



Drumlin's Rumblins

DARC Monthly Newsletter

March 2009

Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 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: 02/18/09

MEMBERS / GUESTS N2RUS, N2MLD, KB2VGI, KC2QOL, KE4VHA, N3BNT, KB2KBY, KC2SWZ, WD2STK, KC2TCM, KC2TNJ, TRISTA, KC2JAL, N2COJ, KS2JEK AND Phil Lundy (swl)

MINUTES: Motion to accept as published in newsletter by N2COJ 2ND by KB2ROS & CARRIED

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

Corrections: NONE

TREASURERS REPORT by KB2KBY: Motion to accept by KC2TCM, 2nd N2RUS by & CARRIED

PUBLIC SERVICE NTR

REPEATERS: 146.745 New repeater is running in the shop will be installed at site in near future.
146.685- Good 144.950- all 3 working well

RACES: State drill scheduled for 03/24/09. **EOC training class** to be held Sat 03/21/09 at 10:00 AM

ACTIVITIES & CONTESTS: NTR

RACES-ARES March 2009



Well the clocks have been turned ahead, the big winter snows have nearly all melted, the temps are improving in the warmer direction and it is raining more than that white stuff.

It must be getting closer to the end of winter. As my Dad said quite often at this time of the calendar, "It is a day closer to spring." The white

stuff is not over yet by a long shot but the groundhog's prediction when spring will come finally be here.

Spring also means we are getting into the RACES-ARES season as well. Events

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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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start to pick up where the Drumlins members will be helping out with the emergency communications. One of those events coming up is the State Ginna drill on Tuesday, March 24th. There will be two dose assessment vans out and about and a NCS at the EOC. I know the positions will be covered but if anyone would like to ride along to see what is going on, don't hesitate to call. The messages are far easier than the Sunday night WARECS net. It would be nice to get more RACES members involved. For the drills coming up the paper forms will still be used. The EOC e-mailed Bruce and I that the computer system is not ready yet to use.

The EOC would like to see more faces for the Ginna drills. In a real emergency the 'same old-same old' members who have participated may not be around. To see what is actually going on and how you could step in if needed is a good thing. The bigger the pool of Drumlins members we have to call on who have had experience the more the merrier. It is a good time and you get a good lunch too. If you don't have a RACES badge yet, you can still get in as a visitor by either Bruce or I.

A reminder to all, the 146.685 repeater will be used for the March 24th Ginna drill. Listen in before you try to use it.

Also, remember John O'Toole the radiological/hazmat officer from the EOC will be giving a training class on Saturday, March 21st at the SEMO. There was a big article in the February newsletter about this if you need a refresher. (It is also in this month again on page 6.) As noted in a bullet in this issue of the March newsletter, there will be no refreshments, no coffee, etc., at this training event. (For those at the last club meeting, I did manage to remember to

get powdered creamer for coffee. Hey! It only took two months to remember. Hi!)

Spring is coming. It is time to get out of the winter doldrums. Get your RACES badge dusted off. Get your badge if you don't have one. Last month's RACES-ARES article will tell you in detail where to go and what to do even with pictures. If you have the time and can participate more for RACES, do it. More members are calling in on the WARECS net on Sunday. The Drumlins is stepping up to fulfill its goal of emergency communications.

See you next month! I never know what will be in the column until I sit down and start typing. But rest assured I'll have something down for you. Hi!
73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

RACES WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Here is a good site for SEMO and source to download a PDF file of RACES SOP and a neat colored RACES form showing the 5 regions and message form:

www.semo.state.ny.us, click on "Search SEMO" window on the top right of home page. Type in 'RACES' and a page will come up. Find the RACES info with Ken Goetz N2SQW and click on that and a page will come up and at the bottom is the info for the PDF file for 'RACES Standard Operating Procedure' and 'RACES NET.'

During our summer NWS 'SKYWARN' class last year this site was mentioned and Judy passed out magnets with this site:

www.nyalert.gov. Has a lot of neat info and links which could be very useful. You can log in for e-mail alerts if you wish so.

Give these sites a try and bookmark them if necessary. Have fun with it!

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Friday Luncheon
Cross Park at noon

March Program:

The program is going to be a DVD on digital modes and emergency communications.

I have the DVD from the Atlantic Division Digital Mode Webinar.

