

The Drumlins Leaders 06-07

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PUBLIC SERVICE: NTR

REPEATERS: 146.745 ok. No report on power supply rework.
146.685 ok 144.95 working: several reported extremely slow response and other troubles at times. 444.95 still offline.

Activities and contests: NTR

RACES: Saturday Oct. 21 2006 at 0900 in SEMO, Newark.

NIMS training courses 100 and 700.

PRE NIMS breakfast at The Cross Park rest. 0715 till.

Pumpkin Patrol- Kb2kby will mail information/ assignment packages to all volunteers. Still short 1 person for 100% coverage on both nights. W2CDW will be Net control.

Dave, KB2KBY, is trying to position observers at locations closest to their homes this year.

Some discussion on the bridges to be covered.

We are striving for complete boredom again this year. If we are bored, then we have done our jobs.

Concerns/ Remembrances: NTR

OLD BUSINESS: The Icom 718 radios are in KB2KBY has them in his possession, and is testing them. Good reports rec'd. Gene included an MFJ-392B stereo headset at no charge (\$24.00 value) with the rigs. KB2KBY is photocopying the manuals and inserting them in plastic "page protectors" for the operating positions. Insurance will be updated to reflect the additional equipment. There is a need for an upgrade in the operating positions to reflect the new equipment and associated power requirements.

KB2ROP reported that the equipment committee held a brief meeting after the September general membership mtg. The purpose was

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

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**Our Newly elected President
is enjoying a vacation,
Enjoy Dave**

2006-2007 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The Drumlins welcomes John Berges-KC2FXL and Bill March-WA2CER as new members to the club. KC2FXL lives in the Philly, PA area but has attended quite a few Friday lunches with the gang thanks to being a good friend of KB2KBY. WA2CER is a friend of N2JC. Jim 'dragged' Bill to the last meeting. Bill moved into the area to Macedon. (N2MLD and KB2KBY are old Macedonians by the way.) Welcome, gentlemen, to the Drumlins.

We have a few members that got their memberships back in after a slight year delay. Hi! Stan Griffin-WB2AUW and Brad Armstrong-W1YX thanks for the renewals. Better 'late than never' as the saying goes. Hi! Thanks guys for remembering the club.

Finally, we thank Walt (Vladislav) Kasic-KC2PHS and Jon King-KS2JEK for their 're-up' in the club officially. Walt and Jon were given a free newsletter and membership for completing KB2SOZ's classes at the beginning of this year. They attended the NIMS course and gave me their dues the same day. This was good thing we did the 'freebie' and we should do it again next year. Good idea KB2SOZ!

Thank you to all mentioned for your memberships.

88 & 73 Dave KB2KBY

to create a formal policy of control of Club assets. Any interested club members may make suggestions or give input. (It's your club and your equipment)

NEW BUSINESS: W4ILN inquired what is NIMS? A short explanation by KB2KBY and WB2QKO.

50/50 DRAWING: N2DIT

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by ? (rear row) 2nd ?
and carried at 2013

Respectfully Submitted,
Russ Millspaw N2RUS, Secretary

SILENT KEY

Anthony Drabicki, W2ESS
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the screen with his laptop. I am a visual-auditory myself so that helped me greatly. Both courses were mainly to show the common organization and labels for the 'chain of command' dealing with incident management. The big factor is having the entire country having the same groundwork to work with. It sounds logical since states have used different terminology. I recommend those that attended to go over the handouts to help keep those terms and nomenclatures in your mind.

October also brings the Pumpkin Patrol out for the Halloween bridge duty over the Thruway.

All of our bridges were covered in Ontario County from Mott Road to Hook Road. We thank W4ILN, W2GIV, NURUS, WB2QKO, KE4VHA, K2OEQ, W2CDW and N2EVE for their help. N2EVE is Al Hammond and son-in-law to W4ILN. W2CDW did his usual professional job as NCS. I was monitoring Monroe County RACES's Pumpkin Patrol net and I must say Doug did a much better job. Of course Doug was in that business in his profession and it is nice to see he has not lost 'the touch.' Thanks one and all for the help!

