



DRUMLIN'S RUMBLINS

DARC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2007

NEXT MEETING

Saturday November 17, 2007

Doors open at 9:30am

Meeting 10:00am

New York State EMO

Route 31 Newark, NY

or try 146.745

MINUTES

THE DRUMLINS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, LTD
Meeting Agenda

DATE: 10/17/2007 CALL TO ORDER: 19:34

MEMBERS / GUESTS: KE4VHA, KB2ROP, N2COJ, N2JC, WA2CQI, W2EVU, N2DIT, N2QK, KC2JAL, N2MLD, KB2KBY, N2RUS, W2CDW, K2MPE and Brenda.

MINUTES: Accepted as published

TREASURERS REPORT: by KB2KBY Motion to accept K2MPE 2nd W2EVU carried

PUBLIC SERVICE: Pumpkin time is approaching, bridge assignments will be issued by Dave (KB2KBY) and mailed out shortly. Skywarn training session Sat 10/20/07 at SEMO 0900 – 1100.

REPEATERS: 146.745 Better looking for volunteer climber for antenna work. 144.950-

RACES: SLOW TIME OF YEAR

ACTIVITIES & CONTESTS: NTR

VE TEAM: NTR

PUBLIC RELATIONS: NTR

NEWSLETTER: FINE JOB IRV.

REMEMBERANCE:

OLD BUSINESS: Election of Officers:

Slate proposed by Committee as follows:

President:	James Collinworth-----	N2JC
Vice President:	Doug Peeso-----	KB2ROP
Secretary:	Russ Millspaw-----	N2RUS
Treasurer	Dave Taylor-----	KB2KBY
Program	Charlie Escriva-----	KB2SOZ
Program Assist.	Dave Taylor-----	KB2KBY
Director 3 yr.	Bob Wilkins-----	W2GIV
Director 2 yr.	Harold Spencer-----	W4ILN
Director 1 yr.	Steve Elliot-----	N2COJ

RACES-ARES NOVEMBER 2007

Another Halloween has passed and still no "Great Pumpkin" has emerged out of the fields as the bridge watchers sit in their cars. Hi! Once again we lucked out with the weather for the temperature was perfect and the sky was dry.

I would like to thank all the Drumblins members who helped with the Pumpkin Patrol: WAILN, N2MLD, WB2QKO, K2OEQ, N2RUS, KE4VHA, W2GIV, N2DIT, and KC2KYB. There are a few new callsigns listed this year. I do hope the new members will be able to help out next year. Also I would like to thank several members of the Ontario County RACES-ARES who helped at the NCS: N2UMH, WD8CQB, KC2DCH, and AB2WZ. Although N2UMH, my Ontario County counterpart, was at the mic for those post reports, he was helped as you can see with the 'necessary' breaks etc. Our own W2CDW when NCS did not have that advantage which I know he wished he could have.

Again W2CDW thank you for those years of service. Unfortunately the connection for help with the Pumpkin Patrol with the Ontario County RACES-ARES was too late to help man bridges. N2UMH and I are going to get the ball rolling earlier next year. I've got N2UMH's e-mail, phone number and 'snail mail' address now. So he'll hear from me early. Hi! (Warning you ahead of time, Scott! Hi! Just partially kidding of course, Scott.) We're both on the same page as far as next year. The added help will be welcomed! Thanks Ontario County RACES-ARES for your help.

The Drumlins Leaders 07-08

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Director 1 yr	Steve Elliott, N2COJ	315-789-2701
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News Letter	Irv Walter, WA2SOK	315-597-2192
Club Trustee	Dave Taylor, KB2KBY	315-597-4293
Web Master	Doug Wakeman, W2CDW	315-331-2980

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With no nominations from the floor,
 A motion was made by K2MPE that the Sec cast 1 ballot for the nominees. 2nd by KB2SOZ and carried.
 The Ballot was cast and Officers/Positions are set for Year 2008.

NEW BUSINESS: The current Webmaster W2CDW is retiring. Thank you for the many years of service giving the DARC a first class website. DARC needs a new webmaster to replace him, Any volunteers????????????????????????????????

