



Drumlin's Rumblyns

DARC Monthly Newsletter

August 2008

Next Meeting

Wednesday, August 20, 2008

Doors open at 19:00

Meeting 19:30

New York State EMO

Route 31, Newark, NY

Or try 146.745

For assistance try 146.745

Minutes

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

Date: July 16, 2008

Call To Order: 1930 Adj:2028

Members/Guests: N2RUS, N2JC, WD2STK, KC2TCM, KC2TNJ, Trista Hamill, KC2QOL, Ryan Iraci, KB2VGL, KC2MRC, KC2MVP, K2WPO, KC2JAL, W2EVU, Phil Lundy, KC2SWZ, AB2F, KS2JEK, and KB2KBY

Minutes: Correction minutes 06/18/08 - WD2STK and KC2TCM did not attend the Tour de Cure. Move to accept: W2EVU 2nd: KC2TCM & carried

Treasurers Report: by KB2KBY Motion to accept AB2F 2nd KC2TNJ & carried

Repeaters: 146.745 Some discussion of autopatch tone not working- KB2KBY will check on it. Because marrying the controller to the new repeater will require the repeater be off line for a period of time, the "new" 745 commercial repeater will not be installed until Brantling is up and functioning properly, leaving Wayne County RACES a working repeater should a need arise. Some discussion on rehabbing the 745 site while work is being done there.

146.685- The "*NEW REPEATER*" was presented to Bruce, WB2QKO and Dave, KB2KBY by Wayne County for installation at Brantling Hill.

144.950- Wegmans Hill and SEMO ok, Brantling Hill "*off line*"

RACES: KB2KBY gave a report on the County furnished New RACES repeater. **(146.685)** on Brantling Hill. DARC members are continuing to show OUTSTANDING support for Wayne Co. Races on the Sunday Nets. KB2KBY has official forms and protocols available via email for the asking. No RACES 08/31/08 (Labor Day)

RACES-ARES AUGUST 2008

The good news! The new 685 repeater has finally arrived at the Wayne County EOC and a small ceremony in sued. (See the pictures on pages 2 & 7!)

On Tuesday July 8th, George Bastedo, the Director of Communications at the Wayne County EOC, contacted Bruce, WB2QKO, and myself and asked if we could attend a county wide meeting of the various county agencies that deal with EOC matters on Thursday July 10th at the county complex near Lyons on Route 31. Both Bruce and I did manage to attend.

The one picture (on page 2) shows George Bastedo shaking Bruce's hand prior to handing over the new Kenwood repeater. For those who don't know, the 685 repeater has been rather 'sick' for quite some time. The old 685 Spectrum has served its time. It has been at the site for nearly 30 years. For the past 10 months or so the 745 repeater has been used for the WARECS net on Sunday evenings at 8:45PM.

The 685 repeater is county owned with Bruce as SYSOP. The repeater is used for emergency communications as a parallel system working along with the county's communications.

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**RACES NET SUNDAYS 20:45 146.745
Except for Holiday Weekends!**

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The Drumlins Leaders 07-08

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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
Newsletter	Jon King, KS2JEK	315-524-2453
Club Trustee	Dave Taylor, KB2KBY	315-597-4293

Canal Town Days September 13th Parade Help Needed

Well here I am talking about Canal Town Days for 2008 already. Whew! "Mr. Time" surely does fly! But regardless it is again that time of the year and the newsletter to mention the fact.

The Canal Town Days is September 12th-14th. The Drumlins ARC has always helped with communications especially with the Canal Town Days parade on Saturday. So that would be September 13th. We will be meeting at the corner of West Jackson Street and Stafford Street where the parade setup starts at 2:00PM.

We had five amateurs last year and the parade setup ran smoothly. It would be nice to have seven (7) help this year. We do have to send one 'op' to the bandstand before hand for the announcing platform. Extra hands make the duty lighter for all. When all the participants come they like to come all at once it seems. Hi! And there is a lot of giving directions out where groups are to line up. Those extra hands would be appreciated.

