



Drumlin's Rumblyns

DARC Monthly Newsletter

May 2009

Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 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 1932

DATE: April 23, 2009

MEMBERS / GUESTS: N2RUS, N2VTM, KB2KBY, K2MPE, W2EVU, AG2M, N2QK, N2MLD, WD2STK, KC2TCM, N3BNT, N2MKV, KC2AJU, N2JC, KB2ROP, KS2JEK, , K2OEQ, KC2TNJ, Trista Hamill, W4ILN and Phil Lundy. Guest: N9SBY

MINUTES: Motion to accept as printed in newsletter by K2MPE. 2ND by W2EVU & CARRIED

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

Corrections: N/A

TREASURERS REPORT by KB2KBY: Motion to accept by N2RUS, 2nd by KB2ROP & CARRIED

PUBLIC SERVICE: WD2STK reported on the upcoming Musclemann Tournament and discussed the format this year and changes

REPEATERS: 146.745 KB2KBY discussed the work on the controller and connecting the Telephone line for repeater control. 146.685 Good 144.950- WA2AAZ "constant busy" problems reported by K2MPE, KB2KBY will investigate.

RACES by KB2KBY: The State Drill scheduled for **May 05**. Wayne County has offered to purchase 4 new 2 Meter radios for RACES use. (2 Mobile and 2 with power supplies for Relief Centers) They will be stored at the EOC in their own protective containers readily available for use when RACES is activated

ACTIVITIES & CONTESTS: Just turn on your radio on the weekend and you can find them.

RACES-ARES April 2009



I have finally recovered from the hamfest and after some reminders from Jon, our newsletter editor; I decided I better get part two of last month's article written. You will remember last month's article was part one of questions asked about RACES-ARES and the membership's role in emergency communications. So here is part

two, a continuation of last month's article.

Last month I discussed the role of NCS and the van RACES ops needed for a Ginna drill. One must remember that for a drill the

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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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RACES ops needed is small. But heaven forbid, if the real 'McCoy' RACES ops would be needed for three different 8-hour shifts. Believe me, there is no one who hopes we are NOT needed for the real thing than I. But one still must be prepared and one should be part of a drill if they have the time.

In addition to last month's duties for RACES described there are yet more. If the county's citizens must be evacuated outside the 10-mile zone if an incident at Ginna happens, then the scenario gets even more interesting. RACES will support the Wayne County Chapter of the Red Cross. Jim Love is the head director of the Red Cross. Wayne RACES will support him. Where? Jim will need communications at the Red Cross congregate care centers at the Newark and Pal-Mac Middle Schools. (In a worst scenario even RACES ops may be needed at the chapter headquarters.) Emergency communications will be especially needed when the 'twisted pair,' the old phone lines, and cell phone towers are out. Remember the ice storms of late? Yea-we sure do, don't we! In both those ice storms emergency communications by RACE was at various schools to help out the Red Cross. This Ginna drill business can also be easily adapted to any kind of emergency. The ice storms were one of them. Ops pulled out of the woodwork to help. Any communications was covered for the period needed. But it would be nice if more club members participated in the Ginna drills to find out how the protocol is used and works. (Hint! Hint!)

In addition to covering the middle schools at Newark and Palmyra, communications is also needed at both the villages' high schools. A RACES op will be at

each high school at Newark and Palmyra for communications between the middle and high schools of each village. The high school is where the fire, EMT and police will be located. Remember this means also in a real event three 8-hour shifts must again be covered. (May 13th was the FEMA part of this Ginna drill at Newark high and middle schools.)

This means RACES must cover minimally seven RACES positions for three 8-hour shifts between the descriptions of both months' articles. That is a minimum of 21 RACES ops. This is THE bare minimum! Realistically 21 amateurs will tire fast over a short period of time. The more members of the club can participate in Ginna drills, WARECS nets, training classes, HF State nets, and prepare for emergency communications, the better. Each member must take this commitment to heart and do their part as best as they can. Our Wayne County EOC is doing their part to help us in our mission. Keep reading these month newsletter articles to see how. Do your part to be prepared for them.

One thing not covered in either month's RACES duties is HF. Yes! Remember the IC-718s, LDG auto tuners and the 25 amp power supplies bought by the club? If there is a need if it ever arises, HF communications could be utilized from the Region 5 SEMO where we hold our meetings. This would be for connections to either Albany or other county EOCs. In addition we may have to keep an HF link to the Buffalo NWS as well. Remember that one? I do of course and you are now reminded. Obviously the numbers start adding up for more ops and more shifts of relief ops too.

I guess I could have kept last month's article a little shorter and added it on here. Oops! But you get the whole picture now hopefully better than you had. Believe me that picture is a busy one. I hope I have given you more food for thought and possibly more questions to answer but more so an incentive to get you to do your part. Keep thinking, keep asking and keep doing, please! See you next month.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY
Wayne County ARES EC

May Program:

Hopefully the forth time is the charm!!