ADJOURNMENT: 20:05
Program: Software Defined Radio by Rajiv M. Dewan N2RD

Pumpkin Cookies

- 2 Eggs
- * 1 ½ cups Brown Sugar (packed)
- ½ cup shortening
- 1 ¾ cups Canned Pumpkin
- 2 ¾ cups Gold Medal Flour
- 1 tsp Baking powder
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ½ tsp Nutmeg
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp ginger
- 1 cup Raisins

**Comliments of the
Kookie Monster**

Mix sugar, Shortening, Egg and Pumpkin thoroughly.
 Blend dry ingredients
 Add to pumpkin Mixture, Stirring until well blended.
 Now add Raisins.
 Drop batter by teaspoon on Ungreased baking sheet.
 Heat oven to 400 degrees
 Bake for 12 to 15 Minuites or until lightly browned.
 *Splenda may be used in lieu of Brown sugar

Web Site: www.drumlinsarc.com

WINTER "SKYWARN"

Once again Judith, N2TEZ, and Bob, N3QYT, from the Buffalo National Weather Service came to lead in the Winter Skywarn refresher class. This is done every three years as with the Summer Skywarn.

Yes-we are luckily in a region where disaster is minimal: few mud slides, few tornados, few hurricanes, few forest fires, few droughts, little flooding usually etc. etc. etc. And yes we know what the winter is all about in Upstate New York. But again the class was informative and interesting.

As with the Summer Skywarn refresher, I had the same "I am getting this better each time" feeling. The name of the 'preparedness guide' of "Winter Storms-The Deceptive Killers" was appropriate. If you looked in the middle of the guide there was a map of "Winter Storm Hazards In The U.S." In the colors shown for inches of snowfall white noted inches of the 'white stuff' greater than 72 inches as the highest amount. Upstate NY along the Great Lakes and Adirondacks showed the same on the map as half of Alaska and the Rocky Mountain region!

Like the Summer Skywarn there are things to report to the Buffalo NWS. I for one reported hail twice to Buffalo in this past spring and summer periods. That was not much to report because we didn't have luckily once again had much happen in our area. But the winter! Now there is a different story.

Here is what Winter Reports the NWS is interested in hearing about:

- * Heavy Snow Accumulations- greater than 4" in 24 hours.
- * Heavy Snowfall rates- an 1" or greater per hour.
- * Persistent Whiteout Conditions.
- * Freezing precipitation.
- * Damaging winds.
- * Winds with power outages.
- * Snowstorm with thunder.

Here gang we could keep ourselves quite busy. We sure get a lot of these conditions. And it is most helpful because with the Syracuse and Montiage radars we are at the limit of their ranges. Therefore the ground conditions do not show up well if under the 5,000 feet level. You could be the one to help them "see." You would use the same phone number and web forms as with the Summer Skywarn.

It looks like to me, we are even more useful for winter than summer conditions. If you didn't attend the refresher, dust off the material from three years ago.

73, Dave KB2KBY

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NEW "WEB MASTER" NEEDED

W2CDW, Doug, is stepping down as the web master for the Drumblins ARC website as of December. Doug has spent much time developing, maintaining and continually upgrading the site. Take a look at our website! It is a fine professional job and rivals site of clubs with far larger memberships than ours.

Doug is retiring after caring for the site for many years. In the membership of the club there must be someone that could take over the web master job. W2CDW is very willing to help with that transition. Contact W2CDW at (315) 331-2980 or anyone of your leaders listed in the newsletter.

Please consider volunteering for this meaningful position in the club.

"THE KOOKIE MONSTER"

Have you noticed the nice cookie recipes in the 'Drumblins Rumblins' lately? We give a big thanks to Brenda, XYL of K2MPE, for divulging her secret 'formulas.' We are very fortunate for Brenda and Al's care in our treats at the meetings. Not only does it benefit the club but the goodies benefit you as well. Why you may ask? Well-seeing we are a bunch getting 'older' we have to watch all those bad things that do us in. Sugar for one thing! (N2MLD and I have an even older brother. His XYL says we are not 'old' we are 'older.' I emphasize the grammar used for her. Hi!)

Brenda and Al have taken the time to bring treats that are healthy. I am amazed that the goodies are darn right good to the taste. I know. I have consumed every one of the different treats. Our new President, N2JC, attended that little gathering of all the ham clubs in the area at the RIT campus. He was dumbfounded to find there be no drinks and no food was allowed. He admitted at the October meeting, he missed them and felt blessed we could have drinks and treats. You have missed some good cookies from 'The Kookie Monster.'

Brenda and Al-thank you!

Stuff for Sale:

From the estate of WB2MBO 2 meter Kenwood TH215A handheld with new battery old battery, speaker mike, antenna, charger, and manual Excellent condition, works well \$60 or BO Contact AB2F

1-Hamstick dipole for 20 meters & 1 Hamstick for 17 meters. Free Delivery to next meeting \$ 45.00 each. Just add coax. Call W4ILN Spence-539-3819 or w4iln@yahoo.com

Laptop, Dell Latitude 610, 1 ghz processor, OS Win 2000, 20 gig hd, floppy drive, 2 Batts. Docking station, has its own power supply. With case.. \$250.00 Call Irv WA2SOK 597-2192

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For those of you who think this bridge sitting is not worth it or your sitting out in the dark is a waste of time; think again! Yes it is tiring sitting there. Yes it is boring. At times it is hard for 'my intelligence' I sit upon to get comfortable. My brothers inherited our Dad's buttocks. I inherited our Mom's. My brothers have the slim style and I always have to make sure my buttocks fit the pants first trying them out at a store. Hi! So I know all about the hemming and hawing of bridge sitting. Old 'Arthur' doesn't help either. Hi!

