, but let me suggest the old saying that "You need to eat to live, but what you take out of the refrigerator is what you want." Ok, so that is not so old as I just made it up, but you see the point. I have heard it said that amateur radio communications is no longer needed, that cell phones are taking our place at least in the realm of public service. I think it is a weak argument to say, "You need us." I am not sure that we were ever truly needed.

A means to communicate is needed. We are one of many ways to fill that need. I think we should take the position, "You want us."

Why would I as a coordinator of an event (disaster or otherwise) want a group of Hams over my handy cell phone with built in camera, 2023 ring tones and phone version of Space Invaders. You could say that we provide our own infrastructure and you never can tell when a cell tower will go down. Again, I think it would be unwise to make an argument based on technology. Those with deeper pockets will always win technology competitions. A better argument is that we provide a service. We will remove the burden of communications from you, allowing you to attend to other tasks. We may be amateurs but in many ways we are trained and professional at what we do. If there is a problem we will solve it. We will get the job done. We do it because we enjoy it.

Having said this, it is imperative that we are trained and professional at what we do. We have a good turn out for the weekly RACES drills and that is great. However, I am willing to say there are those out there who would like to participate but are hesitant because they do not know what to expect. Maybe we should plan some time at the meetings to share experiences, go over protocols and message forms, etc. to make sure everyone is on the same page. It is important to have the technology in place but equally important is that we present ourselves as the service you want to use.

Ye ol' ham proverb: All good contacts come to those who call CQ over and over and over...

Doug Peeso KB2ROP

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Director 1yr. Bob Wilkin W2GIV**New Business:** Pumpkin Patrol will be discussed at the October Meeting with a presentation by a State Trooper from Troop T.**50/50 Drawing:** None**Program:** None**Adjournment:** 1st K2MPE, 2nd KB2KBY**Respectfully submitted:** Douglas Peeso KB2ROP

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quite sure that a nice member gathering will occur at Cross Park ahead of time. Look for a little reminder of that somewhere in the "Drumlin Rumlins." And it is membership renewal time too! Wow- it sounds like we are off to another year! Hi! Put these dates on your calendar. See you next month.

73, Dave KB2KBY
597-4293

Vanity call sign processing hiatus continues (Oct 6, 2005) --

As ARRL reported September 30, the FCC discontinued the processing of vanity call signs on or about September 23. The Commission's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau this week announced that, while it continues to accept new vanity call sign applications, these applications "will not be processed until further notice." The FCC says the suspension of vanity processing is consistent with extended filing and regulatory deadlines it announced for hurricane-affected licensees under public notices DA 05-2406 and DA 05-2521, released September 1 and September 24, respectively. Because the filing extensions apply to Amateur Radio's two-year "grace period," they could adversely impact the vanity call sign system.

"When processing is resumed, all pending vanity call sign applications will be processed consistent with the date order in which they were received," the FCC said October 5 in an alert on the Universal Licensing System (ULS) Web site.

From the ARRL Website

DARC Meeting Saturday October 15, 2005

Various 2 meters Nets

Auburn Radio Assoc. on-air Meeting 147.00(-600) 7 p.m. Sun.

Central District Emer. Net 7 p.m 2nd Tues. . 147.00 (-600)

Onon. County Radio Emergency Net: 7:30 p.m. 1st/3rd Mon. 146.90(-600)

Oswego RACES Net Wed. 7 p.m. 147.15 1st.& 3rd Sun. 8 pm

40/00 Swap Net: 7 p.m. Wednesdays 147.00(-600)

Cent. N. V. Traffic Net: 9:15 nightly 146.90(-600) except Thurs. on 147.00(-600)

Monroe County FM Net: Sunday 9pm Alternating between 146.79 and 146.88 repeaters Hilltop Bulletons before FM net

Also CW Practice: Wed. 8:30 - 8:45 147.00.(-) pl 71.9

If anyone has some suggestion maybe some HF nets send me info.

Thanks Irv wa2sok

HAM RADIO SAVES THE DAY IN MISSISSIPPI; RITA RECOVERY CONTINUES IN TEXAS

Amateur Radio volunteers in Jasper County, Texas, continue to support mass-feeding operations by The Salvation Army, which has been coordinating with other relief groups to provide meals to Hurricane Rita-displaced residents. Amateur volunteers plan to meet with Salvation Army personnel to discuss the need for Amateur Radio support beyond this weekend. Meanwhile, ARRL Alabama SM Greg Sarratt, W4OZK--who's been handling the intake of American Red Cross volunteers in Montgomery, Alabama--has been visiting ARC shelters along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Shelters there are in the process of closing down. In Gulfport, Amateur Radio volunteers continue to support communication for the emergency operations center (EOC) in Harrison County, where they've been a mainstay since Hurricane Katrina struck in late August.

