



DRUMLIN'S RUMBLINS

DARC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2008

NEXT MEETING

Saturday March 22, 2008

Doors open at 9:00 am

Meeting 10am

New York State EMO

Route 31 Newark, NY

or try 146.745

PROGRAM!

<<< DARC SHACK SALE >>>

MINUTES

The Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD.

Secretary Notes: February 20, 2008

Call to Order: 1930^{ish} Douglas Peeso KB2ROP acting President

Attendance: KB2ROP, N2JC, K2MPE, KB2KBY, N2MLD
KB2BSR, AB2F KE4VHA, K2WPD, W4ILN, WA2SOK,
N2COJ, KS2JEK, KD2NJ, W2EVU, K2MPE

Guests: George Haupt (KC2SWZ), Rose Collinworth

Minutes: approved as published in newsletter.

Treasure's report: Accepted as given orally

Public Service: No report

Repeaters: 146.745 OK, 146.685, 144.950 Packet: Irv
WA2SOK gave a discussion of the linking issues with Auburn.

Activities and Contests: No Report

VE Team: No Report

WARECS-RACES/ARES: No Report

Public Relations: No report

Newsletter:

Remembrances/Concerns:

Club member Bob Buss N2MLE is a silent key as is

Old Business: drumlinsarc.org is our new web-address.

The site is up and running but the contents were copied from the old site and thus a little out of date. Thanks to Brad Allen and Dave Taylor for making this

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RACES-ARES- MARCH 2008

Okay-I got the chills this time! This last freezing rain event on Wednesday, March 5th, really made the hair stand up on my neck! (Yea-I know! It is about the only place I have hair on my head. Hi! Dad use to say, "You can't have both hair and brains. So I guess I am getting smarter as I get older. Hi! Don't tell N2MLD, my brother, that. He would debate I'm getting smarter. Hi!) I am pretty much 'the glass if half full' person, but this year's constant barrage of ice is getting me down.

How many times can we get this ice stuff and skate by? Parts of Sodus were without power this time. We have DARC members in that area and I hope they were able to keep their electric. The ice was so thick on my HF antennas I really had to retune the G5RV from the normal settings for the Sunday morning NYS RACES net. For the WARECS net that Sunday evening I had to boost my 2m rig from 5-watts because the ice coating would not let me hit the 745 with a stable signal. Normally 5-watts is all I need. That ice was giving me the chills again.

Where am I going? Well there is that reminder to be prepared. Mother Nature sure keeps reminding me. Hi! I had the extra

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SILENT KEYS

Robert C. Buss Feb.5, 1926-Feb. 12, 2008

Past Treasurer 1992 - 1997

N2HS Len Cataldi, Kendall, NY

The Drumlins Leaders 07-08

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Races from Page 1 gasoline for the generator and fuel ready for the heaters for this last ice bout. This was a close call. The high winds after this ice sure didn't help the chill up my neck either. Those that lost their electric were because of the wind after the ice. They were just getting their power back the day before I sat down to type this month's article.

What else? With all this threatening weather an idea has come to the gray cells. If the power does happen to go out, you and I know the repeaters will soon drain their battery backup power. Then what? The only thing left is using 2m simplex. So on April 20th the Sunday after our hamfest we are going to have a WARECS 2m simplex event on the Sunday night net!

2m simplex event? We are going to test out how our 2m communications would be just using simplex. We'll start out on the 745 repeater but switch to a simplex frequency. 146.520 is the national wide simplex frequency. That would be a good choice. This will only work if we have as many club members on the frequency as possible. If you have not been on the Sunday nets try your best to be there for this net. I am hitting you here early and in the April newsletter and I will mention this event at the hamfest setup and teardown parties as well.

Lets find out were we really stand so to speak with 2m simplex. Lets find out before we are caught with our pants down. Lets keep the fingers crossed no ice event happens in the meantime or any other weather event. Get those 2m antennas and 2m rigs ready! Get those manuals out and familiarize yourselves with simplex operation. APRIL 20TH 2M SIMPLEX NET EVENT! Get it on your calendar.

See you next month.