Luckily the weather was a good friend this year once again for it was quite mild. It is a heck of a lot easier sitting in mild weather than the real cold looking at the bridge that does not move. Hi! Just to make sure you think this 'bridge sitting' is a bunch of manure, think of this. On the 'Beggar's Night' of Monday October 30th, there was an incident of a pumpkin thrown off an non-covered bridge in an area west of Monroe County which did hit a trucker's windshield. This was with a bridge with the high fences installed too. So it can happen on a bridge with those fences too. Also there was mention of busted pumpkins thrown on the Thruway on the surface of the lanes around Syracuse. So it is still in the minds of some those 'nut balls' to think this fun. Monitoring Seneca-Cayuga counties on 147.000, I heard Jack, W2QYT, mention he saw a bunch of teens three different time go back and forth over his bridge. He was sure they were bent on doing something but Jack was sitting right on the shoulder of the bridge. They kept moving on. Thank goodness.

So fellow Pumpkin Patrollers this boring job is worth it all. I know you know but I do not want to diminish your fortitude for 'sticking with it' for the two nights. Again-thank you! It is a privilege to be part of great bunch like you!

Until next month-CUL! 88 & 73 Dave KB2KBY

KUDOS TO OUR WEBMASTER

Our webmaster has done it again!!

If you haven't visited club Web Site you should!

Doug is doing a fantastic Job

AND

Don't forget to let him know!

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FCC INVITES COMMENTS ON TWO AMATEUR RADIO RULE MAKING PETITIONS

The FCC has invited comments on two Amateur Radio-related petitions for rule making. Both petitioners seek changes in the FCC's Part 97 Amateur Service station identification rules, specifically §97.119(a). That rule now requires stations to identify "at the end of each communication, and at least every ten minutes during a communication . . ."

RM-11346, filed December 9, 2005, by Murray Green, K3BEQ, would raise the required ID interval to 30 minutes as well as at the end of each communication. Green argues in his petition that while he has no problem with the Commission's requirement that Amateur Radio stations identify, "less frequent identification should not hinder the Commission's enforcement of Amateur Radio regulations, as demonstrated by the station identification requirements for other radio services." He suggests the current 10-minute requirement is a result of "an abundance of caution" on the FCC's part.

A second petition, RM-11347, filed May 19, 2006, by Glen Zook, K9STH, would revise §97.119(a) to more closely resemble the old FCC §12.82(a) Transmission of call signs rule. The FCC's Amateur Radio Service rules were under Part 12 prior to a revision that put them under Part 97.

In what he calls "a minor but important change," Zook proposes requiring radio amateurs to transmit the call sign(s) of stations with which they are in communication plus their own call sign at the start and end of each single transmission or of a series of transmissions between stations in communication "each transmission of which is of less than three minutes' duration" (operators could omit the ID at the end when the entire series is less than three minutes), at least every 10 minutes during a series of transmissions between stations in communication, and at least every 10 minutes during any single transmission more than 10 minutes long.

DRUMLINS POST-CHRISTMAS DINNER DATE

Keep Saturday January 20th open for the Drumlins dinner at the Palmyra VFW on Route 31 east of the village.
Look for the RSVP invitation to attend in the future!

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ARISS "CONTINGENCY NETWORK" IMPRESSES NASA

When Russian flight controllers encountered difficulties during a recent International Space Station cargo rocket docking, NASA called on a special -- although little-known -- Amateur Radio team to stand by if needed. Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) Ops Team "ISS Ham Contingency Network" volunteers around the world immediately swung into action. Within 15 minutes of receiving the call from Johnson Space Center, Kenneth Ransom, N5VHO, reported the ISS Ham Contingency Network was ready to provide any necessary communication support.

"The ARISS teamwork was very effective," ARISS Secretary-Treasurer Rosalie White, K1STO said. "Its members learned a great deal, and they impressed NASA with how quickly the system was brought up."

During the October 26 Progress docking, NASA says, Russian flight controllers were unable to confirm whether an automated antenna on the rocket had retracted as commanded. If still extended, the antenna could have interfered with the final latching of the supply ship to the ISS. To avoid disturbing the softly docked cargo ship and to aid the crew with docking maneuvers, the ISS orientation was allowed to drift freely.

