



# DRUMLIN'S RUMBLINS

DARC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2006

## NEXT MEETING

**Wednesday October 18, 2006**

**Doors open at 7:00pm**

**Meeting 7:30pm**

**New York State EMO**

**Route 31 Newark, NY**

**or try 146.745**

## MINUTES

**THE DRUMLINS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, LTD.**

**MEETING AGENDA**

**DATE:** September 20, 2006    **CALL TO ORDER:** 1930 hrs

**MEMBERS/GUESTS:** KB2ROP, W2CDW, N2RUS, Brenda Cook, K2MPE, KE4VHA, W2EVU, KB2KBY, KB2ROS, Phil Lundy, AB2F, N2MLD, WA2SOK, WB2QKO, W4ILN One Guest.

**MINUTES:** Accepted as printed in the newsletter. 1<sup>st</sup> W2CDW, 2<sup>nd</sup> N2RUS.

## RACES-ARES OCTOBER 2006

Big things coming up for all you RACES-ARES members! Please take notice of the two articles in this month's newsletter: the NIMS course and the Pumpkin Patrol!

Troop-T Trooper Gary Mercado came to the September meeting and gave a good presentation about the Pumpkin Patrol. He recognized all of us there, literally, and said we were almost sitting in the same places. You can't fool those troopers! Hi! And done of us recognize his missing mustache! How bad are we? Hi! Gary knew there was not much he could add about the Pumpkin Patrol. But he was very emphatic that our being there IS a deterrent. As bored as we are sitting in our vehicles, you do not know how many persons bent on Halloween fun see you and just keep on going. The truck drivers especially are most thankful. Truckers see us and they know they are good targets. Gary says the troopers in their cars on the Thruway see our parked cars with our parking lights on. They know we are there! It is a good feeling.

As of the typing of this article, I am short THREE ham operators to minimally cover the bridges needed to be guarded. That three is if they man their bridge both nights! County Road 8 bridge although not completed for traffic will have to be manned because it can be accessed by foot. Both ends will have to be manned. That is two more positions than last years. Help!

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Accepted as given,

**REPEATERS: 146.745:** ok. No Progress on rewiring power.  
**146.685:** ok,    **144.95:** Seems to be working well.,  
**444.95:** Still on Bench.

**PUBLIC SERVICE:** Canal Town went well through the efforts of these club members, WB2BWQ, N2MXB, N2MLD, W2TRW, WB2QKO and KB2KBY

**RACES:** Saturday Oct. 21, 2006 at 9:30 AM at State EMO. Rich Cobb will present some courses suggested by Homeland Security for all Emergency Responders

**NEWSLETTER:** Accepted as printed in newsletter.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Proposed \$5.00 surcharge to cover the cost of mailing newsletter via USPS. Be sure to let us know if you have an email address or any changes in that address. Also get a form prepared for receiving donated equipment

**50/50 DRAWING:** Brenda Cook

**PROGRAM:** Trooper Mercado with a short pep talk in preparedness for Pumpkin Patrol. Be sure to be off the road when parking and with parking lights on.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 2043 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Irv Walter WA2SOK, Secretary

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### NIMS COURSE OCTOBER 21, SATURDAY 9:00AM

Rich Cobb from the Wayne County EOC will give the NIMS (National Incident Management System) Introduction IS-700 and the Module 1-ICS Orientation I-100 courses for the Drumlins ARC membership. Members, these are the minimum courses needed for amateur operators to participate in any Eccom and are a must! Yes there is a website to do it on line, but I for one like the human touch of an instructor and it takes less time. If clarification is needed you can raise your hand and ask a question. Once you complete this 2 ½ hour course you will be certified by the NYSEMO and FEMA.

Door at SEMO will open at 8:30AM and we will have hot drinks available and there may be goodies. For those who would like a breakfast members can attend at ones own cost Cross Park where we start meeting at 7:00AM. (I even offered Rich Cobb breakfast for being kind to give this course to us on a Saturday. It is suppose to be his day off.)

