



DRUMLIN'S RUMBLINGS

DARC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2005

NEXT MEETING

December 21, 2005

Doors open at 7pm

Meeting 7:30pm

New York State

EMO

Route 31 Newark, NY

or try 146.745

MINUTES

THE DRUMLINS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, LTD.

DATE: November 16, 2005 **CALL TO ORDER:** 1932

MEMBERS/GUESTS: KC2AJU, KE4NHA, KV2NFV, KB2KBY, K2MPE, Brenda Cook, KD2NJ, N3RUS, WA2CQI, W2GIV, WB2QKO, K2WPO, WA2SOK, N2MKV, W2CDW, KB2ROP, K4FXD.

MINUTES: Accepted as printed in Newsletter

TREASURERS REPORT: Accepted as given by KB2KBY. 1st N2RUS, 2nd Bruce

Public Service: Pumpkin Patrol went well, no incidents reported.

REPEATERS: 146.745 Still some noise, Timer is long.

146.685 Still Talking. 144.95 Backbone working, but user port still down. 444.95 Still on the bench, Check with Jeff.

HF Station: Antennas have been checked out. Beam was 180 degrees off. Labeled the rotor control to match

PUBLIC SERVICE/RELATIONS: Empire State Games will be held in Rochester Summer 2006.

Town of Rose is going to publish a calendar of events in Penny Saver. The club may want to add a notice. It may only cover the Rose area.

RACES: No nets on Christmas or New Year Days.

NEWSLETTER: No Comments,

REMEMBRANCE: A card went out to the Almekinder Family, Steve's (n2mkr) sister passed away

OLD BUSINESS: There was a motion to purchase a West Mountain Power Gate, some connectors and a battery for packet

system. May end up for both Repeater and Packet. 1st K2MPE / 2nd W2CDW.

NEW BUSINESS: Get a reservation for January Dinner, Dave will contact Tom to make reservation.

50/50 DRAWING: Terry K4FXD

PROGRAM: None

ADJOURNMENT: 2045

Respectfully Submitted. Irv Walter, WA2SOK

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

The Drumlins Leaders 04-05

President	Doug Peeso, KB2ROP	315-587-2889
V-President	Jim Collinsworth, N2JC	315-483-8136
Secretary	Irv Walter, WA2SOK	315-597-2192
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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

WE ARE IN THIS ALL TOGETHER!

This is going to be a very delicate subject. As the Drumlins ARC station trustee, I had a conversation on the telephone a few weeks past with a club member. It has taken me those few weeks to think of a correct way to present an issue brought to me. Bear with!

The club member felt they were not welcomed in the club. Believe me I was troubled by this statement. We are small club and therefore no member really is hidden from the rest of the members. The issue seems to be discrimination towards members who may not have nothing but an entry-level "ticket," and discrimination toward those that are good "ops" but have no practical building knowledge. I am one of the latter as I can't even solder worth a wood nickel. I will be the first to admit I am a little "envious" of W2GIV's building ability. Have you seen his K-2 solder job? What a beautiful piece of art! If I had a hang-nail of his ability I'd be tickled pink. The fact is we are not all "techno" people!

There is implied negative ness toward those who are "weird." Weird? That could be the whole amateur community as far I have heard in the real world. Non-hams all look at us a little cross-eyed because of our weirdness. N2MLD and my oldest brother who lives in Virginia has even told me we are those "weird guys." Yet he has built his own electronic equipment. We know it is just a little sibling leg twisting. But in a club situation it can hurt. It is beyond leg twisting.

Members have come to meetings feeling they were not appreciated. Whether they were "youngsters," ladies, associate members who have no "ticket," or really true young kids. We gave them the cold shoulder and didn't say even "hello." Yes this is my impression from my phone conversation.

I am disturbed about all of this. We are a small club and we need members who want to be part of the club no matter what! We each have our own talents. It is that collective talent that makes the Drumlins ARC what it is and can do. We are one body made of different parts-parts that work well together. We cannot have any

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Fellow Amateur Radio Operators:

Don't get me wrong, I am all for tradition. I like a little turkey on Thanksgiving and a light blanket of snow for Christmas. However, I also enjoy starting new traditions. It is all well and good to rag chew with friends on the radio and if that is what makes amateur radio fun for you then by all means do so. Personally, I enjoy learning about new things. Most of us are techno-geeks to some degree. There have been numerous technology advances in radio in the past few years and I am encouraging you to explore the new and exciting methods of communication. For those that have already drunk from that well, please, come in and demo your discoveries. We give time every meeting for programs just for that purpose. Take advantage of that time. We will all benefit from your time.

I also would like to invite all to attend Drumlins Amateur Radio Clubs annual Winter Feast for 2006. As I type this we only know that it will be in January. Details will be discussed at our meeting this month. Come and enjoy.

