



# Drumlin's Rumblyns

DARC Monthly Newsletter

May 2010

## Next Meeting

**Saturday, May 22, 2010**

**Doors open at 09:30**

**Meeting 10:00**

**New York State EMO**

**Route 31, Newark, NY**

**Or try 146.685**

**For assistance try 146.745**

## Minutes

### The Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD Meeting Agenda

**Date:** April 21, 2010

**Call to Order:** President Robert Taylor at 19:30

**Welcome Members/Guests:** N2JC, N2DIT, N9S-BY, N2MKY, N2COJ, KS2JEK, W2EVU, KC2JAL, N3CGZ, KC2TNJ, Trista Hamill, N2RUS, KC2VBM, W4ILN, KC2TCM, KC2WFB, KC2WFC, N5THV, KC2SFR, AG2M, KC2SCZ, KB2KBY, ATS2F, WD2STK, N2MLD, W1YX, Rene Peters, Aaron Peters.

**Congrats to the new members:** N3CGZ and wife KC2YGG.

**Previous meeting Minutes** - Apologies for the duplicate call and missing one of the harmonics of N5THV.

**Approval:** Motion to accept as printed in the newsletter by: W2EVU, 2nd by KC2TCM & carried

### **Treasurers Report:**

Motion to accept by N2RUS, 2nd by KC2TNJ and carried.

**Repeaters:** 146.745: It appears as though the filter may have been added on the packet. We are having no issue getting into the repeater now using packet.

146.685: This was used for the first hour or so of the drill. When started towards Webster, then switched to .745. Currently the building

## RACES-ARES May 2010



The month of May already! It seems in my mind I just sent the April RACES-ARES article to Jon just yesterday. Hi! Busy, busy, busy at this QTH! Hi! Let's see what I can come with for this month.

It is that windy and rainy Saturday before Mother's Day as I type this article. You ever notice as amateur radio operators how we look at the daily weather more often? The rain and

wind are sounding out the kitchen window at the QTH literally! Wow! Is it ever! Wait! The XYL says it is that grovel stuff but looking out it is beebie sized hale! Good grief! What WX we have been having lately. Up-down, up-down! Thunder storms too mixed in with over 80 degree

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**RACES NET SUNDAYS 20:45 146.685  
Except for Holiday Weekends!**

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## The Drumlins Leaders 09-10

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days and plummeting to the 50s the next. You never get bored of New York State WX. Hi! Remember it is the WX, the weather, which calls us out more times as RACES and the need for emergency communications. It is no wonder this 'kid' is always looking more at the WX and the sky and many times keeping the fingers crossed. You know the 'drill'-be prepared.

I was going over some of my old QST magazines lately. It takes me awhile to read through all of them. It is hard to find time to read these days. It is part of the 'busy, busy, busy, mentioned above. Anyway, reading over one of the past articles from a QST on emergency communications, it mentioned many amateurs are RACES ready but for the actual message taking and sending. We have a lot of practice with receiving messages on our nets but the sending is a different 'animal.' Usually one speaks the message too fast making it hard to copy. It has happened on the NY State HF RACES net. This is one of the major reasons for a RACES drill net. One must get used to talking through a message as well as receiving one. Give it a try sometime. I'll help you get ready with a message and some hints. We're all nervous at doing it! Believe me! Even this blabber mouth kid was nervous. You just have to get through it by doing it. It will make the actual real thing easier to do when the time comes. Notice I didn't say 'if'! I said 'when.' It is a matter of time unfortunately.

This QTH article was a reminder I have to keep plugging at getting more participation as NCS (Net Control Station). The Sunday HF net has the ANCS (Alternate Net Control Station) read the message back. The 2-meter FM net usually doesn't need the ANCS reading the message back. FM makes it ideal for good clear reception on the repeater. But we may have to change that to get more practice especially if we have to go simplex. Also something else came up the last WARECS net the last Sunday in April. AG2M, who normally has a good signal into the 745 repeater, had problems with the repeater. The ANCS, K2MPE,

had to take over most of the net. Taking the Ontario County RACES net as an example, we will be changing our protocol for our net a little. I've done this in the past couple of nets, asking for an ANCS volunteer before even calling for check-ins. If for any reason the NCS cannot stay on the net, we never know, the ANCS has a complete list of check-ins when asking for 'rogering' of the message. Like the HF morning net, it is a good idea if all ANCSs and all RACES members kept a generic message ready to read if needed if the NCS does go 'kaput.' I actually have a message ready for the State HF net just in case for that very purpose.