73 & 88 Dave KB2KBY

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happen. Updates including Ham Fest information are in the workings.

Ham Fest plans are going well. A software developer has asked to have the club make available at our table copies of his logging program for sale a portion of the profits will come back to the club.

New Business: A motion was made and approved to have the duties of the Vice-President of Drumlins Amateur Radio Club include being the Ham Fest coordinator.

Notes of Interest: None

50/50 Drawing:

Program: Dave Taylor presented a discussion and demonstration of the differences between manual and automatic tuners.

Adjournment: Agreed upon by all.

Respectfully submitted with help from many others:
Douglas Peeso KB2ROP

NEW MEMBER & UPGRADES

Please welcome to DARC, George Haupt-KC2SWZ- who joined the club at the February meeting. George was originally a W5-call way back when you were a WN for a novice ticket. George gave me this info but it has skipped my gray cells. His grandfather was a ham and a big influence on George and his brother. George let his ticket expire long ago. Now time has given him the chance to get back in ham radio. George took the test at RARA and passed his Tech and General exams easily. Welcome, George, to DARC!

Jim Stone, KC2OBM-upgraded to General at a local hamfest in his new QTH of North Carolina. Now he just has to get his Yeasu FT-897 from his old partner in crime, W2EVU, and get on the air. Be a good boy, Walt, and give Jim's radio back with a stiff upper lip. Hi! (I'd cry too!)

Finally we have a message from Scott Thomas AB2YM was(K2PTP) former secretary of DARC and who is in the Cortland area since going to college there. Scott took Extra exam at the Horseheads Hamfest last month and passed. Congrats, Scott! I was at the hamfest to speak to Scott before the test and congratulated him on passing.

Reminder there will be VE testing at our own DARC Hamfest Saturday, April 19th.

Hamfest Setup Friday April 18, 7Pm Pizza as usual!

D.A.R.C "SHACK" SALE- MARCH 22ND MEETING

We are getting rid of all the unused equipment at the club! If it is not being used-it will be up for sale at the DRAC Shack Sale at the March 22nd Saturday meeting. This will include a "flea market" of items as well. We're cleaning out the storeroom as well. Money donated to the club will be used to make our IC-718 positions duplicates with the same tuners and power supplies to make operating the 718s as simple as possible. The treasurer will have donation slips ready for those who keep track of contributions for tax purposes. This is a way of getting some good prices on radio stuff and helping out the club. What is not sold at the "shack sale" will go to the club table at our hamfest. Club members will have first shot at the items.

The executive committee is asking the following prices for these special items (sold as is):

- Icom-745 HF XCVR w/ PS & hand mic-\$395
- Ten-Tec Omni-D HF XCVR w/ PS, VFO, Ten-Tec Model 277 Ant Tuner, Ten-Tec 245 Mic, and manuals-\$395
- MFJ-901B HF Ant Tuner-\$40
- Dentron AT-1K Ant Tuner-\$40
- Astatic D-104 Mic w/ UG8 Stand-\$45
- Heath Model HD-10 Electronic Keyer-\$20
- Teckronics 453 Scope-\$25
- Ameritron RCS-4 Coax Switch w/ Relay Box-\$80
- Heath SB1400 (Yaesu FT-737 copy) HF XCVR w/ PS, 2 hand mics & 2 power cables-\$395
- MFJ-422C Electronic Keyer (No paddle but fits MFJ & Bencher paddles)-\$30
- Speedx 114 (EF Johnson) Semi-auto "Bug"-\$25
- Heath HM-102 HF Power-watt meter 20-2000 watts-\$40
- Swan 250 6M XCVR w/ PS (which fits Swan 350, 550, 750)-\$125
- GE-MVP (State SEMO donated rig) w/ mic, PS, w/ paperwork-\$25
- Murch Electronics UT-2000 Ant Tuner (Good 2000 watts)-\$75
- MFJ-422B-X Electronic Key Paddle w/ MFJ paddle-\$65

(Prices above are negotiable within reason. This is to benefit the club and give members first chance. The executive committee members looked at prices for all the equipment listed and the prices listed are very reasonable and fair.)

