



Drumlin's Rumblyns

DARC Monthly Newsletter

November 2009

Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 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 1932
DATE: Oct 21 2009

MEMBERS / GUESTS: N2MLD, N2JC, KC2TNJ, Trista Hamill, WD2STK, W2EVU, KC2VBL, KC2JAL, K2MPE, N2VTM, KB2ROS, N3BNT, KB2KBY, N2QK, AG2M, KC2TCM, KB2ROP, W4ILN, KC2VBM, N2RUS, Phil Lundy and Sgt. Lori Lampson (NYDSP)

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: NONE

TREASURERS REPORT by KB2KBY: Motion to accept by N2JC, 2nd by KC2TNJ & CARRIED

PUBLIC SERVICE: An overview of this year's "Pumpkin Patrol" was given By Sgt. Lori Lampson. Our New York State Police liaison for the current Patrol. She reemphasized the need for and appreciation of our efforts. A short overview of policy, protocol and procedures was given as a review for the "OLD TIMERS" and instructions for the "FIRST TIMERS". Hours will be 2000 to 0000.

REPEATERS: No Change in Status **146.745 146.685 144.950**

RACES: KB2KBY reported on the HOSTLE TAKE-OVER Drill at Ginna. With EOC participation. A new computer system was used. Still a few "Bugs" to be worked out. Reported on EMMCOM EAST. Feb 17 2010 will be the next state drill at Ginna. KB2KBY reminded us RACES Badges do not expire.

ACTIVITIES & CONTESTS: AG2M Reported on the NYS

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RACES-ARES November 2009



November was a busy month for the club. There a 'hostile takeover' Ginna drill and the Pumpkin Patrol. (See the pictures for each attached to the newsletter.)

First, let us look at the Ginna 'hostile takeover' drill. Although the Wayne County EOC was not directly involved with the 'hostile takeover' drill per say, it was a good training session at the EOC nonetheless. The EOC has been modernizing the messaging

and message sorting for Ginna drills. This was the first drill where all the RACES's six different forms were all computerized. Yes! Computerized! Before you get concerned, believe me, KB2KBY had no problem adapting to the new situation. All the DARC club members are well aware of my 'famed' computer abilities which are 'nada.' So, **Continued on page 2**

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

The Drumlins Leaders 08-09

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if I can go through the 'numbers' anyone can. Hi! It is faster! I mean that even with my typing ability. The keyboard for me is 'enemy #1.' Remember, I was in remedial typing in the Army in 1964-65 at Ft. Devens, MA, because I could not copy CW on the military 'mill' a caps only typewriter. (I managed to pass the typing test once and went into Soviet ciphered RTTY instead. It is why I like these new digital modes too. Hi!) If I can do it-anyone can do it! (Notice the pictures of the EOS RACES position and the computer screen of the Wayne County logo.)

But being the typical mediocre typist I did make typing errors. I pointed out to the EOC folks there was no way to correct those mistakes after the form was sent on the system. It is change they know now to make. Plus I pointed out there was no way to print my computerized formed message to give to the Dose Assessment team sitting right next to me. The system is good as there are no more 'paper' messages piling up on all the desks at the EOC. Remember there are many desks at the EOC just like at SEMO. An added plus is you can bring up other desks' messages and you are alerted on the monitor screen when a new message comes up from another EOC 'group' like the Red Cross, Police, etc.

EOC is coming "out of the woods" going paperless so to speak. Hi! This would be a good time for John O'Toole from the county EOC to visit us. John could do a power point of the new message computerizing program. With the Ginna State drill coming in February we have a few months which to ask him to come. (Hint hint, John!) (I send a copy of the newsletter to John, if I remember. Hi!)

Second, computerization is the wave of the emergency communications. This goes also for the digital modes as well. Scott Teresi, N2UMH, my ARES counterpart in Ontario County, has been a good 'Elmer' for me in this area. When Scott and I were manning the Ontario County RACES position for the Friday night Pumpkin Patrol I got a little OJT. (For you non-military types that was 1960s Army jargon for "On the Job Training." I don't if it is even used anymore.) MT63 for example

is a great digital mode to send big files as demonstrated at the September meeting. Scott got my netbook working with the FIDigi program, AirMail and even a sound card packet TNC. Yes! I said sound card TNC. For those of you who don't have the funds for a TNC this sound card TNC maybe the way to go. At the 'hostile takeover' Ginna drill I was going to connect the Ontario County RACES by with my TNC. (With their WinLink connection they could sent my packet anywhere in the world.) Unfortunately my netbook would not recognize my USB port comport cable. (Somehow up dating my XP to "Service Pack 3" my netbook lost the USB program. I had to install it again.) The sound card TNC on my netbook would have solved that problem. It is there now. Hi! You have to download the 'WinPack' TNC program to have the sound card TNC to work properly. I am hoping Scott can give us a program at one of our meeting nights too.