The Canal Town Days Committee has been very kind the past two years of giving the Drumlins a check to show their appreciation lining up the parade. Yes there no doubt the committee uses their own HTs and our job is limited to setting up the parade. As communications progresses everyone progresses along in general. But-the fact is the parade is our 'baby.' The committee admits they could not set the parade up with the skill we do. They are amazed at our efficiency and ease of communications.

So if you can help for three hours on Saturday September 13th, contact me, KB2KBY! Please! It is a fun experience, a short commitment but rewarding for Canal Town Days and gives the club a good "PR" feather in its cap.

Before and after the setup and parade you can enjoy all the activities you want. To have fun and enjoy-you couldn't have a better day. Hi!

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY
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George Bastedo shaking Bruce Blair's hand prior to handing over the new Kenwood repeater.

Welcome The Drumlins' Newest Members this July

At the July meeting Rich Hamill-KC2TNJ-joined the Drumlins ARC. So, please welcome Rich to the club.

If the last name sounds familiar you are very correct. Jay Hamill-KC2TCM is a 'harmonic' of Rich, as we like to say in amateur radio. Of course that makes Rich the father-in-law of Jay's XYL and club member Sabrina-WD2STK. It is wonderful to see a whole family involved in amateur radio.

And if you were not at the July meeting you missed the homemade scones of Rich's XYL! You really missed some good treats. I took some home for more for my XYL and myself but the XYL got to all of the scones first. I mean these scones were so good she didn't even leave me crumbs. (I apologize for the fact I could not remember Rich's XYL's name. I was meaning to ask Jay or Sabrina and forgot to do that. Oops!) Rich's XYL has been very faithful as well to attend meeting. We look forward to her baking delicacies for our August meeting.

Rich, once again-welcome to the Drumlins. Thanks for bringing another member of the Hamill family aboard.

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**Friday Luncheon
Cross Park at noon**

AUGUST PROGRAM: "ICS-213"

As noted in prior Drumblins meeting nights, RACES may be in the future changing the message form used for communications. The Incident Command System (ICS) form 213 will replace the ARRL Message Form currently used. Come and see what it is all about for the August meeting.

D.A.R.C. "Bunknic" (Picnic) August 23rd

Saturday August 23rd, the Drumblins ARC will have its annual summer picnic or a.k.a. the "bunknic" at the club's location at the Region #5 SEMO in Newark. Bring a dish to pass! The club will furnish the drinks, meat, buns, napkins, plates, silverware, and cups and condiments. (Drinks will include no sugar and caffeine free.)

IC-718 HF positions will be open
to operate 3:00PM

Try our new LDG-100Pro Automatic Tuners

GATHER FOR EATING 5:00 & EAT AT 5:30

Rain date? NO NEED! Too hot? NO WORRY! The bunknic will be held regardless of the weather. You won't even know what the weather is above ground. Enjoy the company and have a good time and gab all you want. You can't miss such an invitation like this!!

Put Saturday, August 23rd
on the calendar

No RSVP necessary but if you know you will attend call 315-597-4293 (leave message), or kb2kby@rochester.rr.com, or packet 144.950 at kb2kby-1, thank you.

Ginna State Drill September Volunteers Needed

September 9th
0900 - 1500

See article on page 5

Upcoming Public Service Events

Walnut Hill Driving Competition
Aug 13—17

Labor Day Parade
Sept 1

Multiple Sclerosis Pedal to the Park Bike Tour
Sept 6 & 7 (Needs Event Captain)

Canal Town Days
Sept 13

Rochester Arthritis Foundation Marathon
Sept 14

Fairport Lift Bridge Regatta
Sept 21

Finger Lakes Triathlon
Sept 21

Barktoberfest: Lollypop Farm
Sept 27

America's Walk for Diabetes
Oct 4

Wine Glass Marathon
Oct 5

Hike for Haccamo
Oct 12 (Needs Event Captain)

Jamboree on the Air (BSA)
Oct 18 & 19

NYS Thruway Pumpkin Patrol
Oct 30 & 31

Special Olympics, Winter Games
Feb 7, 2009

Please contact Duane Fregoe, K2SI for the events that need a captain. His email address is k2si@arrl.net.