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

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

THANK YOU FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to take this time to thank all of the Drumlins members who helped make the 2009 hamfest a great success. There are too many to put in print here. You know who you are and I do not wish to make a mistake forgetting someone. I have a little more hair than my 'baby brother' but I could forget just as much as him. Hi!

Although I have been President a short time, I have been a member of the Drumlins for some time. I am

Upcoming Public Service Events

Rochester Hamfest
May 30, 2009

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VE TEAM: All set for exams during the Hamfest

REMEMBERANCE: AB2F "Recuperating" at home after surgery

OLD BUSINESS: HAMFEST!!!! KB2ROP reported *STILL* can use volunteers! Setup at 1700 Fri, pizza to follow. 0700 Sat. open for vendors, 0800 open for buyers. Help should show up before 0700. Workers need to plan on staying after to help clean up and reset the chairs and tables.

NEW BUSINESS: KB2KBY reported the Drumlin's membership is up to 92 members. K2MPE requested a copy of the membership roster from KB2KBY

50/50 \$10.50 KC2TCM

Motion to Adjourn by: N2RUS 2nd N2COJ
ADJ at 2023

always amazed how the membership pulls out for the hamfest and just digs in and gets it done. There is no one barking orders. All the helpers just seem to know what needs to be done and they do it as a team. Myself included, none of us are getting any younger but all pull their weight as best they can. The aches and pains don't get less for us. So, I thank all the members who helped set up Friday, worked during the hamfest and were there to pack up and put everything back in place. When things count, the membership is there!

73, Bob, N2MLD
DARC President

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

5-20 DARC meeting—1930, WC SEMO

5-30 Hamfest—0800, Rochester

Upcoming Hamfests

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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HAMFEST 2009- PRIZE WINNERS

The Drumlins hamfest 2009 was once again a great success with the help of the Drumlins membership that helped out during the two day event. Let's face it! Between the setup, helping KJI Electronic unload, setting up the sound system, security, kitchen setting up early and working the whole time, selling tickets at 'the gate,' announcing, getting the tailgater's fees, collecting table fees, club table, VE testing, 50/50 collection, taking care of the prize handouts, tearing down, cleaning up and putting the fire hall back in order, taking the trash out and helping KJI load up, it IS a two day event! Many hands made the hamfest a success. Drumlins, a job well done to you all! You know who you are!

Our hamfest is a small one but very successful thanks to our prizes. Once again we had a whole table full of prizes big and small. Besides two of the top prizes purchased through KJI Electronics, KJI gave us many cool prizes for the table. We thank Gene and Randy very much for their coming and adding to the hamfest success. We are one of the smallest hamfest yet we have a ham dealer in attendance. Believe me not all small hamfest have ham dealers. We're sorry Quick Silver could not make it due to illness. The Wireman had a family funeral. We all have been there at one time or another for both those reasons. We do hope they will be back next year and KJI as well. (Check the pics of KJI and Gene.) Bob of One Yukon also has been one of our best supporters. Bob donated our tickets for this year and last year's hamfest. Hopefully Bob will do the same again. (Check Bob's picture too in the newsletter.) Try to support our ham vendors through the year if you can.

Back to our prizes! Our top prize, the Yaseu FT-

2800M, went to one of our own members, Paul Fyles, KC2JAL. Good going, Paul! It is always nice to see one of the Drumlins members get a good prize. Congratulations, Paul, and have fun with the rig. Our second prize, the Yaseu VX-170, went to Mike Gunselmann of Niagara Falls, NY. Finally our third prize, the Alinco DJ-V17, went to Chuck Willson, K2GMZ, of Palmyra, NY. Delivering the HT to Chuck I found he was once a DARC member. I said I would be very glad to add him to the KB2KBY taxi service for the next meeting. I do hope he takes advantage of the offer.

Last year's hamfest we had a lot of club equipment which we had gotten rid of. Thus we had a banner club table year. If we had had the same funds generated this year we would have equaled last year's results or better. We were not far off from last years and that with a \$50 rise in the fire hall fee. The weather was very cooperative and the tailgaters were numerous. It was a good hamfest. Come to the May meeting and find out the results. You will be pleased. Thank you Drumlins members for your help.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY
DARC Treasurer