Our goal is at some time to have MT63 used for our WARECS Sunday night net in addition to the regular message. It was shown at our September meeting program how 'acoustic' transmission and receive of MT63 is used with a HT. And we are using packet for some of those 'sign-ins.' The sound card TNC could be of use here too. The sound card TNC does not have all the features of a full real TNC. The sound card TNC acts like a KPC-3 but it does not have a BBS feature. There are club members who have rigs with built in TNC that have the same non-BBS feature. The sound card TNC could be used in the converse mode as long as both TNCs were talking to each other. I think I have this all straight. Scott did a lot of OJT-ing that night. Hi!

Keep all of this in mind. We are slowly advancing to the digital age for RACES-ARES. We'll take small steps at a time like the infant child learning to walk but we'll get there. If I can 'get this stuff' - all of you can get it. Hi! CU next month.

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



November Program:

I've asked Scott (N2UMH) if he could come down and demo some of his digital equipment, and maybe talk about our EOC's.

73, Jay KC2TCM

Upcoming Public Service Events

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QSO PARTY.

VE TEAM: NTR

REMEMBERANCE: NTR

OLD BUSINESS: Some discussion on the Safety Vests for Official Communication.

NEW BUSINESS: An overview of DARC and Binghamton Radio club Hamfests Coordination efforts. KC2TNJ reported the Palmyra VFW is taking BOOKINGS for 2010. Rich will be our contact. Feb 20 for winter party with Feb 27 as alt.

ELECTIONS: President—N2MLD, Vice President—KC2TNJ, Secretary—WD2STK, Treasurer—KB2KBY, 3 Year Director--- KB2ROP, 2 Year Director--- N2JC, 1 Year Director --- N2QK

A motion was made by K2MPE that the Secretary cast 1 ballot for the nominated slate of officers. Seconded by N2VTM and carried.

50/50 KB2KBY \$8.50

ADJOURNMENT: KC2VBL 2nd N2RUS CARRIED
ADJ @ 2028

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER THIS NOVEMBER

At the October meeting Starr Gregor-KC2VBP-daughter of Spence and Ila, W4ILN AND KA4IEV respectively joined the Drumlins' membership. Starr passed her test at the April Drumlins hamfest and was recognized getting her 'ticket' but Dad signed her up at the October meeting. Welcome Starr to the Drumlins!

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

11-16 DARC meeting—1930, WC SEMO

Upcoming Hamfests

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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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."



**Friday Luncheon
Cross Park at noon**



**December Rumblins
Deadline is
December 2, 2009**

Booooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo!

Another Pumpkin Patrol is complete! Again the Squaw Island ARC (SIARC), and the Drumlins ARC (DARC), worked together covering the bridges for Troop T. (Scared by the pumpkin? Hi!)

Please, be assured Troop T does really appreciate the help at the time of Halloween. Since ARCs have been helping Troop T the nights of October 30th and 31st bridges have been secured from anyone trying to be devious as long as that amateur radio operator sits in their car. Unfortunately it is impossible to be there all time and Troop T realizes it. Monroe County at one of their bridges did have a car stop and when the individual started getting out of the car, the bridge sitter put on his car beams-the individual quickly got in the car and took off. Our presence is important!

So your hat should be off to those bridge sitters that have a purpose being there but are bored silly sitting there. They were KC2TCM, KC2VBM, N2MLD, AB2WZ, KC2TNJ, WD2STK, N2VTM, W2KRH, K2OEQ, WB2QKO and WB2VMR. This boring job is necessary and good; and, each bridge sitter took their bridge sitting well. The WX cooperated and so did the public, so it was a good time to contemplate sitting in ones car. Many commented the time went fast. Thank you, bridge sitters!

Luckily we have many repeaters in the area as the scheduled primary and secondary repeaters had to be changed for the Pumpkin Patrol. Originally the 145.450 was to be the primary repeater and the 146.745 was to be the backup. An intermittent problem on the 145.450 meant the 146.745 repeater became the primary and the 145.110 became the backup. After a little initial confusion the bridge sitters and NCS got to settle down for the evening activities on Friday. The same repeaters were used on Saturday. It is a good thing amateurs are a flexible bunch and adapted with the scenario without a hitch. Hi! N2UMH was NCS for Friday with KB2KBY as ANCS. Saturday night KB2KBY was NCS with KB2NCI as ANCS. The 146.745 worked flawlessly! Thank you, DARC!