Last! At the April 21st Ginna State drill, the new computer message filing went well. The sending and receiving of the six different forms available went without a hitch. We did find a mistake on one of the forms when it was transposed from the paper version to the electronic version. That is being corrected. At one point I was actually typing the electronic message as the Dose Assessment person was dictating it to me. This saved time. If this typist can do it, believe me anyone of you can. Remember I failed typing on the military 'mill,' the caps only typewriter, at Ft. Devens, MA in 1965 as a CW interceptor. Hi! I knew the code but I couldn't type worth beans even after remedial 'mill' classes on Saturdays. Hi! (Wow! That wind just came up again something fierce and took my attention away. Yes! I'm still looking at that weather. Hi!) I encourage you to take on a Ginna drill to boot. KS2JEK got his feet wet this past drill. (Thanks, Jon.) I know he is better at the keyboard than I. Just about all of you are better, I know! Hi! So step forward to participate in a Ginna drill. Remember-get your EOC RACES badge as well.

Once again I made it through another month's article. Not bad for a babbling mind, right? Hi! Now I'll just have to read over the thing and try and catch some of my mistakes. The mistakes are interesting I know. Thanks for your comments about them as I know you are reading the articles. Hi! CU next month.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY  
Assistant RO & ARES EC

### ONTARIO COUNTY RACES NET TIME-FREQUENCIES

SUNDAY EVENING 8:00PM  
PRIMARY: 145.450 (PL110.9) W2ONT REPEAT-  
ER  
ALSO MONITORED 146.820 AND 145.110 (both  
PL110.9)

isn't up (nor the tower), and the antenna is sitting on the fence.

144.95: NTR

444.95: NTR.

**“VE” Teams:** ARRL VEC – 6 Upgrades at the Hamfest; 3 New Techs, 2 Generals, 1 Extra  
If you couldn't make it to the Hamfest, SIARC gives the tests for licensing the first Wednesday of the month (year round) at the Ontario County EMO. There is the NO charge for licensing; they switched to the Laurel VEC. More information, you can go to <http://siarc.us>

**Activities & Contest:** Horseheads Hamfest – March 27. Binghamton Hamfest – April 18 Otherwise NTR.

Public Service: NTR

RACES: NTR

Public Relations: NTR

Remembrances: NTR

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### **WARECS NET ON 146.745 REPEATER UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

With the January 10th Sunday evening WARECS net it was determined the 685 repeater has been temporarily moved to the j-pole antenna on the higher county tower on Brantling Hill. You will remember the old 685 building and tower was to be demolished to be replaced by a bigger building and higher tower. It looks like this has been done. The conditions on the 685 repeater were not ideal for stations further away. High power of 50-65 watts was needed to get a good signal into the 685 repeater with less noise out. Until further notice, the WARECS Sunday evening nets will be on the 146.745 repeater (no tones). The 745 is our backup repeater for the net. This will help low power stations to report easier into the Sunday night 2m net. It is not known how long the construction of the new site will take at this time. Notice will be sent out when more information is gathered. Thank you for your cooperation during this time.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY  
ARES EC-RACES Assistant RO

**Old Business:** NTR

**New Business:** Thank you so much for all your help at the Hamfest. This year considering WX, we didn't do too bad. Not quite as great as last year, but understandable. There were only 2 empty tables inside the hall for the Hamfest, thankfully the building was large enough to support many of the vendors. Thanks to Mark's Pizza for the donation of the 2 sheet pizza's for the Hamfest setup. The shirts from the Hamfest, please save so they can be used next year. You lose them, you'll need to pay for a new one next year.

**Next Meeting Saturday, May 22 at SEMO.**

50/50 Drawing: Winner : KC2TNJ Amt:  
\$12.50

**Adjournment:** N2RUS 2nd KC2TNJ ADJ @ 19:59

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### **Musselman Triathlon**

Its that time again, to take to the highways and by-ways of Seneca County!

Your services are requested on Sunday, July 11, for the Seventh annual Musselman Triathlon.

Let me know if you will be available for that day, and/or the Saturday short race, on July 10. Feel free to contact me at 315-694-8080

.....Thanks! Rick, KE2BV.....



## May Program: Winlink 2000

Send and receive e-mail from anywhere! With WinLink you don't need an internet connection, just your radio. This is the perfect solution not just during an emergency, but while traveling, camping, etc... Jim DiTucci, N2IXD will explain the who, how, what and why's of WinLink - the Global Radio E-Mail System.

This meeting will be held on Saturday, May 22nd. Doors will open around 9:30. Meeting to start at 10:00. We will meet for breakfast at Cross Park Family Restaurant around 0800 or 0830, for those that wish to join us!