Checks to the "Drumlins ARC" are accepted for your donation.

Its not too early to be thinking about setup for Fest!!

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RACES NET SUNDAYS 8:45 PM 146.745
Except for Holiday Weekends

DRUMLINS HAMFEST HELP REMINDER

Members-please-remember help is needed setting up the Marbletown Fire Hall for our hamfest on Friday April 18th. Last year the setup was 5:00PM as KJI Electronic came at that time. I'll check with Gene-K2KJI-about the time. We have a vendor coming from Pittsburgh, PA Friday also with 8 tables. These I know for sure. Watch your April newsletter about the specific times etc. Pizza will be furnished for the Friday setup and the usual door prize for one helper picked out of the hat with the cleanup on Saturday.

COMMUNICATIONS HELP NEEDED **APRIL 12TH SATURDAY**

The Canandaigua VA, VFW and American Legion are sponsoring a Walk-A-Thon on April 12th Saturday. The Drumlins ARC has been asked to assist in communications for the event. We have in the past offered our services to help but it has been awhile we have been asked. Please, keep this date open on your calendar.

I have not been contacted as yet about times or numbers of hams needed. But this is a great community service project and good PR as well. Past Walk-A-Thons have not been all day events however. The group helped is very appreciative of our time and expertise in communications. Dust off those 2m rigs and HTs.

An e-mailed bulletin will be sent to you as soon as all the info is gathered. Look for it in the future.

Save April 12th Saturday!

73 & 88 Dave KB2KBY

HAMFEST 2008

- April 19**.....Drumlins ARC,.....Newark, NY..
.....No Web Site.....
- May 30-31**.....Rochester Hamfest.....Henrietta, NY
<http://www.rochesterhamfest.org>
- Jun 1**.....Hamfest and Computer Show..Butler..... PA
<http://www.breezeshooters.net>
- Jul 19**..GeneseeRadioAmateurs..Alexander(Batavia), NY
http://www.geocities.com/gram_radio_club?index.html
- Jul 19**.....Utica Amateur Radio Club.....Frankfort, NY
<http://www.uticaarc.com>
- Aug 16**.....Rome Radio Club.....Westmoreland, NY
<http://pages.prodigy.net/romeradioclub>
- Sept 13**.....Rags Hamfest.....Pompey.

March 16 - April 26, 2008

Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| <i>March 16</i> RACES NET 8:45PM | <i>March 17</i> | <i>March 18</i> | <i>March 19</i> <u>This meeting is postponed to Sat. the 22nd</u> | <i>March 20</i> | <i>March 21</i> | <i>March 22</i> Darc Mting 10am N2PMH B'Day |
| <i>March 23</i> <u>No Net This Sunday</u> RACES NET 8:45PM Easter | <i>March 24</i> N2CMA B'Day N2OLJ B'Day | <i>March 25</i> | <i>March 26</i> | <i>March 27</i> | <i>March 28</i> KC2BEO B'Day W2RFM B'Day | <i>March 29</i> KX2T B'Day |
| <i>March 30</i> RACES NET 8:45PM | <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> |
| <i>April 6</i> RACES NET 8:45PM | <i>April 7</i> N2HVN B'Day | <i>April 8</i> WA2MBR B'Day | <i>April 9</i> | <i>April 10</i> | <i>April 11</i> | <i>April 12</i> |
| <i>April 13</i> RACES NET 8:45PM | <i>April 14</i> KD2CO B'Day N2CSY B'Day N2DIT B'Day | <i>April 15</i> | <i>April 16</i> | <i>April 17</i> | <i>April 18</i> N2MKT B'Day | <i>April 19</i> Drumlins Hamfest |
| <i>April 20</i> RACES NET 8:45PM | <i>April 21</i> N2QFM B'Day | <i>April 22</i> KA2NYC B'Day | <i>April 23</i> | <i>April 24</i> WA2NZO B'Day | <i>April 25</i> | <i>April 26</i> N2MXJ B'Day |

NOTICE!
NEXT MEETING
SAT. MAR. 22

Friday Luncheon
Cross Park at noon