Please give this presentation serious consideration and attend! I would like to have a rough count of members who will, attend so Rich can copy off the pamphlets needed. Contact me by phone (Leave a message if I am not home), e-mail (Notice the new e-mail address.) or leave mail on my packet. I MUST KNOW BY OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, WEDNESDAY who will attend for a count. That is our next DARC meeting night.

88 & 73,  
Dave KB2KBY  
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**RACES NET SUNDAYS 8:45 PM 146.685**  
**Except for Holiday Weekends**

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Fellow Amateur Radio Operators:

It is not like a radio operator to have a lack of words,  
but let me make this short and to the point:

# THANK YOU ALL!

Ye ol' ham saying: It was the best of  
times, it was the worst of times. It was the  
height of the sunspot cycle, it was the  
depths of QRM.

Doug Peeso KB2ROP out.

## KC2DQN-ROB ESCRIVA'S ARRL FOUNDATION AWARD

Congratulations, Rob! Drumlins members have you seen your September 2008 QST issue? Well on p.84 is a wonderful picture of the Drumlin's KC2DQN, Rob! (Good picture too, Rob!) Rob was one of the 49 ARRL Foundation scholarships award winners. These are scholarships awarded to young amateurs celebrating their academic achievements and commitment to Amateur Radio. Rob is the receiver of "The Henry Broughton, K2AE Memorial Scholarship." So again, Rob, congratulations! And we give our congratulations once again to Drumlin's members Mom and Dad, KC2LPS AND KB2SOZ respectively. They have a second feather in their caps!

Being 'the ole teacher' I have looked over all the various foundations awards in QST. Always interested in the youth I have looked over the many pictures through the years. I never thought I would see a picture of someone I knew. Rob, thank you! You made my day! Now I can say I knew a 'ham' that was in QST. The foundation awards are an extra goody. "Good going, Rob!" from the Drumlins membership!

## Morse Code Software Available

By Sigurd Stenersen, LB3KB

I decided to make a contribution to the continued use of Morse Code and have created a computer program that makes it easy to learn the code. The program can be downloaded from

<http://justlearnmorsecode.com>

If you like the program, please make it the URL known to members of your club and anybody else that might be interested.

from the RARA Rag

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In addition, please, read the article on the NIMS courses coming to the Drumlins members on Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>. The article says it all so there is no sense in saying it all over.

Beware of the articles and please read both of them! I thought two special separate articles would grab your attention better than my rambling here.

**REMEMBER: NIMS AND PUMPKIN PATROL**

88 & 73,  
Dave KB2KBY

**YOU MISSED A GOOD 'BUNKNIC'!**

On August 19<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, the Drumlins ARC held the August meeting at 5:00PM with a picnic following the meeting. Fifteen were in attendance. The weather was very marginal. It was raining when the XYL and I arrived to help set thing up with KC2DCB and W2CDW. Luckily we could set up the cooking facilities up above ground under the shelter of the SEMO overhang. This was a good thing as it worked out well for the purpose.

The meeting was understandably short! This was the intent! Besides who wants a long meeting when there is a good 'bunknic' being prepared. Of course 'picnic' would be more appropriate. But to get your attention to read these articles one has to be creative. Hi! Besides how many people can say they had a picnic in an underground Cold War era nuclear bunker? Hi! Yea-not many! So I thought the idea of a 'bunknic' more appropriate. (Where does picnic come from? Picking your teeth? Sounds like the basis of another article coming. Hi!)

We ate in the bunker dining room area rain and humidity free. It worked out very well. Utensils, plates, napkins, cans of soda, food dishes brought in including desserts, hotdogs and hamburgers were placed on those long high counters along the wall. You remember those counters on the way to the men's and lady's rooms. Right? We have passed them many times. They look like counters for stand-up-eaters at a burger joint. They sure worked well for organizing the whole 'bunknic.' KB2KBY's XYL was kind to act as hostess serving the Zwiegel hotdogs and good round ground hamburgers prepared by W2CDW and myself. Yes! You missed good 95%-5% round ground burgers! P&C market had a special and it was more economical than the usual chuck hamburger. I will admit the XYL is partial to round ground and they tasted good to me too! (No wise cracks! There are few things I do not like believe it or not. Hi!)

