



Drumlin's Rumblyns

DARC Monthly Newsletter

June 2009

Next Meeting

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Doors open at 19:00

Meeting 19:30

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

CALL TO ORDER: by President Robert Taylor at 1930
DATE: May 20 2009

ATTENDING MEMBERS: N2RUS, N2MLD, N2VTM, W2EVU, KC2JAL, KB2KBY, N3BNT, N2QK, KD2VBL, K2WPO, KC2VBJ, AG2M, N9SBY, K2MPE, KC2TCM, WD2STK, W4ILN, AB2F, KS2JEK, KC2TNJ and **GUESTS:** KC2VBM (John Homan), Trista Hamill and Cathy Koester

MINUTES: Motion to accept as printed in newsletter by K2MPE 2ND by WB2EVU & CARRIED

NEWSLETTER: Thanks Jon. Anyone with articles, get them to Jon for publication.

Corrections: K2MPE asked for verification on the passing of W2ESS (Tony) because his birthday was still listed in the newsletter. The ensuing discussion hi-lighted errors in the Drumlin's calendar database.

TREASURERS REPORT by KB2KBY: Motion to accept by N2QK, 2nd by KC2JAL & CARRIED
Copy of 2009 hamfest report and May Treasurers report attached to file copy

PUBLIC SERVICE: STPR will be attended by WD2STK, KC2TCM and N2TJX. Tour de cure -KS2JEK

REPEATERS: 146.745: Still needs notch filter for packet inter-mod and the phone line has been connected 146.685 Good several minor problems were hi-lighted 144.950- all 3 working

RACES: Wayne County EOC has requested our equipment requirements for the assembly of 4 "TO GO" KITS, to be located at the EOC. Ontario County Races -N2UMH has extended an invitation to join them in Field Days at their EOC and take a tour of the facilities and a demo of the Digital modes used by

RACES-ARES June 2009



As I type it is a nice spring day not too warm and not too cool either. It is a perfect day for me with the weather. The temperature is cool even sitting in a parking lot. The sky is blue with nice puffy clouds and enough clouds to make typing my article in my car very enjoyable. I am waiting for my ladies who are shopping at Waterloo Premier Outlet. Hi! I am the chauffeur! I always try to use my time

well on these shopping occasions. My effort is easier since I have one of those net-book laptops. You know the really small laptop you see these days. It works well for me in my 'mobile' status since it has a 6-hour battery. Believe me I have seen my ladies shop

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

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The Drumlins Leaders 08-09

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for six hours many times. Hi! There are times I nap in the car too but it is that time of the month and I must get my article to KS2JEK. I guess I better get with the program and do the article instead of babbling on. Hi!

This month's article is a continuation of the last two months. I have been hitting you a lot with what are our RACES duties for the Wayne County EOC for April and May. Now I would like to finish up this series. You say what else is there? Well! Here it is.

Our 'official' job with RACES has been described in our last two months' articles. Now I would like to tell you about the unofficial jobs we could be handling too. These are of lesser priority but in an actual really bad scenario - you know the s---- really hits the fan- we could be helping in some other capacity.

First there is Newark Wayne Community Hospital (NWCH). Yes, this is true and not a mistake. If a real disaster occurs, especially with all phone, "twisted" pair, communications down-we would be called to help. Ontario and Yates counties already have amateur radio equipment stored and ready to go at F.F. Thompson, Geneva General and Soldiers and Sailors hospitals. This is 2-meter communications minimally but HF is being installed as well. All these hospitals will be able to connect to the Ontario County ARES-RACES center at the Ontario County EOC which is at the same location as the Ontario County 911 dispatch. The Ontario County RACES has Winlink 2000, PSK63, and the FIDigi shown at our May meeting and continuing for the June meeting. Wayne County has none of these nice things yet but it is hoped we can get there in the future.

It will take awhile to build up our RACES capacity in Wayne County as the EOC leadership in the past didn't take 'us' seriously. The many national disasters from '9-11'

to the present have shown amateur radios emergency capacity to be prepared works! Even with our present setup of 2-meter communications at our EOC we can connect with Ontario RACES with minimal effort. The Ontario RACES repeaters are easily reachable with their Bristol location. Talking with my ARES counterpart last month N2UMH, Jeff, he wants this coordination to happen. The goal would be to have duplicate communications capacity in both counties using each other as backup just in case. If we all had that magic ball and could predict when and where all this 'stuff' would happen we wouldn't be needed. But as the old saying goes you can only predict death and taxes. Hi! More to the point, we have George Bastedo and John O'Toole at our EOC and things are moving in the right direction. It will take time and patience.