73, Jay KC2TCM

## Upcoming Public Service Events

### Tour-de-Cure

Sunday, June 13, 2010

### MS Bike Ride

Saturday & Sunday, August 7 & 8, 2010

### Walnut Hill Driving Competition

Wednesday thru Sunday, August 11—15, 2010

### AIDS Rochester Red Ribbon Ride

Sunday, August 22, 2010

### Rochester Arthritis Foundation Marathon

Sunday, September 12, 2010

### Fairport Lift Bridge Regatta

Sunday, September 19, 2010

### Barktoberfest: Lollypop Farm

Saturday, September 25, 2010

### Jamboree on the Air (BSA)

Saturday & Sunday, October 16 & 17, 2010

### NYS Thruway Pumpkin Patrol

Saturday & Sunday, October 30 & 31, 2010

For more info or to sign up, go to [www.rochesterham.org](http://www.rochesterham.org) and click on "Public Service"  
For Pumpkin Patrol you can also contact Dave Taylor, his info is in the newsletter!



## RACES Events

CONTACT: Dave- KB2KBY if you wish to participate in either or both of these training drills. RACES badge not necessary but helpful if you have it already.

**If you have an article that you would like to share with the rest of the club, please submit them to me and I'll work on getting it in the newsletter!**

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## Calendar of Events

5-22 DARC meeting—1000, WC SEMO

## Upcoming Hamfests

- 6-5 Rochester Hamfest Rochester, NY  
www.rochesterhamfest.org
- 7-17 Radiocomm 2010 Frankfort, NY  
www.uticaarc.org
- 7-24 Batavia Hamfest Alexander, NY  
sites.google.com/site/gramradioamateursinc/home
- 8-7 Ithaca Hamfest 2010 Trumansburg, NY  
www.tcarc-ny.org/hamsfest
- 8-21 2010 Ham-Jam Deerfield, NY  
www.cnyara.com
- 9-18 EmComm East Convention Rochester, NY  
www.emcommeast.org
- 9-25 35th Annual Elmira Hamfest Horseheads, NY  
www.arast.org

### Note from the editor/webmaster:

The newsletter is uploaded to the website each month, so if for some reason you didn't get your emailed or snail mail copy, you can get it from the website. Also, check the calendar often as I do try to keep it updated as I get info from Dave!

www.drumlinsarc.org

**NY State RACES - HF NET**  
Sunday 0900  
3.993.5kHz SSB/LSB

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#### **XEROX Amateur Radio Club (XARC)**

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#### **Squaw Island Amateur Radio Club (SIARC)**

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#### **Antique Wireless Association (AWA)**

Lynn Bisha, W2BSN lbisha@rochester.rr.com

## HAMFEST and TOP PRIZES 2010

The 2010 Drumblins Hamfest was a great success. We had 292 tickets sold which was a record high since this kid has been keeping track as treasurer and been awhile since we have had that number in the past before me. So-thank you loyal members for your effort and hard work making this year's Hamfest a success! This is a group effort and helper 'you done good.'

Prizes! Every once in awhile it is nice to see one of our club members get one of the top three prizes. This year it is a good happy moment to see our first prize going to club member Bruce Blair, WB2QKO. Good going, Bruce! While Bruce and I were at the April Ginna drill at the EOC we got on a discussion about the prizes. Well the top prize especially! In our wish list for the EOC 2/440 rigs were recommended especially the Yaesu FT-8800 model. Bruce wondered if he could upgrade from the just 2m prize model to a FT-8800. It was agreed with Bruce paying the cost difference between the upgrade, Gene at KJI is sending a FT-8800.

The IC-V8As are no longer being sold so Gene at KJI is sending the newer model IC-V80s to our second and third prize winner Scott Braun, K2JSB, and John Russo, KW2JR, respectively. Scott has been coming to our Hamfest many years from the Rochester area and John has been a vendor for many years from East Amherst. So it is nice to see faithful Hamfest attendees to win some of the top prizes also. Congrats to Scott and John!

Gene, K2KJI, was very regretful he could not make out Hamfest. The KJI van was loaded and ready to go but for someone to ride 'shotgun' with Gene. Even in his better times Gene could not do it alone and since his operation he can't even think about it. Talking to Gene when ordering the top prizes, he admitted even at the end of his five hour days in the store, he is tired and must rest. KJI has reduced their hours from five days to three days a week. Incidentally if you wish to order anything from Gene, call first for their hours. Gene has been changing them on a monthly basis.

We give Gene our best and he does truly hope to make our 2011 Hamfest. He misses coming and misses helping out the smaller clubs like ours. We wish him the best and a good steady recovery. None of us are getting any younger and lots of us are past the 'spring chicken' days by a long shot. So you better send good 'signal' to Gene!

Again-thank you for your support, Drumblins members! "FB"! for Hamfest 2010!

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY  
Drumblins Treasurer for the Executive Committee

**Friday Luncheon  
Cross Park at noon**

## VE TESTING AT ONTARIO COUNTY EOC

The Squaw Island ARC (SIARC) has VE testing each month at the Ontario County EOC-911 center on County Road 46 near the fire training area. Every first Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM, VE sessions are held. The VE testing is headed by Dave Foster, AB2WZO of SIARC. The SIARC website (3w.SIARC.org) can be used for directions and information.