Like always for any church potluck the 'bunknic' potluck was equally as good. It always amazes me at a potluck how the variety of dishes seem to appear. Small group or large there is variety all the time. With fifteen only appearing it was the same here. Phil Lundy brought a great rice and bean dish. He also brought some pretty company too but who really noticed. Not me of course! Hi! KC2DCB brought this wonderful potato dish that I had even seconds on. (The XYL didn't even flinch an eyelid either. It was one of those times you love them even more. Thanks, Honey.) KC2DCB even disclosed the secret formula for the potato dish to me but you are not getting it here. I love potatoes! It was so simple

it was unreal and you'll have to get it out of her not me. I won't blab every food secret not when I like it! (Remember I had a Top Secret Crypto clearance in the Army! I can be good.) I was too eager eating to know who brought the bean dish. I love beans and this bean dish was good too. Maybe it was W2EVU's XYL. I am not sure. Sorry about that! We had cheese and crackers thanks to KB2ROP. WA2SOK's fruit dish was almost entirely eaten. I had some of each and knew the XYL would like seeing the fruit on my plate. Thanks, Irv! You saved me a little. I did sneak one too many crackers and cheese however. Chips and salsa was a good addition too. Sorry I didn't know who brought them. When I got busy with things the 'what' seemed to be more important than the 'who brought it.' Hi!

Desserts! You missed K2MPE's brownies! Those goodies Al is bringing to the meetings almost on a regular basis. This time Al had made them with extra virgin olive oil. After all present had a sample it was judged Al must keep making them that way. Good! Wow, were they ever! K2WPO's XYL made a wonderful deep dark chocolate Zucchini bunt cake also. This was an even better dessert for KB2KBY's 'chocoholic' XYL! Hi! I even thought Zucchini it must mean it was healthy to have more slices. Right? The XYL brought some home for the pregnant 'harmonic.' I am quite sure she enjoyed it too. They're 'two peas in a pod.' Hi!

Anyway, you missed a good 'bunknic' for those who missed it. The group of fifteen had a very cordial time and the food was great. By the way DARC members it was all thanks to the coffee and 50/50 slush funds collected throughout the monthly meetings. Nothing came from the bank account. So many thanks for those members during the year that are kind to help out with the slush fund. We are not rich but you are generous. It is nice to be able to pay back your generosity. Hopefully more members can enjoy this event next year. We are a busy lot and you were missed.

Personally I think the 'bunknic' would do every year! Weather? What weather! Hi! God forbid we could have survived any type of weather in the bunker and we would never have even known what was 'up side.' Hi! So see you at the next 'bunknic' 2007.

73 & 88  
Dave KB2KBY

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## "PUMPKIN PATROL"-2006-AGAIN

This is the last article that I can grab help for this year's pumpkin Patrol 2006! That help is still needed. PLEASE CONTACT me using the following methods:

315-597-4293 –leave a message on my answer machine [kb2kby\(at\)rochester.rr.com](mailto:kb2kby(at)rochester.rr.com) –easiest method as I can get back to you with all the info (And please notice this is a new e-mail address!)

kb2kby-1 on packet 144.950 either direct or through via wb2qko-2 or via wa2aaz-8

or 'snail mail'  
228 West Jackson Street  
Palmyra NY 14522

(The next two paragraphs are a repeat of August's article)  
The 'Patrol' will be on October 30, Monday, and October 31, Tuesday evenings starting at 6:30-11:00PM. Please tell me if you can do one night or two nights. If we have enough volunteers we could have even a 'rover' for the 'necessary' room. You know what I mean. Hi! Last year we did have that advantage for one night and all welcomed it. It would be nice to be covered with the 'rover' for both nights. Two 'rovers' could mean better rest times. In addition it would be nice to even have 'standby' volunteers just in case problems do arise with those that did volunteer but at the last minute could not help. We don't have any crystal ball communication yet! Hi!