"This presentation will focus on the use of the Narrow Band Emergency Messaging System software (NBEMS), most specifically on the main application in the software suite named FLDIGI."

Should be pretty interesting, I've only watched the beginning of it, don't wanna spoil my surprise for the meeting.. :)

73, Jay KC2TCM

Upcoming Public Service Events

Rochester Hamfest
May 30, 2009

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VE TEAM: NTR

REMEMBERANCE: NTR

OLD BUSINESS: NTR

NEW BUSINESS The Hamfest was omitted from the March ARRL listing due to an email *SNAFU*, it will be make the April list.

50/50 KC2SWZ won \$6.50 which he donated to the club

ADJOURNMENT: 1959 by KC2TNJ 2nd by KE2VHA passed

**April Rumblins
Deadline is
April 1, 2009**

REMINDER:
SPECIAL EOC TRAINING CLASS-MARCH 21ST
SATURDAY -REGION 5 SEMO
10:00 AM

BREAKFAST AT 'CROSS PARK' FAMILY RESTURANT
MEET AT 8:15 AM

It has been long winter and a long time since club members have met for a time to gab and tell stories. Come for breakfast and attend the special training session after. Bring some sunshine into brown March.

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

3-18 DARC meeting—1930, WC SEMO

3-21 EOC Training—1000, WC SEMO

Upcoming Hamfests

- April 18** Drumlins Hamfest
Newark, NY
<http://drumlinsarc.org>
- May 9** Binghamton Amateur Radio Association
<http://w2ow.org>
- May 30** Atlantic Division Convention (75th Rochester Hamfest)
RARA
<http://www.rochesterham.org>
- 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://ragsinreview.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!

www.drumlinsarc.org

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

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DRUMLINS HAMFEST APRIL 18TH. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

It is hamfest time again for the Drumlins. Please consider volunteering your time for the following events as much as you can:

1. **FRIDAY-April 17th**-setup Marbletown F.D. 5:00PM; KJI & Quick Silver will be there and whoever else appears. Help needed for vendor setting up. Pizza for the work crew!
2. **FRIDAY-APRIL 17TH**- 'security' needed for over the night time from 11:00pm to doors open Saturday morning. (KB2KBY taking the early evening shift 5:00-11:00PM.) Need cellphone!
3. **SATURDAY-APRIL 18TH**- HAMFEST:
 - * Help needed with kitchen. Esther & Steve Elliott heading the kitchen but need 3 helpers.
 - * Help needed with tickets/money at entrance. Two at 'gate'- have canopy for inclement WX- need volunteers to relieve first 'gate' crew. Possible help (ers) with parking during the big rush time.
 - * Volunteer(s) to collect 'tail-gater' and 'table' fees.
 - * Volunteer(s) to man the club table.
 - * Volunteer(s) for collecting 50/50 ticket-money.
 - * Three volunteers with VE badges - Extra class - to help with ARRL VE testing at SEMO.
 - * Help at the mic table with announcements, ticket cage, etc.
 - * Volunteers to aid vendors with breakfast, drinks etc., if needed by vendor while they man their tables.
 - * Volunteer(s) for 146.745 talk-in - must know area roads, directions, etc.
 - *BIG CREW TO HELP WITH CLEANUP & PUTTING TABLE/ CHAIRS BACK IN PLACE. Big prizes being held off until 12:30PM! (Suggestion from last year.) Clean-up crew chance for ARRL prize.

This is our one big fund raiser for the year. A lot of hands make the hamfest easier for all. We have been very successful the past 3 years and against the norm. We have increased in numbers each year. KJI and Quick Silver as amateur vendors have been a big boost to our hamfest as well. Your support is appreciated to keep them returning. Please help when and where you can.

73 & 88, Doug KB2ROP
Chairman for Hamfest
Executive Committee

The car is a 1950 Mercury V8 - 3 Speed - Shift lever on the steering column. The antenna is a Saturn 3 ring for 6 meters. The Radio is 6 Meter Home brew by K2INH of Elbridge NY.

I swapped him a NRI Oscilloscope for it. NRI was a correspondence course taken by mail for electronics. [National Radio Institute] I got the NRI kit course from a neighbor who gave up on it This was in 1960.