**September Rumblins
Deadline is
September 3, 2008**

Calendar of Events

- 8-20 DARC meeting—1930, WC SEMO
- 8-23 DARC bunknic—See article on Page 3
- 9-17 DARC meeting—1930, WC SEMO

Upcoming Hamfests

- Sept 13** Radio Amateurs of Greater Syracuse
Pompey, NY
<http://ragsinreview.com>
- Sept 20** Monroe County ARES—EmComm
East Conference at St. John Fisher
College
<http://www.emcommeast.org>

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PUBLIC SERVICE: KC2TCM and WD2STK reported they worked the ICU/CANAmerica Cup / Muscleman Triathlon and found it to be very interesting. July 12-13, 2008
Empire State Games looking for help. Binghamton, July 23-27 2008
EmCommEast 09/20/08 (www.emcommeast.org)
Canal Town Days - 09/13/08 5-6 operators needed.

ACTIVITIES & CONTESTS: Field Day was successful at the club facilities. New 718 radios and tuners worked well. The new logging program was used and found to be a good investment.
KLARA Hamfest at Howard NY 08/09/08, Ithica /Trumansburg 08/02/08, Pompey Hills 09/13/08

VE TEAM: KB2KBY will investigate new affiliation to save the testing fees charged by ARRL

NEWSLETTER: Jon King, KS2JEK, has offered to take over the newsletter. Thanks Irv, for your past efforts (14 years worth), and thank you Jon for volunteering.

REMEMBRANCE: K2MPE - with pending surgeries needs our thoughts and prayers.

OLD BUSINESS: Club Picnic, Members and Family, at SEMO Aug 23 Doors open at 1500. New HF rigs w/auto-tuners will be available for operation/inspection. Gather at 1700, EAT at 1730. Club will furnish meat/rolls/condiments/drinks/place settings. Guests bring a **DISH to PASS**.

NEW BUSINESS: Time to start thinking of nominees for elections in October.

50/50 Sabrina WD2STK \$8.00

ADJOURNMENT: KC2TCM 2nd W2EVU **Carried**

Jon, KS2JEK, with his XYL, Sarah



A Note from your editor:

Dear Members, I would like to take this time to introduce myself. My name is Jonathan King, my call sign is KS2JEK. I live in Ontario, NY. I am married, my XYL's name is Sarah. We both work for Webster Central Schools. Sarah is a music teacher at Plank North Elementary and I drive a school bus. I took the class through Charlie, KB2SOZ, and have had my ticket for about a year and a half now. My home phone number is 315-524-2453 and cell number is 585-785-0036. My email address is KS2JEK@rochester.rr.com. If you need to snail mail me something, my home address is 6911 Furnace Rd., Ontario, NY 14519.

I will be taking over the website as well. Once I have control of that, I will starting putting the newsletter on the web also.

You'll also notice a few changes to the newsletter. Please let me know what you think, and if you have any suggestions for anything else you may want to see, please let me know.

RACES-ARES from page 1

The 685 repeater is on top of the hill near where the Brantling ski resort is located. The whole complex on Brantling is on an automatic switch over generator system if there were a power failure locally. Thus it was important that the change over to the new Kenwood repeater was an absolute necessity for the vital roll of emergency communications.

What you see in the other picture (on page 7) is the new Kenwood repeater and auto patch for the phone link the Drumlins maintains. Hopefully if there are not any kinks to get straightened out, the repeater will be up and operating as you are reading this article for August. The replacement of the 685 repeater has been a 'thorn in the paw' for the club for some time. Bruce may be the SYSOP but the repeater is the county's and not the club's responsibility. It is the usual politics 'catch 22' type thing. Anyone in RACES or ARES at the county level throughout New York State that I have talked to say the same. The Drumlins owes much to George Bastedo for the 'lets gets things done' attitude. George is a 'harmonic' of a ham father and knows what we do.

Once the 685 is securely on the air and purring along the old 745 repeater will be replaced with the new donated repeater. When this is done the Drumlins will be in good shape with repeaters if emergency communications is needed. The Sunday WARECS nets will go back to using the 685 as the primary repeater.