"If it hadn't been for Amateur Radio operators, we would not have had communications with other agencies," said Col Joe Spraggins of the Harrison County Emergency Management Agency. "Even with the advancements in our radio technology, ham radio saved the day! Thank you."

Christy Hardin, KB7BSA, a Southern Baptist Disaster Relief volunteer from Alabama, and husband Rick, KB4BSA, have been in the Gulf Coast twice following Hurricane Katrina. She had nothing but praise for those who have been volunteering to maintain communication at the EOC 24/7 in some cases despite having lost their own homes to the storm. "The four or five operators who worked around the clock for nearly a month are the true heroes," she said.

In particular, she cited ARES District Emergency Coordinator Tom Hammack, W4WLF, Ray Taber, WX5AAA, Glover Hayden, W5BLV, and John Moore, W5EG, for serving unselfishly on behalf of Mississippi Gulf Coast residents. Hammack has been living in the EOC since the storm flooded and badly

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News Letter Stuff Send To: Irv Walter, WA2SOK
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Packet: DARC thru Newark 144.95
E-mail: wa2sok@rochester.rr.com

damaged his house. An instructor for all three levels of the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications course, Hardin says she was "thrilled to see it in action" as the EOC volunteers performed as true professionals.

South Texas ARRL Section Manager Ray Taylor, N5NAV, this week estimated upward of 60 Amateur Radio volunteers were on the ground in Texas, many supporting shelters scattered throughout the area. North Texas SEC Bill Swan, K5MWC, has been helping to recruit and schedule ARES members from his section to assist in mass-care operations in Jasper County.

Taylor says radio amateurs in North Texas and Arkansas have been helping to cover net control shifts and to serve as relay stations for the West Gulf ARES Emergency Net on 7.285 MHz days/3.873 MHz evenings.

Scott Pederson, KI5DR, reports he just returned home from three days in Jasper County, Texas, working with John Wagner, WA5VBP, Charles Fletcher, N5BOY, and John Barber, N5JB. "Our job was to deliver hot meals to various locations around a three-county area with five Salvation Army trucks and also several Red Cross trucks working together," he said. Ham radio, he explained, helped to coordinate the delivery routes by the various agencies involved. While VHF FM simplex was okay for local work, the West Gulf ARES Emergency Net on HF was very reliable.

"Even though regular phones are working most of the time, it's really the hams that are the communicators of the group," he said. Pederson also lauded the efforts of The Salvation Army, American Red Cross and Arkansas Methodist Men's volunteers. "Everyone is focused and cares deeply about their tasks," he said, "and things are happening at lightning speed throughout the day."

In Louisiana, SEC Gary Stratton, K5GLS, said earlier this week that some 45 Amateur Radio volunteers remained on hurricane recovery duty there. "Things are settling down," Stratton told ARRL.—Christy Hardin, KB7BSA, supplied information for this article
from the ARRL Newsletter Online

Next Saturday Meeting

It was decided to have four (4) meetings a year on at a time and day other than Wednesday evening.

The next one will be 9am on October 15th at the State EMO as usual. Nobody could come together on where to have breakfast so it a place of choice I guess. It will probably be either the Coffee Cup in Alton or Cross Park in Newark.

Either way the meeting will be at 9am. Oct 15th
Hopefully we will see some new faces. See you there

More than 100 Hams Still Volunteering in Hurricane-Hit States

NEWINGTON, CT, Oct 5, 2005—

The Amateur Radio community has continued to respond to calls for volunteers to support communication for served agencies in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. Louisiana Section Emergency Coordinator Gary Stratton, K5GLS, says about 45 Amateur Radio volunteers are still on hurricane relief and recovery duty there. Volunteers initially thought to be needed for a FEMA operation in Louisiana were redirected to South Texas, however. "Things are settling down," Stratton told ARRL today. "Our commitment for operators has been met. It looks as though things are being handled mostly by local hams." Most of the ham radio volunteers are in the Lake Charles and New Orleans areas in addition to those working under an ARES District Emergency Coordinator, he said.