During free-drift mode, however, the Tracking and Data Relay Satellite System (TDRSS) -- which handles communication between the crew and Mission Control in Houston -- can be lost. That's because the station's solar arrays may not directly face the sun, causing a drop in onboard power.

Awakened at 2 AM, ARISS Australian team member Tony Hutchison, VK5ZAI, put out a blind call on VHF to the ISS crew, although no answer was needed at that point. Others available to cover later passes included Gerald Klatzko, ZS6BTD, in South Africa; Gaston Bertels, ON4WF, at ON4ISS in Belgium; Dick Flagg, AH6NM, and Nancy Rocheleau, WH6PN, at Sacred Hearts Academy in Honolulu; and Frank Bauer, KA3HDO, and Mark Steiner, K3MS, at the Goddard Space Flight Center's WA3NAN. Each of these Earth stations has a track record of being able to sustain reli-

able communication with the ISS.

The call-up marked the first time that NASA had asked for such Amateur Radio assistance since the initial crew came aboard the ISS in November 2000. Ransom says that by remaining available to ensure solid communication while Mission Control staff dealt with the docking issue, the ISS Ham Contingency Network provided Mission Control with an additional layer of security.

Once the antenna retraction problem was resolved, the contingency network stood down, but NASA's request and the ensuing ham radio activity did serve as a valuable drill, ARISS said.

NASA says Expedition 14 Commander Mike Lopez-Alegria, KE5GTK, and flight engineers Mikhail Tyurin, RZ3FT, and Thomas Reiter, DF4TR, opened the hatch to the supply ship October 27 to

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"Unfortunately, too many Amateur Radio operators, especially when using FM repeaters, do not identify during their first transmission," Zook asserts in his petitions. "In fact, a considerable number of these operators never seem to get around to identifying even after 10 minutes of operation and a 'fair' number never seem to get around to giving their call sign at all."

Zook believes his suggested changes will "clarify the existing regulations and to help eliminate problems with station identification in the Amateur Radio Service" and actually legalize some commonplace on-air station identification behavior.

Comments on these petitions are due by November 29. Interested parties may file using the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). In the "Proceeding" field, commenter should enter the full petition identifier with "RM" in capital letters followed by the hyphen and the five digit number.

from the ARRL Newsletter

Notice:

Just another reminder that the Dues were due in in October. I'm sure you would make the treasurer happy if you go to website and make a copy of Registration / Renewal form. Fill in all the Info like birthdays and email addresses, ARRL membership

November 12 - December 23, 2006

Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Nov 12</i> WARECS 8:45 pm	<i>Nov 13</i>	<i>Nov 14</i>	<i>Nov 15</i> DARC Mting 7:30pm	<i>Nov 16</i>	<i>Nov 17</i>	<i>Nov 18</i>
<i>Nov 19</i> WARECS 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>
<i>Nov 26</i> WARECS 8:45 pm	<i>Nov 27</i>	<i>Nov 28</i>	<i>Nov 29</i>	<i>Nov 30</i>	<i>Dec 1</i>	<i>Dec 2</i> N2JC B'Day
<i>Dec 3</i> WARECS 8:45 pm	<i>Dec 4</i>	<i>Dec 5</i>	<i>Dec 6</i> WB2AUW B'Day	<i>Dec 7</i>	<i>Dec 8</i>	<i>Dec 9</i>
<i>Dec 10</i> WARECS 8:45 pm KC2LPS B'day	<i>Dec 11</i>	<i>Dec 12</i>	<i>Dec 13</i>	<i>Dec 14</i>	<i>Dec 15</i>	<i>Dec 16</i>
<i>Dec 17</i> WARECS 8:45 pm	<i>Dec 18</i>	<i>Dec 19</i>	<i>Dec 20</i> DARC Mting 7:30pm	<i>Dec 21</i>	<i>Dec 22</i> KE4VHA B'Day	<i>Dec 23</i>

Here's the News
“ Its Time to Pay your Dues”
This could be your last Newsletter

Friday Luncheon
Cross Park at noon