We were able to cover all the bridges within Ontario County that needed to be last year. It is good we can. Since the start of the Pumpkin Patrol there has been no-I say NO with capitals-incidences of injury from objects thrown from bridges over the NYS Thruway. Please, you are needed and help is greatly appreciated by Troop-T.

We are short three operators to cover the minimum bridges for two nights! Please contact me if you can help. Those of you who have contacted me I have given you a reply thank you.

88 & 73,  
Dave KB2KBY

## CANAL TOWN DAYS THANKS DARC FOR HELP

September 16 and 17, Saturday and Sunday, The following amateur operators helped with Canal Town Days communications: WB2BWQ, N2MXB, N2MLD, W2TRW, WB2QKO and myself. This is a yearly event and the help is most appreciated.

Becky and Tim Kurek are the Canal Town Days Parade Chairs. Their (Tim's) words are better than mine to express the thanks of DARC and other members of the amateur community: "Thank you for once again serving as my right hands in coordinating the parade line up, without your help I doubt things would run so smoothly...."

Believe me, Tim was grateful. While Tim helped cart me be off to home, literally, he said you (amateurs) make this look so easy and do it so calmly. I commented it is events like this that show our expertise in communications and protocol. And it is true!

Thank you, Becky and Tim, for your kind comments and Canal Town Days contribution to the Drumlins ARC. We look forward to helping you next year. Becky and Tim live just a street over from me. I saw them walking across the street from my home a week before Canal Town Days. Tim said "Are you ready to help us out Canal Town Days?" I yelled back "You better believe we're ready. We'll take care of you." And we do!

88 & 73,  
Dave KB2KBY

### 2006-2007 DRUMLINS ELECTION SLATE

President: Dave Furber, KE4VHA  
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Program: Charlie Escriva, KB2SOZ

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Director 2-yr: Steve Elliott, N2COJ  
Director 1-yr: Bob Wilkin, W2GIV

(Filling out last year for N2RUS)

Nominations will be open from the floor!

# October 15 - November 25, 2006

## *Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Oct 15</i> <b>WARECS</b> 8:45 pm	<i>Oct 16</i>	<i>Oct 17</i>	<i>Oct 18</i> <b>DARC Mting</b> 7:30pm	<i>Oct 19</i> <b>KB2GWT B'Day</b> <b>W2WQ B'Day</b>	<i>Oct 20</i> <b>KB3WL B'Day</b>	<i>Oct 21</i> <b>N2FPY B'Day</b> <b>WB2ADC B'Day</b>
<i>Oct 22</i> <b>WARECS</b> 8:45 pm	<i>Oct 23</i>	<i>Oct 24</i>	<i>Oct 25</i> <b>KA2QFO B'Day</b>	<i>Oct 26</i>	<i>Oct 27</i> <b>KA4IEV B'Day</b>	<i>Oct 28</i> <b>WB1VCX B'Day</b>
<i>Oct 29</i> <b>WARECS</b> 8:45 pm <b>N2HSY B'Day</b>	<i>Oct 30</i>	<i>Oct 31</i>	<i>Nov 1</i>	<i>Nov 2</i>	<i>Nov 3</i>	<i>Nov 4</i>
<i>Nov 5</i> <b>WARECS</b> 8:45 pm	<i>Nov 6</i>	<i>Nov 7</i>	<i>Nov 8</i>	<i>Nov 9</i>	<i>Nov 10</i>	<i>Nov 11</i>
<i>Nov 12</i> <b>WARECS</b> 8:45 pm	<i>Nov 13</i>	<i>Nov 14</i>	<i>Nov 15</i> <b>DARC Mting</b> 7:30pm	<i>Nov 16</i>	<i>Nov 17</i>	<i>Nov 18</i>
<i>Nov 19</i> <b>WARECS</b> 8:45 pm	<i>Nov 20</i>	<i>Nov 21</i>	<i>Nov 22</i>	<i>Nov 23</i>	<i>Nov 24</i>	<i>Nov 25</i>

**Friday Luncheon**  
**Cross Park at noon**