It was a good thing NCS has an ANCS. This has not been possible in the past but with both SIARC and DARC cooperating we had enough of a 'pool' of volunteers to make it possible. While acting as NCS Saturday night KB2KBY lost power to both the rigs monitoring our Pumpkin Patrol and Monroe County. KB2KBY happened to jiggle the desk where the rigs were with his comfy chair and loosened up an Anderson power pole connector on the RigRunner. Oops! The main 12-volt cable just happened to be at a stress point where the jiggle led the power pole to slip and 'bingo' off went the rigs. KB2KBY has seen article in the 'Hint & Kinks' section of QST about that very problem. Luckily KB2NCI was there after a quick phone call to take ANCS while KB2KBY figured out what had happened. Hi! Luckily he did! (It took awhile as poor KB2KBY couldn't get down on his 'pretend knees' and really take a good look. Hi! Well, he could have gotten down but it would 10 minutes to get back up. Going down is easy! Hi!) (View the pictures of the Ontario County RACES position.) Many thanks, SIARC, for having your RACES position available. KB2NCI was ANCS from his home QTH. Thanks, KB2NCI! (Remember in an ICS situation NCS or even ANCS may not be really at the command center.)

Also N2UMH and KB2KBY thank KC2TCM and KB2ROP for being 'substitutes' for the Pumpkin Patrol. As it has been stated above, we have not had this 'luxury' in the past. Ever! As it was, KC2TCM had to be 'called in' to help. Thanks, KC2TCM, for being available. You must remember the 'subs' have to be there and ready so they can't plan anything for the evening either. Then they must stick around to make sure they are not needed during the Pumpkin Patrol time itself. Life happens! It is better to be prepared. This is mentioned because until a few days ahead of the time, it was tenuous everything would be covered. So please consider volunteering for a future Pumpkin Patrol as more volunteers makes the job of organization easier.

"FB", SIARC and DARC club members! Organizing is one thing but without the time given by you volunteers, the Pumpkin Patrol would not be possible.

73 & 88,
Scott, N2UMH, & Dave, KB2KBY

*"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;
and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8*



"Live Nativity"

Sunday, December 13th 3-7 PM

Ginegaw Park Lodge, Walworth Penfield Road (Rt 441) Walworth, NY

Presentation will run every half hour beginning at 3PM outside the lodge. FREE Hot Cocoa, Coffee, Cider, & Cookies inside the lodge.

Canned Goods Welcome to benefit the Walworth Food Pantry

Come on out and join us! Bring your family and hear the Christmas story! We hope to see you there!

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KC2SIN
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KV2VBL
KA2JRD
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N2MKY
N2COJ
KB2UDB
KC2JKY
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K2WPO

November 15 - December 26, 2009

Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Nov 15</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net W1YX B'Day	<i>Nov 16</i>	<i>Nov 17</i>	<i>Nov 18</i> 7:30 PM DARC Meeting	<i>Nov 19</i>	<i>Nov 20</i>	<i>Nov 21</i>
<i>Nov 22</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Nov 23</i>	<i>Nov 24</i>	<i>Nov 25</i>	<i>Nov 26</i> Happy Thanksgiving	<i>Nov 27</i>	<i>Nov 28</i>
<i>Nov 29</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Nov 30</i>	<i>Dec 1</i>	<i>Dec 2</i> N2JC B'Day	<i>Dec 3</i>	<i>Dec 4</i>	<i>Dec 5</i>
<i>Dec 6</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net WB2AUW B'Day	<i>Dec 7</i>	<i>Dec 8</i>	<i>Dec 9</i>	<i>Dec 10</i>	<i>Dec 11</i>	<i>Dec 12</i>
<i>Dec 13</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Dec 14</i>	<i>Dec 15</i>	<i>Dec 16</i> 7:30 PM DARC Meeting	<i>Dec 17</i>	<i>Dec 18</i>	<i>Dec 19</i>
<i>Dec 20</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Dec 21</i>	<i>Dec 22</i> KE4VHA B'Day	<i>Dec 23</i>	<i>Dec 24</i>	<i>Dec 25</i> Merry Christmas	<i>Dec 26</i>