Ye ol' ham saying: The only thing worse than a cold heart is a cold solder joint.

Doug Peeso KB2ROP

Hamfests 2006

- Jan 14 Marathon, NY
<http://www.skylineradioclub.org>
 Jan 28.....Lockport, NY
<http://lara.hamgate.net>
 Feb 28.....Horseheads, NY
<http://www.arast.org>
 Mar 25-26.....Timonium, MD
<http://www.gbhc.org>
 Apr 1st.....Newark, NY
<http://www.drumlinsarc.com>

CLUB ADDRESS:

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"cancer" among the parts. Even the smallest "cancer" will eventually consume the body. We do not want this to happen.

There has been discussion of having more club activities to do things together as a club more with families, significant others and friends. I believe this is a good idea. We have our post Christmas dinner, our summer picnic and we have moved several regular meetings to Saturday mornings. What else can we do to get to know each other better? We do have the beginnings of a great support group. I would like you to think about this. Talk about this at meetings or personally with me if you are not comfortable before a group. I am a good listener.

We are the Drumlins ARC made up of good people. I implore all members to be considerate, respectful and have empathy with all club members. Whether we are non-techno, young kids, ladies, non-ticket holders, entry level ops, non-code, cross-eyed or not, we need each other and each other's talents. We are in this all together.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

News Letter Stuff Send To: Irv Walter, WA2SOK
2881 Macedon Ctr. Rd. Lot #57 Palmyra. NY. 14522
Packet: DARC thru Newark 144.95
E-mail: wa2sok@rochester.rr.com

RACES NET SUNDAY 8:45 PM 146.685

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.
147.90 /30
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

HF NETS:

7272 Khz..72 Rag Chew..9am-Noon EDT Mon-Sat
7244 Khz ..The Supper Club ..5:30pm-Tue-Wed-Thur
1872 khz 1721 Round Table Group 6:30pm Each Night
(Moved from 49 Meters)
3970khz Rochester Net 8pm-8:30pm Tue & Thurs
3955 khz Rag Chew- group of locals . Pennn Yan , Elmira,
Ripley, Buffalo area, Canada, Pa, Canada and others.
If anyone has some suggestion maybe some HF nets send me
info.

Thanks Irv wa2sok

RACES-ARES DECEMBER 2005

Wow-another December and another end to the year! As I type this we are in a real cold spell and the white stuff is covering the ground. Luckily we have had no big amounts of the "stuff" here although N2RUS and K2MPE would say they had some good accumulations in their neck of the woods. Hi! (As ole Dad would have said, "glad it was you." Hi!) Next month I'll have the data ready for the RACES statistics.

I received a nice \$25.00 check from the Troop T and Thruway Authority as a donation to the club. The letter said, "Through your help and the help of many other volunteers, there were no major incidents along the New York Thruway this Halloween." This was personally signed-not one of those fake or stamped signatures. I was impressed! Good going "gang!" You deserve to pat yourself on the back. It is nice that the work done was truly appreciated by Troop T and the Thruway Authority. I told them it was a duty of amateur radio to help public agencies and we are not given enough credit.

After the Christmas and New Year holidays we will be getting to that part of the year "of a long winter's night." Let's hope our luck holds as in the past there is no need for our services. But please make it a new or continued New Year's resolution to improve our RACES-ARES-ness! (Quite a new word-huh? Hi!) Example-make yourself on 2M "emergency power" station! The QTH here is a full "emergency power" station on all 2M, 440M, HF and packet frequencies. With my ARES questionnaire you have been filling out for me this year, I have found we have more "emergency power" stations than I realized. I am happy to be surprised by this. Add yourself to that number!

Do you have an emergency "grab-bag" for at least 2M? Anyone who has seen me do the Canal Town Days parade setup knows of my backpack with all necessary equipment to operate 2M for a long period of time including a 9ah battery. This year I added a length of PVC to get my HT antenna up and out more. Put me in camouflage and steel helmet and I'd look like K2MPE's days in "Nam." (That might be slightly an over dramatic statement. Hi!) This is an easy resolution. Get that grab-bag ready!

Of course I do wish that a New Year's resolution would include once or even twice for the "listeners" and the up to now "no-callers" would check into the RACES Sunday evening net. We have had some new check-ins. I thank you! Think about doing it. Checking in! There is never a good night all can do it. That is impossible. Really try and make an effort to check in once or twice a year. I know the number of members in the club. If 15% of you checked in over the year I would be tickled. Tickle me! (How can you refuse that offer? Hi!)