Let's go back to the hospitals. NWCH has no amateur communications within the hospital itself. This is something that needs to be changed and will be. Bruce, WB2QKO, is participating in a tri-county hospital communications 'drill' on June 22nd involving Wayne, Ontario and Yates counties. With help from Ontario RACES this drill may show NWCH the advantage of amateur communications within the hospital and get the ball rolling. Funding is there by the way. Grants just need to be written up and there is source for that too. The Ontario RACES is very supportive and willing to help us. It is nice to have a resource to help you to a goal. It really proves the support amateurs have to amateurs in this so called 'hobby' of ours.

Secondly, we have many adult homes in the area such as Blossom View in Sodus, the DeMay Living Center at NWCH and Newark Manor on East Pearl Street in Newark just in back of NWCH. We already have an agreement with Blossom View to give them aid if needed. I bet you didn't know that did you? Hi! Of course there is the Wayne County Nursing Home near the Wayne County EOC on Nye Road as well. The latest June issue of "CQ" magazine has a great article on everything mentioned in this month's article and more. The article points out other areas could be support as local government road crews for example. In disasters these guys will be out cleaning up messes. These trucks usually have radios but if the power is out they will not communicate with a village or town HQ unless they have emergency power backup. Plus these radios have a shorter range since they don't use repeaters. Then school buses maybe used for emergency transportation as they have been used in the hurricane prone Gulf Coast. Most school buses do not have radios usually and if they did would need that emergency power backup again to be of any use. Plus both these radio sources are on one frequency and soon would be overloaded. The operators don't know radio net proto-

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June Program:

We are going to do a recap of STPR, and what we were doing at that event.

73, Jay KC2TCM

Upcoming Public Service Events

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Ontario Races.

ACTIVITIES & CONTESTS: Some discussion on Field days. DX-Pedition IOTA047 Squaw Island
Motion by KC2TCM to join with Ontario for field days. No Second but the motion was ruled as Passed

VE TEAM: NTR

REMEMBRANCE: W2ESS's passing was discussed

OLD BUSINESS: Complete Hamfest report by KB2KBY

NEW BUSINESS:

50/50 \$8.50 W2WPO

ADJOURNMENT: K2MPE 2nd W2EVU Carried AT 2008

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cols and message handling to keep things moving. Again that is why DARC members should participate in a Sunday night WARECS net even occasionally. (I'm always plugging for the net. Hi!)

I am not the glass is 'half empty' type of guy but one still has to be realistic in our mission of emergency communications. You can't be ready with a snap of the fingers. As you can see the need of especially 2-meter operators in a county emergency is crucial and we need all the RACES members we can get. Get those RACES badges, build up your emergency communications capacity and keep in the mind set. We're needed more than you think. There is more to do than you thought. I hope you have been enlightened.

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

HOLIDAY WARECS NET SCHEDULE

It is that time of the year again when the summer holiday schedule is in effect. The following national holiday weekends there will be NO Sunday WARECS nets: Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. Enjoy the extra time off and have a save holiday!

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY
Wayne County ARES EC

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

6-17 DARC meeting—1930, WC SEMO

Upcoming Hamfests

- June 13** Chaffee Country Hamboree
Pioneer Radio Operators Society
Springville, NY
- June 13** Skyline Amateur Radio Club
Cortland, NY
<http://www.skylineradioclub.org>
- July 18** RADIOCOM 2009
Utica Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.uticaarc.org>
- Aug. 1** 28th Annual Hamfest & Computer
Show
Genesee Radio Amateurs
http://www.geocities.com/gram_radio_club/index.html
- Aug. 1** Finger Lakes Hamfest
Tompkins County Amateur Radio
Club
<http://tcarc.compcenter.com/hamfest/>
- Sept. 19** Radio Amateurs of Greater Syracuse
<http://raginreview.com>

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!

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

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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 "Drumlins Rumblins."