Now the rest of the emergency communications is dependent on the club members. The Drumlins has set the club members goal to be ready for 2m-emergency communications. Our WARECS simplex emergency experiment done in the spring showed a few base stations and even handheld HTs with the simplest antennas can be heard at the SEMO. I am sure at the county EOC it could be done also but the SEMO has the better antenna location. We have 80 plus members in the club scattered throughout Wayne County mostly, but neighboring north Ontario County as well. We should be able to handle simplex communications as well. But by the fall, no later, our repeaters will be up to snuff. We are trying to be prepared for all scenarios.

Look forward to the use of the new 685 repeater! The wheels of progress may turn slowly but we get there.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

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!

Email address:

KS2JEK@rochester.rr.com

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Ginna State Drill September – Volunteers Needed

A letter was e-mailed from George Bastedo at the Wayne County EOC that the State Ginna Drill this year will be Tuesday, September 9th. Volunteers will be needed to help in the drill. You must have a county RACES badge to participate. (A temporary badge may be given out as long as Bruce or I are there.)

Bruce and I will be at the drill but volunteers are needed for training at the EOC and the van, which is used by the Dose Assessment Team. This will be approximately a commitment from 9:00AM to 3:00PM maximum. Usually it ends shortly after lunch, which is provided by the EOC. (Free lunch! Hi! And it is pretty good.) 2m rigs are furnished. (The club has the donated Kenwoods remember for our use.)

RACES is the backup communications but we are also the paper message handlers for the drill's record keeping. The EOC teams are terrible at message handling. They do not have the expertise we have nor the know how. (Believe me!)

There is only this one drill for this year. Next year will be the State and FEMA drills. Contact Bruce, WB2QKO (315-597-9731-leave a message), and/or myself if you are interested in helping.

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Rochester Radio Repeater Association (RRRA)

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Rochester VHF Group (RVHFG)

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XEROX Amateur Radio Club (XARC)

Ned Asam, W2NED w2ned@frontiernet.net

Future CW OP?

Ham Radio Demonstration - Help Needed

Saturday September 27th help has been requested to demonstrate ham radio at the Finger Lakes Council Seneca District 2008 Fall Camporee being hosted by Palmyra Troop 96 in Palmyra at the Wayne County Fairgrounds.

Our own Drumlins member Erich Lucas, N2HSY, is calling for help demonstrating amateur radio to a gathering of nearly 900 Boy Scouts. The Wayne County Fairgrounds is right in the backyard of KB2KBY's QTH-literally. So naturally Erich thought of me. Hi! It is hoped we could have just a Saturday daytime of HF, 2m, and packet radio positions demonstrating ham radio. Possibly if enough help is available, a CW key-oscillator demo could be added too. Charlie, KB2SOZ, always has his Tech ham classes during the year and this demonstration could entice more Scouts to join Charlie's classes. And it could spur more Scouts to go for their communications badges as well.

Our commitment would be for the Saturday event only despite the camporee being a Friday to Sunday event. We are looking for a 10:00AM to approximately 4:00PM time frame. Erich will bring an HF antenna and HF rig. KB2KBY can bring his 2m mobile packet setup. And KB2KBY has an extra 2m rig for 2m FM repeater talk on 146.745. I have a portable rollup j-pole and ¼ wave ground plain antennas we could use. I believe we have a Ringo in the club storeroom that could be used also. Volunteers at the fairgrounds would be needed as well as those who could man especially 2m home QTH to gab with Scouts or even some members far enough away for HF contacts. The new fair building would be completed by that time and this demonstration event would be held inside out of the WX and AC power would be available. Volunteers would be dry and there would be no carting of generators.

There will be a club meeting before the camporee and details would be figured out by that time and more specifics given. If you would help-5 people at the fairgrounds would be enough. That would include Erich and KB2KBY so three more volunteers would be needed there. Volunteers for QSO QTHs of the same number would mean one's commitment could be shared. If you can help please contact Erich and/or myself by any one of the means listed below. As soon as we can get volunteers we can set up some sort of schedule.

This demonstration would be a good PR for amateur radio and spark some interest in our 'hobby.' Please consider helping in some way.