May Santa be kind and bring a nice amateur radio type gift to keep you immersed and growing in this wonderful avocation of ours. May 2006 be bountiful for you. SIXTY ONE-ARL numbered message to you.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

Next Saturday Meeting January 21, 2006

ARRL FILES REGULATION-BY-BANDWIDTH PETITION, From the ARRL Letter

The ARRL has formally asked the FCC to adopt the League's plan to segment the Amateur Radio bands solely by emission bandwidth rather than by mode. The Petition for Rule Making, filed November 14, recommends what the ARRL called "a shift in regulatory philosophy" that would encourage and facilitate the development and refinement of digital techniques and advanced technologies. At the same time, the League said, accommodating new technologies would not come at the expense of current operating modes, including double-sideband AM phone.

"This petition seeks for the Amateur Radio Service the flexibility to experiment with new digital transmission methods and types to be developed in the future," the League's petition said, "while permitting present operating modes to continue to be used for as long as there are radio amateurs who wish to use them." The ARRL said the changes it suggests will also update the FCC's rules and eliminate the need for "cumbersome procedures" to determine whether a new digital mode is legal under Part 97.

The ARRL's regulation-by-bandwidth plan is far from a done deal. In order for it to be adopted, the FCC first must put the League's Petition for Rule Making on public notice and invite formal public comments. A subsequent Notice of Proposed Rule Making would kick off a further round of formal comments. Ultimately, the FCC would have to issue a Report and Order putting the changes into place and setting an effective date.

The League conceded that its regulation-by-bandwidth regime would place increased responsibility on the amateur community to establish workable, accepted band plans, but it expressed confidence that such an effort would be successful.

The petition filed this week has been in the works for some time now. The ARRL Board of Directors adopted the petition's guiding principle in 2002 and invited comments from the Amateur Radio community in the summer of 2004. The proposal reflects expert input from the ARRL Ad Hoc HF Digital Committee as well as from ARRL staff. Comments from League members and an ARRL Executive Committee review led to further fine tuning.

The ARRL wants the FCC to replace the table at §97.305© with a new one that segment bands by bandwidths ranging from 200 Hz to 100 kHz. Unaffected by the ARRL's recommendations, if they're adopted, would be 160 and 60 meters. Subbands in other bands below 29 MHz would accommodate maximum emission bandwidths of 200, 500 or 3.5 kHz, with an exception of 9 kHz for AM phone.

The League's petition "seeks to facilitate and encourage the development, refinement and use of new digital technologies without the regulatory remnants developed at a time when the principal emissions used in the Amateur Radio Service were Morse telegraphy and single- or double-sideband amplitude-modulated telephony." Part 97 rules need to permit higher data rates between 1.8 and 450

MHz to encourage development of digital multimedia technology, "which has great promise for improving and fostering more effective emergency and disaster relief communications," the petition asserted.

"This petition does not favor one mode at the expense of another," the ARRL concluded in urging FCC adoption. "It merely allows expansion of the repertoire of options that amateurs may pursue compatibly."

ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, discussed the subject of regulating by bandwidth in three "It Seems to Us . . ." QST editorials: "Regulation by Bandwidth" in September 2004, "Narrowing the Bandwidth Issues" in April 2005 and "Self Regulation" in October 2005.

The text of the ARRL's Petition for Rule Making is on the ARRL Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/bandwidth/Bandwidth-Minute-64-Petition-FINAL.pdf>>.

From the ARRL News Letter On Line

Here is a list of charter members of the DARC Charter membership ended 12-11-74

Certificates issued Jan 1975,
signed by Ernie Sulouff WA2ANL President.

Baxendale R. W2RSS
Belitz, Hans
Bestard, Peg K2JBX now W2WQ
Bestard, Charles W2EQM Sk
Boynton, Carl
Brown, Duncan K2OEQ
Closs, George K2 ZIF
Cook, Al K2MPE
Crockett, John
Drabicki, Tony W2ESS
Everhart, "Bob" WA2HKR now AB2F
Farnsworth, Bernard W2OWZ
Fox, Bob WB2EWR now KB2XI
Greco, Joe WB2YWI
Hall, Tom WB2BSN
Lawrence, Albert WB2KWZ
Lill, Jim
Minosh, Nate WB2LJG
Moore, Tom W7KMA
Morgan, Bob K2RXO
Ransley, Hugo WB2LTN now KD2NJ
Robie, Milo W2MF Sk
Rogers, Terry WB2BFP
Sulouff, Ernie WA2ANL
Swank, John WB2EQA
Van Buskirk, Tom WB2TGU
Vinkey, Marvin K2DPW Sk
Vogt, Dave WB2BGT

Club was incorporated in 1981

I was the treasurer when the club was formed and the charter treasurer when the club was incorporated.