But bridge sitting not worth it? It's a waste of time? Well this year was as uneventful as all the past years. Boring is good! But a half-hour after we departed our posts because it was uneventful, some of those 'visitors' we look for threw stuff over the Marbletown bridge! That bridge also has a fence on the bridge! We'll have to change our game plan next year.

One of those changes is hopefully with help bridge sitting from Ontario County. We could reduce the number of hams who sit both nights. Ideally, it would be one ham each different night meaning no double nights for any one person to bridge sit. One night is a long time for one person. For those of you who have and had sat for two nights, you are commended. And it would improve if more club members would volunteer. It was nice seeing the new members who helped out this year. If we could get enough volunteers, we could have relief cars drop by for the bridge sitters for those 'necessary' breaks, bring donuts and hot drinks and give help if necessary. Monroe County does it all of that! We could pay for the goodies out of the club slush fund.

With the change in day light saving time hopefully continuing to the first weekend in November, we could change our post times. We could move the time to 7:00-11:30PM or 7:30-12:00 midnight. As one of the bridge sitters said, "Who is going to hit the bridge early. I'd be sneaky and hit it late when traffic is little or none." (I won't divulge the devious thinker. Hi!) If these 'visitors' are just waiting for us to leave to do their dirty deed, then let us make it as late and miserable for them! That's no joke intended there either! Let us give them the screws!

Look gang, the bridge sitting does work! No bridge manned by a bridge sitter has had a problem. But is sure does look like the 'visitors' are getting smarter and braver. We need to adjust and we need to get more members out to help. As far as I know there was no one hurt with the Marbletown incident. Let us keep it that way! Please consider helping next year with bridge sitting for the Pumpkin Patrol.

Have a great Thanksgiving and safe travel that holiday. We'll see you next month.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

A note from our newly elected president: He would like to see all at Saturdays meeting!! J. Collonsworth, N2JC

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

November 11 - December 22, 2007

Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Nov 11</i> RACES NET 8:45pm WA2ZNC B'Day N2OLE B'Day	<i>Nov 12</i>	<i>Nov 13</i>	<i>Nov 14</i>	<i>Nov 15</i>	<i>Nov 16</i> W2EVU B'Day	<i>Nov 17</i> DARC M'Ting 10 AM
<i>Nov 18</i> RACES NET 8:45pm	<i>Nov 19</i> KA2CKR B'Day	<i>Nov 20</i> WB2KIO B'Day	<i>Nov 21</i> N2QPN B'Day WA2IDW B'Day	<i>Nov 22</i>	<i>Nov 23</i> W2DSW B'Day	<i>Nov 24</i>
<i>Nov 25</i> RACES NET 8:45pm	<i>Nov 26</i>	<i>Nov 27</i>	<i>Nov 28</i> KA2LGR B'Day	<i>Nov 29</i>	<i>Nov 30</i>	<i>Dec 1</i>
<i>Dec 2</i> RACES NET 8:45pm KB2XI B'Day N2JC B'Day	<i>Dec 3</i>	<i>Dec 4</i>	<i>Dec 5</i>	<i>Dec 6</i> WB2AUW B'Day	<i>Dec 7</i> KA2DBD B'Day	<i>Dec 8</i> KC2GZ B'Day
<i>Dec 9</i> RACES NET 8:45pm	<i>Dec 10</i>	<i>Dec 11</i>	<i>Dec 12</i>	<i>Dec 13</i>	<i>Dec 14</i>	<i>Dec 15</i>
<i>Dec 16</i> RACES NET 8:45pm	<i>Dec 17</i>	<i>Dec 18</i>	<i>Dec 19</i> DARC M'Ting	<i>Dec 20</i>	<i>Dec 21</i>	<i>Dec 22</i>

NOTICE!

SUNDAY NIGHT RACES NET CHANGE TO THE 745 REPEATER

Until the 685 repeater is either works better or is replaced, the Sunday night 2m RACES net at 8:45PM will be moved to the 745 repeater! This way club member who want to report in but can't, can still get on the net. Until further notice use the 745 repeater.

Thanks, Dave Taylor, KB2KBY

**Friday Luncheon
Cross Park at noon**