



Drumlin's Rumblyns

DARC Monthly Newsletter

April 2010

Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

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

Date: March 17, 2010

Call to Order: President Robert Taylor at 19:30

Welcome Members/Guests: WD2STK, N2MLD, N2JC, KB2ROP, N2CMA, W4ILN., KC2VBM, AB2F, N2TJX, KD2NJ, KS2JEK, N2COJ, N2MKY, W2EVU, K2MPE, KB2KBY, KC2JAC, N2QK, Phil Lundy, KE4VHA, KC2WFB, KC2TCM, N5THV, KC2WFB, KC2VBL, N2RUS, KC2TNJ, Trista Hamill, N9SBY

Previous meeting Minutes- NTR Meeting was cancelled due to bad WX.

Approval: Motion to accept as printed in the newsletter by: K2MPE, 2nd by W2EVU & carried

Treasurers Report: Covered both February and March. The Post Christmas dinner was \$14.50 per person for the hall rental and money from the club was used to pay the difference, 50 cents.

Motion to accept by KC2TNJ, 2nd by K2MPE and carried.

Repeaters 146.745: Not doing too bad. There is interference from packet; a filter needs to be installed. DST corrected the issue in regards to the incorrect time. Still using this frequency for the nets.

146.685: The repeater is currently down, due to the preexisting building being rebuilt. If someone can stop and see what the status is of the repeater that would be helpful.

RACES-ARES April 2010



Happy spring! I start out typing this month's article after our 'no measurable' snow month of March and we're past the April Fool's Day. Mother Nature was good to us even though we are nearly at our normal 100" of that white stuff. It has been an unusual winter this year. Guess I better get going with this article.

March 23rd the Wayne County EOC had computer training session. This is a second learning session on the paperless dose forms and re-

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

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The Drumlins Leaders 09-10

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porting for a Ginna Drill. It was worthwhile as this 'kid' got it down right. Plus we found out why the RACES position was not responding to the 'print' command. The RACES position is fully operable now and the Ginna Drill will be completely 'paperless'. In fact the next Ginna Drill is the day of our third Wednesday meeting for this April. It will be a full day for me. Hi!

While gabbing with John O'Toole the Dose Assessment director I got some interesting news. By spring of 2011 it is hoped the EOC will be moved to the two-story section of the old Wayne County Nursing Home just in back of the old three-story building. Also the van dose teams will have computer tablets for their forms going even 'paperless' in the field. RACES will be a backup completely. This means going through wireless internet connections. It will be interesting needless to say how it will all work. The new 685 repeater building is sitting on the bed of a big flatbed trailer at the site. The concrete is cured to the point the first 20 feet of the new tower is in place. (K2MPE took a look at the site from the road while driving past.) It site will not be done in time for the State Ginna Drill on April 21st. It looks like the 745 will be the primary repeater for the drill. Regardless the site is getting done.

I know some of us are frustrated with the packet situation at present. The pass band filter must be put on the WA2AAZ-2 packet system so it will not interfere with the 745 repeater. Actually I think the filter will go on the 745 repeater input. You know what I mean. Of course the WB2QKO-2 packet is still down on

Brantling Hill. But don't get too disturbed with the packet system. Things will come around. We must be patient. Packet is still a good source of communication, so don't 'throw' those TNCs out yet! Hi! Legally, with the station trustee's permission, a repeater may be used for any digital communications. Guess who that is? Yea-me! Hi! Hopefully our headaches with repeaters and packet will get solved. Keep those TNCs at the ready and dusted off. (SIARC has been having their with their repeater too. It is not just us.) (Not sure where Dave was going with this sentence so left the way he typed it!!)

Unfortunately I had obligations and could not make the SIARC-RACES "Skywarn" class. I was told three DARC members attended. We may have to get Judy out for a DARC session. The Rochester ham-fest will have a Skywarn session at 2:00 PM in June. According to the Buffalo NWS site there is a session in Albion which is a good drive. Our three years are up this April since our last session. The Buffalo NWS likes it done every three years. You can only do what you can do! If someone can figure out how to make a day longer I might have time to get I can get done. I am afraid that includes this month's newsletter article too. Hi!

Finally it is short and sweet this month! (Hooray! Yes, I know. Hi!) May be Jon, KS2JEK, can find more room for other articles where I've gabbed too long and left little of no space. Hi! See you next month. At least you are up to date as to what is happening.

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

ONTARIO COUNTY RACES NET TIME-FREQUENCIES

SUNDAY EVENING 8:00PM
PRIMARY: 145.450 (PL110.9) W2ONT REPEAT-
ER
ALSO MONITORED 146.820 AND 145.110 (both
PL110.9)

144.95: The deviation is still low on this repeater. The 440 link to Auburn is still out.
444.95: Still broken, NTR.

“VE” Teams: ARRL VEC– Is all set for the upcoming Hamfest and it’s listed on the site.

If you can’t make it to the Hamfest, W5YI gives the tests for licensing the first Wednesday of the month at the Ontario County EMO. There is the \$14 charge for licensing. More information, you can go to <http://siarc.us>

Activities & Contest: Horseheads Hamfest – March 27. Binghamton Hamfest – April 18

Public Service: NTR

RACES: Reception Center Drill for State exercise held on March 2nd Dave was able to rub elbows with individuals and see a lot of the new equipment. We always need to be prepared, we are relied upon.
March 23 – Gannett Mini Drill; 9 AM - 1 PM
April 21 – State Drill; if no call report by 9 AM

WARECS NET ON 146.745 REPEATER UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

With the January 10th Sunday evening WARECS net it was determined the 685 repeater has been temporarily moved to the j-pole antenna on the higher county tower on Brantling Hill. You will remember the old 685 building and tower was to be demolished to be replaced by a bigger building and higher tower. It looks like this has been done. The conditions on the 685 repeater were not ideal for stations further away. High power of 50-65 watts was needed to get a good signal into the 685 repeater with less noise out. Until further notice, the WARECS Sunday evening nets will be on the 146.745 repeater (no tones). The 745 is our backup repeater for the net. This will help low power stations to report easier into the Sunday night 2m net. It is not known how long the construction of the new site will take at this time. Notice will be sent out when more information is gathered. Thank you for your cooperation during this time.