73 Doc (from Bob Everhart, AB2F)

Empire State Games Come To Area

The Empire State Games (ESG), the premier amateur athletic event in the state, is coming to our region this summer. Over 7,000 athletes from all over the state will compete in dozens of types of competitions from archery to volleyball and everything in between.

Last years competition, held in the Hudson Valley Region, boasted 140 HAM radio operators proudly performing safety and medical communications for the games. Considering the multiple simultaneous locations that will be active in the Finger Lakes Region we will need nearly that many HAMs as well. To meet the needs for communications we hope to draw Amateur Radio Volunteers from all around the area to help. Could you help? Would you help?

The first thing we are asking area amateurs to be ready for is to proudly take the field during opening ceremonies on the evening of July 26. Yes, that is right, Amateur Radio will be heralded on to the field at Paetec Park just like the amateur athletes, coaches and other honored guests. Amateur Radio has been an integral part of the ESG for nearly 27 years. The organizers know and appreciate the value of good emergency

communications and want to ensure that area and state dignitaries see the huge number of volunteer radio ops it takes to ensure the safety of this event. You, the Amateur Radio Operator, are key to the operation of this event. We want to leave a lasting impression with those watching the opening ceremonies.

Amateur Radio Operators can ride any available courtesy buses to get to the various venues. And, of course, beverages and food is always available for just showing your ill at the participant and volunteers food tent. Amateur Radio Operators coming from long distances can get complimentary overnight accommodations and transportation too.

If you think you would like to know more about participation as a communicator in the ESG, just fill out one of the online applications for the ESG located at, <http://www.rochesterham.org/EmpireStateGames2006.htm> or call Keith, N2BEL, at 585- 254-0722. Please leave a message if no one answers and some one will get back to you as soon as possible. By filling out an application we will know when you might be available and what types of events you'd like to get a bird's eye view of while you are helping out.

I'll look forward to hearing from you right after you read this.

73,
Keith Freeberg, N2BEL
Local Communications Committee Chaff

From: "Charlie Escriva" <escriva@rochester.rr.com> To: "Irv Walter" <wa2sok@rochester.rr.com> Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2005 9:28 PM
Subject: Newsletter , Also please add in mention of the upcoming class. Info can be found at <http://www.townwalworthny.com/rec.htm> - with sign up available on line.

Registration is STILL only \$20- the cover price of the book. Sign up one, and brothers, sisters or parents can join for free- as long as they share the book. Only additional cost may be the test. For more info, contact Charlie- 315-986-5779

From: "Charlie Escriva" <escriva@rochester.rr.com> To: "Irv Walter" <wa2sok@rochester.rr.com> Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2005 7:06 PM Subject: Dinner

Drumlins Annual Holiday dinner is scheduled for Saturday night, Feb 4. Dinner is a buffet including chicken, roast beef, roasted potatoes, veg., tossed salad, roll, etc. with coffee and desert. We shall gather at or after 6 pm, with dinner served close to 7pm. Cost is \$10.00 person. Afterwards, we shall have a little music provided by our own Rob, of Piranha Music. Put your requests in early at www.pmdj.com. Reservation announces shall be sent out soon!!

December 18, 2005 - January 28, 2006

The Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Dec 18</i> WARECS 8:45 pm	<i>Dec 19</i> KA2CKR B'day	<i>Dec 20</i>	<i>Dec 21</i> DARC Mting 7:30pm	<i>Dec 22</i>	<i>Dec 23</i>	<i>Dec 24</i> W2BPI B'day
<i>Dec 25</i> WARECS 8:45 pm No RACES Net	<i>Dec 26</i>	<i>Dec 27</i>	<i>Dec 28</i> N2RPZ B'day	<i>Dec 29</i>	<i>Dec 30</i> K6TV B'day	<i>Dec 31</i>
<i>Jan 1</i> WARECS 8:45 pm No RACES Net	<i>Jan 2</i> KC2GZ B'day	<i>Jan 3</i>	<i>Jan 4</i>	<i>Jan 5</i>	<i>Jan 6</i> W2TRW B'day	<i>Jan 7</i>
<i>Jan 8</i> WARECS 8:45 pm	<i>Jan 9</i>	<i>Jan 10</i> KC2DPT B'day	<i>Jan 11</i>	<i>Jan 12</i> K2WPO B'day KB2KBY B'day	<i>Jan 13</i> KB2LEP B'day	<i>Jan 14</i> Hamfest Marathon, NY
<i>Jan 15</i> WARECS 8:45 pm	<i>Jan 16</i>	<i>Jan 17</i>	<i>Jan 18</i> DARC Mting 7:30pm	<i>Jan 19</i>	<i>Jan 20</i>	<i>Jan 21</i>
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“NOTICE”

**For those who have not renewed,
I am sorry to say this may be your last Newsletter**

**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**