Also, in the future look for ARRL-1 classes being offered by SIARC on Saturdays. Usually it is every other Saturday 8:00AM-12:00 noon but usually out sooner around 10:30, I have been told. DARC members and all amateurs are invited to attend classes. Look for information in the future in the "Drumblins Rumblins."

## WELCOME KC2YGG & N3LZG

Please welcome our newest members to the Drumblins ARC-Anmari (pronounced AnnMarie), KC2YGG and her husband, Andrew Lesny, N3SNY. Andrew was present at our last April meeting and brought both memberships with him. So if you were at the meeting you met Andrew. Anmari was one of the walkins for the VE testing at our Hamfest. She had contacted me before the testing session asking for information. Anmari passed the Tech exam was issued in the KC2YGG call. Anmari was one of the six test takers who achieved their Tech ticket or upgraded at the test session. Andrew at the meeting said Anmari had only studied for two weeks! Good going, Anmari! And both Anmari and Andrew have already reported into the Sunday night RACES net. And Anmari took pictures at the hamfest and even a short video which is on you Tube. Check out the web address for the You Tube site in this newsletter. It is good! Thank you, Anmari and Andrew, for your involvement and interest in the Drumblins. Welcome!

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

**June Rumblins  
Deadline is  
June 2, 2010**

## EmComm & Portable Antenna Mount

Press Release - Orlando Florida

Unique New Portable Amateur Radio Antenna Mount Now Available

The Tilt-N-Raise(tm) portable antenna mount was specifically designed for EmComm and portable radio operators in the amateur radio bands. Every time the people proclaim amateur radio as being dead there is the unfortunate occurrences of natural disasters that require the services of emergency communications. Before folks start extolling the value of the Internet and cell phones there is a very important part of their operation that comes up on the short end of the stick during emergencies. Power, current, electricity. Without power the Internet and cell phones are worthless.

Amateur radio can operate efficiently from batteries, solar, and even human power to provide critical communications services during these natural disasters.

The patent pending Tilt-N-Raise(tm) portable antenna mount eases the burden on emergency radio operators by providing a safe and quick mechanism for deploying their antenna when they arrive on scene. Too often emergency radio communications take place in inclement weather and the

Tilt-N-Raise(tm) antenna mount allows them to get the antenna up quicker than if they were using a ground mount. EmComm ops take great care in having their radio gear ready for action and the Tilt-N-Raise(tm) gives them the added resource of an antenna mount that deploys in under 5 minutes. And you will not need any tools to install the Tilt-N-Raise portable antenna mount.

The Tilt-N-Raise(tm) portable antenna mount is great for EmComm operations but that isn't the only application it can be used in. It is a portable antenna mount that can be used in any type of portable amateur radio operation or any other radio operation for that matter. If you need an antenna support the Tilt-N-Raise(tm) antenna mount can provide a mount for it. More information about this unique antenna mount can be found at the Tilt-N-Raise website - <http://www.tiltntnraise.com>. There are many applications for portable operations but a few are named below:

Special event presentations.

Hamfests.

County Fairs.

Local community events.

Motorsports racing events.

Field Day.

Email notice: You are not on any marketing email list and you will not receive any further emails from us unless you request more info from us.

Your email address was found while using a Google search for EmComm related amateur radio clubs. We hope you will pass this information to other amateurs in your organization and we thank you for allowing us a chance to tell you about the Tilt-N-Raise(tm).

Sent Date: Friday, April 23, 2010



Pictures by Anmari Linardi

Check out the video she made for us at:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xgUxdmX6m6c>

# May 16 - June 26, 2010

## Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>May 16</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>May 17</i>	<i>May 18</i>	<i>May 19</i>	<i>May 20</i> K4FXD B'Day	<i>May 21</i>	<i>May 22</i> 10:00 AM DARC Meeting
<i>May 23</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>May 24</i>	<i>May 25</i>	<i>May 26</i>	<i>May 27</i>	<i>May 28</i>	<i>May 29</i>
<i>May 30</i> NO NET	<i>May 31</i>	<i>June 1</i>	<i>June 2</i> W2ESS B'Day	<i>June 3</i>	<i>June 4</i>	<i>June 5</i>
<i>June 6</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>June 7</i>	<i>June 8</i>	<i>June 9</i>	<i>June 10</i> KS2JQV B'Day	<i>June 11</i>	<i>June 12</i>
<i>June 13</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>June 14</i>	<i>June 15</i>	<i>June 16</i> 7:30 PM DARC Meeting	<i>June 17</i>	<i>June 18</i>	<i>June 19</i>
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