WELCOME A NEW DARC MEMBER

Please welcome to the Drumlins John Homan, KC2VBM. John took the 'tech' exam at our hamfest and of course passed. He was given the call KC2VBM. John has been at the Drumlins meetings since and became a DARC member at the May meeting. John has been with the meetings with Spence, W4ILN, and both were bumped into at the Rochester hamfest on May 30th. Welcome, John! And-enjoy!

73 & 88, DARC Executive Committee

FIELD DAY 2009

Field Day this year for 2009 will be a little different. The Drumlins ARC membership was invited to join the Squaw Island ARC (SIARC) for Field Day on the grounds of their Ontario RACES EOC. The invitation was given to me when I spent a day with Scott, N2UMH, my Ontario County ARES EC counterpart when he gave me a tour of their facility. It would be good time to tour their RACES room fully equipped with HF, 2-meter, 440-meter, packet, Winlink 2000, PSK63 and FIDigi. Hopefully the Ontario County emergency van may be open for a tour also.

The SIARC RACES EOC is located at the Ontario County fire training center at the end of County Road 46. This is near the intersection of Freshour Road and County Road 46 in the Town of Hopewell. You can easily see the training facility on your right as you turn west on County Road 47 on your right side. I am quite sure directions can be given if you tune to one of the Bristol repeaters.

The members of DARC attending the May meeting voted to join SIARC for Field Day. I hope the members of DARC take advantage of this invitation to have fun and have an educational time as well. I have mentioned in this month's RACES-ARES article about my visit with N2UMH at Ontario County's EOC. 'Seeing is believing' and it will be of interest to you.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

**Friday Luncheon
Cross Park at noon**

**July Rumblins
Deadline is
July 1, 2009**

June 2009 WNY Section News

Rochester Hamfest a Huge Success!

Wow! The 75th Rochester Hamfest and ARRL Atlantic Division Convention at the Barnard Carnival Grounds was one for the ages. Great flea market, cool but good weather, big attendance, the food was excellent, nice banquet and a good group of commercial vendors. I saw friends that I hadn't seen at a hamfest in years! People from all around the northeast were in the crowd, and yes crowd is the correct word. The Barnard Fire Department, who own and manage the property, staffed the concession and cooked the food, the service was fast and the food was excellent. The banquet was well attended, with a buffet of fish, beef tips, chicken, pasta and a couple side dishes. Everyone enjoyed the variety and the food was great! The banquet was a great way to top off a wonderful hamfest. Great food, great people, huge flea market, excellent vendors, big attendance and terrific banquet, doesn't get any better than that! I hope you were there.

The first sign of encouragement was listening to the talk-in station. With the number of stations calling in you could tell the attendance was going to be "okay", but I had no idea just how okay it would be. With the change of location, there was concern on how the hamfest would turn-out. Changing a hamfest location can drive attendance down, so can changing the date. The RARA hamfest organizers were rightly concerned and were holding their collective breath. As soon as I saw the parking area, I said wow, this is great.

Best Call-In Station I've Ever Heard. While driving onto Rochester I was listening to the call-in station and Brad (I don't know his callsign) was taking callsigns for the call-in raffle and giving out directions as fast as he could. Since I too needed directions the call-in station was much appreciated. The call-in station operators also gave out the PL tone frequency very often. This is a lesson for all of you out there, announce the repeater PL tone very often. Don't expect everyone to know the PL off the top of their heads, especially those from out-of-town. During slow times announce your call often, let everyone know that someone is there to offer assistance.

The concession had a wide variety of food to choose from. I had the sausage and it was superb. Those Barnard fire department guys/gals sure know how to cook. Service was great and as fast as they could get you the food, you could sit down and eat, and the prices were very low and reasonable too. I heard a lot of comments on how good the food was and everyone was pleased with the low cost. The Barnard FD people were all smiles because they did very well with the concession, and if I read their minds correctly, they were thinking "these ham guys can eat"!

The outdoor flea market area was huge! I'm not sure how many tailgaters there were, several hundred by the looks of it, but there was a lot of terrific used equipment for sale. If you were looking for a good used HF radio, you had a lot to choose from. The indoor vendor space was decent and the club thought ahead and rented a very large tent for additional space for the commercial vendors. I spend time at each hamfest talking to the out-of-town vendors, to thank them for coming to Western New York. They were very happy at the attendance and seemed pleased with the business coming their way. I think that they will all be back next year and I'm sure that once word gets around the hamfest committee will have the pleasant task of a lot of vendor interest for next year's hamfest.