73 & 88,
Erich (N2HSY): 315-597-1626
Dave (KB2KBY): 315-597-4293
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Can you start a CW op too early? (Pictures!) Here is Willow Brynn Taylor, granddaughter of KB2KBY. Is she having fun or what! Look at the expression on that cute face! Look at the concentration with the key technique! She is a natural. KB2KBY sure hopes Willow will continue to have fun with CW. Enjoy the pictures and smile. Was the tapping out of Morse code on Willow's back as she was burped as a baby by Grampa paying off? We never know unless we try. This is how it all starts.

We have many new and young members that have joined the Drumlins. Be a ham friend and even an Elmer to them if necessary. We have a lot of talent in this club. We have a lot of good people who can be a source of help for our new members especially the young hams. Don't be idle if you hear a question and you know you can help. This is what amateurs do helping each other. Your interest can inspire the new and young.

Welcome the new and young members of the Drumlins and be a ham friend. We never know unless we try. This is how it all starts.



Willow Brynn Taylor & Dave Taylor

October Elections For Drumlins

October is the fiscal start of the new 2008-2009 year for the Drumlins ARC. That is when we start collecting dues for the 'next' year. Yes time does fly! Hi! But more importantly it is election time for the leadership for the new fiscal year as well.

President Jim, N2JC, has appointed the following Drumlins members, as per the club bylaws, to be the 2008 Nominating Committee:

KB2ROP-Doug Pessa; Chairman
 AB2F-"Doc" Everheart
 N2COJ-Steve Elliott

The Drumlins election bylaws state that all positions for the elected club leadership are open to dues paying members as candidate for a position even if present serving members have chosen to volunteer to serve another year. So far this year the October 2008 slate is as follows:

President: OPEN

Vice President: OPEN

Secretary: N2RUS-Rus Millspaw

Treasurer: KB2KBY-Dave Taylor

Program Director: OPEN

3-year Trustee: N2JC-Jim Collinsworth (Outgoing President serves as a beginning 3-year trustee.)

2-year Trustee: OPEN

And still to serve out the last year of his 3-year trusteeship is W4ILN-"Spence" Spencer.

Any Drumlins member who wishes information and/or wishes to volunteer for a leadership position on the 2008 October election slate may contact the Station Trustee by any of the means listed below. (The Executive Committee felt this was the easiest way to communicate.)

The election slate will be brought before the membership at the September meeting as per the bylaws although nominations can be brought to the floor and added to the slate prior to the October election meeting itself.

Please Drumlins members! This is a very important time of the club year in October and the election itself is most important to the club. We all know we are busy people. But if you can see yourself taking the time and the commitment to benefit the Drumlins ARC, this is the time to come forth. If the Nominating Committee calls you please take the time to seriously consider their request.

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 Drumlins ARC Station Trustee
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New Kenwood repeater and auto patch for the phone link the Drumlins maintain



Willow Brynn Taylor

August 17 - September 27, 2008

Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Aug 17</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Aug 18</i>	<i>Aug 19</i>	<i>Aug 20</i> 7:30 PM DARC Meeting	<i>Aug 21</i> KC2PHS B'Day	<i>Aug 22</i> W2NPC B'Day	<i>Aug 23</i> Bunknic
<i>Aug 24</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Aug 25</i> W2KFU B'Day	<i>Aug 26</i>	<i>Aug 27</i>	<i>Aug 28</i>	<i>Aug 29</i>	<i>Aug 30</i>
<i>Aug 31</i>	<i>Sep 1</i>	<i>Sep 2</i>	<i>Sep 3</i>	<i>Sep 4</i>	<i>Sep 5</i>	<i>Sep 6</i>
<i>Sep 7</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Sep 8</i>	<i>Sep 9</i>	<i>Sep 10</i>	<i>Sep 11</i>	<i>Sep 12</i> K2KWK B'Day	<i>Sep 13</i>
<i>Sep 14</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Sep 15</i>	<i>Sep 16</i>	<i>Sep 17</i> 7:30 PM DARC Meeting	<i>Sep 18</i>	<i>Sep 19</i>	<i>Sep 20</i> EmComm East Confer- ence at St. John Fisher
<i>Sep 21</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Sep 22</i>	<i>Sep 23</i>	<i>Sep 24</i>	<i>Sep 25</i>	<i>Sep 26</i>	<i>Sep 27</i>