In Texas, South Texas ARRL Section Manager Ray Taylor, N5NAV, reports at least two Amateur Radio volunteers will be heading into the Beaumont area and should be there by midday October 6. They'll support communication for The Salvation Army operations there, he said. Beaumont has not yet been reopened to returning evacuees, but relief and recovery operations are under way. In Orange, Taylor said James Aaron, K5SUB, has set up at the local hospital on VHF to support American Red Cross relief activities there. Taylor said he anticipates the arrival of state disaster relief support crews and equipment in Orange as early as this weekend. "We're beginning to get people into Jasper," Taylor noted. "That's the main area right now. We had a bit of a rough time getting HF operators in there, but now we're beginning to get them in." He estimated upward of 60 Amateur Radio volunteers were on the ground in Texas, many supporting American Red Cross-sponsored and makeshift shelters scattered throughout the area. Taylor said there are more than 200 shelters still open, housing some 30,000 flood evacuees from both recent hurricanes.

Taylor said that Robert McWhorter, K5PFE, in Jasper has been repairing his 2-meter repeater there, and efforts are under way to get a portable repeater on the air in the town of Buna to support communication requirements there.

North Texas SEC Bill Swan, K5MWC, has been helping to recruit and schedule ARES members from his section to assist in mass-care operations in Jasper. Taylor says radio amateurs in North Texas and Arkansas have been helping to cover net control shifts and to serve as relay stations for the West Gulf ARES Emergency Net on 7.285 MHz days/3.873 MHz evenings.

In Mississippi, ARRL SM Malcolm Keown, W5XX, reports he and Bob Bell, N1OCM, from Connecticut have been volunteering for the past few days at the Harrison County emergency operation center (EOC). Amateur Radio operations in Gulfport secured October 4, he said, and the Hancock County EOC was scheduled to move to a new location October 5. Keown said Gulfport resident Tom Hammack, W4WLF, is continuing to assist there until ham radio communication support is no longer needed. The American Red Cross still has about three dozen shelters open within or north of the Mississippi coastal counties of Harrison, Hancock and Jackson.

From the ARRL Website

RACES NET SUNDAY 8:45 PM 146.685

October 09 - November 19, 2005

Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Oct 9</i> WARECS 8:45 pm	<i>Oct 10</i>	<i>Oct 11</i>	<i>Oct 12</i> WA2UBD B'day	<i>Oct 13</i> KB2ROS B'day WB2YTB B'day	<i>Oct 14</i>	<i>Oct 15</i> DARC Meeting 9AM KA2AFE B'day
<i>Oct 16</i> WARECS 8:45 pm	<i>Oct 17</i>	<i>Oct 18</i>	<i>Oct 19</i> DARC Mting 7:30pm Cancel this meeting only KB2GWT B'day W2WQ B'day	<i>Oct 20</i> KA2HRS B'day	<i>Oct 21</i>	<i>Oct 22</i>
<i>Oct 23</i> WARECS 8:45 pm	<i>Oct 24</i>	<i>Oct 25</i>	<i>Oct 26</i>	<i>Oct 27</i>	<i>Oct 28</i>	<i>Oct 29</i> N2HSY B'day
<i>Oct 30</i> WARECS 8:45 pm	<i>Oct 31</i>	<i>Nov 1</i>	<i>Nov 2</i>	<i>Nov 3</i>	<i>Nov 4</i>	<i>Nov 5</i>
<i>Nov 6</i> WARECS 8:45 pm	<i>Nov 7</i> WA2LTD B'day	<i>Nov 8</i>	<i>Nov 9</i>	<i>Nov 10</i> KA2HRS B'day	<i>Nov 11</i>	<i>Nov 12</i> AA2JN B'day
<i>Nov 13</i> WARECS 8:45 pm	<i>Nov 14</i> N2OLE B'day	<i>Nov 15</i>	<i>Nov 16</i> DARC Mting 7:30pm W2EVU B'day WA2ZNC B'day	<i>Nov 17</i>	<i>Nov 18</i>	<i>Nov 19</i>

**Breakfast at Alton Coffe Shop, Rte.14
Saturday Mornings 7:00 am.
Check in on 146.685**

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

Notice! SATURDAY Notice!

Next meeting Saturday Oct. 15, 2005

State EMO at 9am

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

**This is our 2nd Saturday meeting an effort to provide a change
for those who have difficulty making the Wednesday evening meetings.**

Any thoughts on subject please make them known