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

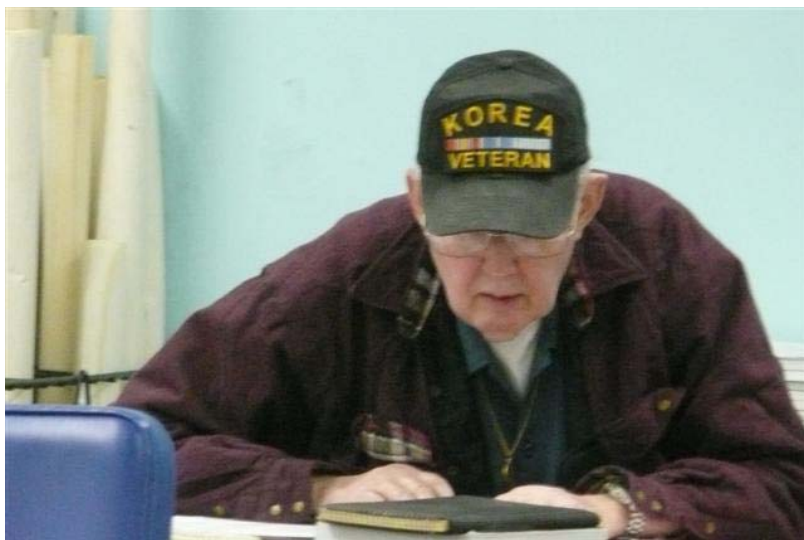
During the winter bad weather (WX) months-check the 146.685 repeater. Starting at 6:00PM for a usual Wednesday night meeting there will be an announcement every 15 minutes on the quarter hour canceling the meeting. Announcements will end at 7:30PM. Keep monitoring the repeater. If this is Saturday meeting, 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.)

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VE TESTING RESULTS- HAMFEST 2009

The club decided to go with the ARRL VE testing again this year at the hamfest 2009. The ARRL does a good job with materials I will admit. We can see what will happen for next year in due time. The ARRL VE testing will be used at least every other year regardless as our club VEs must do testing once in two years to keep their ARRL VE certification. I don't think there is anyone of the VEs that wishes to lose their certification.

Here are the results of this year's VE testing. Twelve people took exams. I have not seen the parking lot so full for a VE testing in quite a long time. Hi! It was good to see. Although KB2SOZ didn't have any 'tech' classes this year the numbers were the same as last year. Ten of the twelve taking the tests took the entry level 'tech' test. All of the testers passed! [Note the picture of the testers taking their tests.] So we have ten new hams in the area. I am hoping to find time to send invitations to all to join the Drumblins. Two of those new hams are Drumblins members. One is Ray Seppeler who joined the club at the March meeting. Also, as mentioned in the 'welcome new members' in this month's newsletter is Harold Cheetham. Harold sent his membership in before the hamfest by snail mail. Congratulations to Ray and Harold! (Now KC2VBJ and KV2BL respectively.)



Also two of our members tried to upgrade their 'tickets'- KA2JRD and W2EVU. Even though they did not pass their tests they are commended for the good try. Most of us have been there and we know the feeling. A

good pat on the back for their attempts is worth mentioning. [If you want to see a good test taker at work see the picture of W2EVU. Talk about concentration! Thanks, Walt, for being a good picture taker. Hi!]

I thank AA2MS, N2COJ and N2QK for their help with the VE testing. Once again they were able to help as in the year's past. AB2F was missed for this year.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY, VE Liaison



**Friday Luncheon
Cross Park at noon**

**June Rumblins
Deadline is
June 3, 2009**

WELCOME OUR NEWEST DARC MEMBERS

Please welcome the newest members to the Drumlins ARC. Things have been a little hectic at the QTH here and I am in need of a little catch up in this department.

Joining back in February is Dennis Heipt, N3BNT. Dennis just lives around the block from the club treasurer. I've been hinting to him for years to join and he finally did. Hi! Also for the month of February Ray Seppler who passed his exam at the Drumlins' hamfest and now is KC2VBJ. Congratulations, Ray, at earning your 'ticket.'

Just before the Drumlins' hamfest in April, Harold Cheetham had been e-mailing me about taking the tech test. Harold sent in his membership to me in March. At the hamfest exam session Harold passed his tech exam and now has the call KC2VBL. Congratulations to you, Harold!

At the April meeting Chris Leven a former DARC member rejoined the club. Chris, N2VTM, finally found time to devote to amateur radio and to re-up the Drumlins. Welcome back, Chris. Many of us have been in that exact situation, we needed time and we are glad you were able to find it.

Sent to me in May was a new membership for Wayne Rochow, N9SBY. Thanks, Ray, for your membership as well. I do apologize to Ray, I had his e-mail but he beat me to the punch getting it in. Thanks, Wayne, for being faster on the draw.

So, Drumlins members, please, welcome these new hams into the club. New members, remember to tell the newsletter editor or myself if you don't receive the 'Drumlins Rumblins' newsletter each month. The Drumlins looks forward to getting to know all of you new members better. Don't be shy! Hi!

73, Dave KB2KBY
Drumlins ARC Treasurer





May 17 - June 27, 2009

Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>May 17</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>May 18</i>	<i>May 19</i>	<i>May 20</i> 7:30 PM DARC Meeting K4FXD B'Day	<i>May 21</i>	<i>May 22</i>	<i>May 23</i>
<i>May 24</i> Memorial Day No Net	<i>May 25</i>	<i>May 26</i>	<i>May 27</i>	<i>May 28</i>	<i>May 29</i>	<i>May 30</i> Rochester Hamfest
<i>May 31</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<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>
<i>June 7</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<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>
<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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