An unusual thing happened at the Rochester hamfest. There was a bit of a traffic jam coming onto Maiden Lane where the hamfest is located. What? A traffic jam? Yes the traffic caught everyone by surprise but a nice surprise if you think about it. Better too many people than too few! I waited about 15 minutes to get in, I heard some waited longer. As I sat there waiting, I started to laugh. This was the final confirmation that the attendance was not only good but it was great. RARA sincerely apologizes to those that had to wait and are already planning ahead so that the traffic jam will not occur next year. RARA is an excellent club and you can be sure things will run like a fine clock next year.

Summary. I usually don't go on and on this much about the WNY hamfests, but in this case I have too. Not because I used to live in Rochester, and still belong to a couple of the clubs there, but because this was the most fun I've had at a hamfest in years. I've been to a lot of them. I like a good hamfest and the WNY hamfests are all good ones. I attended 8 or 9 WNY hamfests last year and had a good time at each one. Cook me a sausage and I'm happy. Or breakfast, I'm easy to please.

The Rochester Hamfest this year was truly exceptional and Thank You to the Rochester Amateur Radio Association (RARA) for sponsoring a great event. Also a big thank you to all of the other clubs in the Rochester area for supporting RARA, setting up your club booths and tents, and being there when RARA needed you! Thank you to RRRA, RDXA, RVHFG, Judy from the Buffalo NWS for SKYWARN, the RCA club, the Antique Wireless Association (AWA), and anyone else I can't remember for being there. The hamfest was truly one we will remember for a long time.

Several reasons to attend a hamfest: You never know what goodie you'll find in the flea market. One year I bought a brand new in the box 6 meter yagi for about \$50 less than the normal price. Another year I found a "new" TH3 3-element HF yagi, where only the driven element had been used, \$50 for a basically new antenna. That's a great deal. At the same hamfest I bought a TA-33 with a couple broken pieces for \$10, a friend of mine had all the pieces I needed to put it back together again. Both of those HF yagis are on my tower today, \$60 for two HF yagis and a bit of labor to put them back together, not bad! Come and meet your friends, ask them to come along, hamfests are a great place to meet. Bring some stuff to sell to offset the travel cost, and pay for a goodie you might find. Hamfests are fun, so come to the next one!

Keith Freeberg N2BEL Educator of the Year Award

Peter Fournia W2SKY is the first recipient of the Keith Freeberg N2BEL Educator of the Year Atlantic Division Award, which was awarded at the banquet at the Rochester Hamfest.

Pete had worked very closely with Keith over the years in developing, organizing and teaching amateur radio topics to scores of people. This award is named after Keith Freeberg N2BEL who was very involved in amateur radio and amateur radio training in the Western New York Section. Keith had a unique ability to teach amateur radio to people of all ages. He had an affinity for working with young people and was very involved with one of the few Radio Coaches programs. It is very fitting that this award is dedicated to his memory and that the successful candidate demonstrate an ability to successfully train people in amateur radio. The emphasis is on quality of training and not pure number of people trained.

Congratulations to Pete W2SKY on this fine and well deserved achievement!

73 Scott W2LC ARRL WNY Section Manager, W2LC@arrl.org.

This was an email received from the ARRL.

AUGUST 12TH-"DX" EXPEDITION

The Squaw Island ARC (SIARC) will be operating an IOTA expedition on Squaw Island at the north end of Canandaigua Lake. Squaw Island is a National Park and actually is a IOTA numbered island, #047. Even if you cannot participate in the expedition look for the effort on the HF bands.

June 14 - July 25, 2009

Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>June 14</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>June 15</i>	<i>June 16</i>	<i>June 17</i> 7:30 PM DARC Meeting	<i>June 18</i>	<i>June 19</i>	<i>June 20</i>
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<i>June 28</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>June 29</i>	<i>June 30</i>	<i>July 1</i>	<i>July 2</i>	<i>July 3</i>	<i>July 4</i>
<i>July 5</i> NO NET WA2SOK B'Day	<i>July 6</i>	<i>July 7</i>	<i>July 8</i> KB2ROP B'Day	<i>July 9</i>	<i>July 10</i>	<i>July 11</i>
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