K2INH has a 6 meter repeater near Auburn on 53.050. [Spence](#)

Rochester Hamfest Venue Change

For those that don't know already, the Rochester Hamfest is changing locations. It is also going to a 1 day event. The new location for the hamfest will be the Barnard Carnival Grounds, which is located at 380 Maiden Lane, Rochester NY. The date of the hamfest is the 30th of May. The price has also changed. It is now \$5.00/person and 16 and under are Free. For more info, see www.rochesterham.org/Hamfest.htm. You can also get to it from our website www.drumlinsarc.org.

BAD "WX" DARC MEETING - CHECK 146.685 REPEATER

During the winter bad weather (WX) months-check the 146.685 repeater. Starting at 6:00PM for a usual Wednesday night meeting there will be an announcement every 15 minutes on the quarter hour canceling the meeting. Announcements will end at 7:30PM. Keep monitoring the repeater. If this is Saturday meeting, which are at 10:00AM, the announcement will start at 8:30AM.and end at 10:00AM. (The 685 has full back up emergency power.)

BAD "WX" DARC MEETING - CHECK 146.685 REPEATER

SPECIAL EOC TRAINING CLASS
SATURDAY MARCH 21ST - 10:00AM
SEMO REGION 5

The March Drumlins meeting will be the usual third Wednesday night. In addition on Saturday March 21st, John O'Toole, Radiological/HazMat Officer for the Wayne County EOC, will hold a special training class for the Drumlins members at the SEMO Region 5 our club location.

The class will be a BREW training or 'basic radiation worker training' with an overview of Ginna and where the mission is for the RACES group. Bruce, WB2QKO, and I attended an EOC training class in early January given by John. It was good! He knows his stuff, the presentation was pertinent and the exercise was enlightening. The fact is we have the right people in the right place who are actually doing something! John has a good sense to humor too. He's a X-Navy man who worked on the nuclear subs. You have to have a sense of humor to be at one time job like that. Hi!



One little item from that January training was very revealing. Contrary to what we thought or never knew, RACES is THE primary communications with the EOC and the radiological teams in the field during a Ginna drill. It is right in the SOP! George Bastedo, the Director of the EOC, and John are behind us 100% with RACES and our need to be there. We are being supported!

John said, "In this modern day of technology and blackberries, there's nothing as comforting as knowing that with a generator and a radio, communications will be able to continue in the worst emergency." THAT IS RACES AND US, he's talking about!

Obviously Ginna is the number one training event for the EOC. But whether it is Ginna, a weather emergency, hazardous materials emergency or the one that is unplanned, John knows we must be ready. (Sounds like some of the hen pecking you have heard from me. Hi!) John e-mailed me, "It takes information to handle the emergency whatever it is. If we don't have our normal information gathering means then any situation becomes worse due to lack of information... I know it takes multiple failures to get us there sometimes but you can't lay the groundwork after the fact. It must be in place beforehand."

Well, this is the before hand! Please, be diligent and place March 21st on your calendar for this EOC training. Support your RACES!

As John wrote me, "Remember O'Toole's Law states that Murphy was an optimist." I told you John had a sense of humor. Hi!

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

March 15 - April 25, 2009

Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>March 15</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>March 16</i>	<i>March 17</i>	<i>March 18</i> 7:30 PM DARC Meeting	<i>March 19</i>	<i>March 20</i>	<i>March 21</i> 10:00 AM EOC Special Training Day
<i>March 22</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>March 23</i>	<i>March 24</i>	<i>March 25</i>	<i>March 26</i>	<i>March 27</i>	<i>March 28</i>
<i>March 29</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>March 30</i>	<i>March 31</i> WA2ENW B'Day	<i>April 1</i>	<i>April 2</i>	<i>April 3</i>	<i>April 4</i> N2COJ B'Day N2MKR B'Day
<i>April 5</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net AB2IK B'Day	<i>April 6</i>	<i>April 7</i> N2HVN B'Day	<i>April 8</i>	<i>April 9</i>	<i>April 10</i>	<i>April 11</i>
<i>April 12</i> Easter NO Net	<i>April 13</i>	<i>April 14</i> KD2CO B'Day	<i>April 15</i> 7:30 PM DARC Meeting	<i>April 16</i>	<i>April 17</i>	<i>April 18</i> N2MKT B'Day
<i>April 19</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>April 20</i>	<i>April 21</i>	<i>April 22</i>	<i>April 23</i>	<i>April 24</i>	<i>April 25</i>