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

Public Relations: NTR

Remembrances: Jon got an email from Mike Enos, KB2UDB mentioning about his surgery. Thanks for the update.

Old Business:
NTR

New Business: Getting ready for the Hamfest. Thanks in advance to all the volunteers who will be a part of the event. Here’s to hoping the weather is as good as it has been the past couple years and it’s as successful as it was in the past, (if not more successful.)

The person in charge of the talk-in shouldn’t be on site, due to signals cancelling out and making it hard to hear calls.

50/50 Drawing: Winner : N2CMA Amt:
\$10.50

Adjournment: K2MPE 2nd N2RUS ADJ @ 20:32

May meeting topic: WinLink 2000

Send and receive e-mail from anywhere! With WinLink you don't need an internet connection, just your radio. This is the perfect solution not just during an emergency, but while traveling, camping, etc... Jim DiTucci, N2IXD will explain the who, how, what and why's of WinLink - the Global Radio E-Mail System.

This meeting will be held on Saturday, May 22nd. Doors will open around 9:30. Meeting to start at 10:00. We will meet for breakfast at Cross Park Family Restaurant around 0800 or 0830, for those that wish to join us!

April Program:

I was thinking about showing how to get into the alignment mode on a Yaesu FT-2800 radio, and how to make some simple adjustments

73, Jay KC2TCM

Upcoming Public Service Events

Tour-de-Cure

Sunday, June 13, 2010

MS Bike Ride

Saturday & Sunday, August 7 & 8, 2010

Walnut Hill Driving Competition

Wednesday thru Sunday, August 11—15, 2010

AIDS Rochester Red Ribbon Ride

Sunday, August 22, 2010

Rochester Arthritis Foundation Marathon

Sunday, September 12, 2010

Fairport Lift Bridge Regatta

Sunday, September 19, 2010

Barktoberfest: Lollypop Farm

Saturday, September 25, 2010

Jamboree on the Air (BSA)

Saturday & Sunday, October 16 & 17, 2010

NYS Thruway Pumpkin Patrol

Saturday & Sunday, October 30 & 31, 2010

For more info or to sign up, go to www.rochesterham.org and click on "Public Service"
For Pumpkin Patrol you can also contact Dave Taylor, his info is in the newsletter!



RACES Events

**APRIL 21-WEDNESDAY-STATE GINNA DRILL-EOC,
TWO VANS OPS NEEDED**

CONTACT: Dave- KB2KBY if you wish to participate in either or both of these training drills. RACES badge not necessary but helpful if you have it already.

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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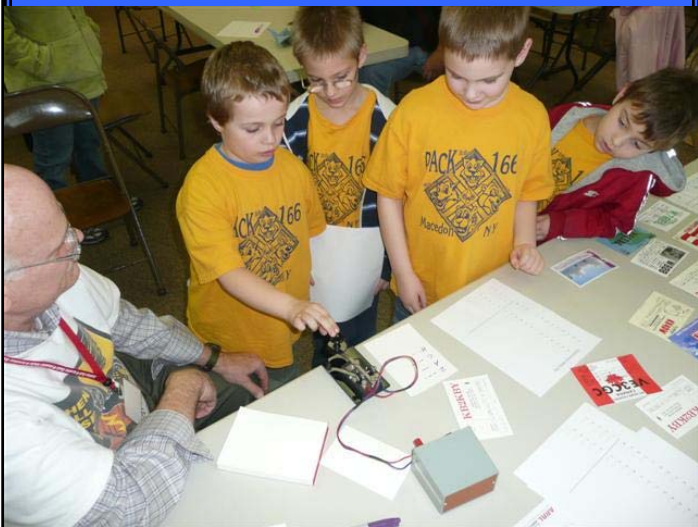
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Calendar of Events

4-21 DARC meeting—1930, WC SEMO

Upcoming Hamfests

- 6-5 Rochester Hamfest Rochester, NY
www.rochesterhamfest.org
- 7-17 Radiocomm 2010 Frankfort, NY
www.uticaarc.org
- 7-24 Batavia Hamfest Alexander, NY
sites.google.com/site/gramradioamateursinc/home
- 8-7 Ithaca Hamfest 2010 Trumansburg, NY
www.tcarc-ny.org/hamsfest
- 8-21 2010 Ham-Jam Deerfield, NY
www.cnyara.com
- 9-18 EmComm East Convention Rochester, NY
www.emcommeast.org
- 9-25 35th Annual Elmira Hamfest Horseheads, NY
www.arast.org



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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Antique Wireless Association (AWA)

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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 "Drumlins Rumblins."

WA2SOK's NEW ADDRESS

I e-mailed Irv for permission to 'post' his snail mail address, e-mail and phone number. He was happy I did even though he admitted he hasn't been good lately communicating. Hi! Here is the info:

Irv Walter WA2SOK
1385 W Silverbell Rd
Orion MI 48359-1346
248-977-3856
wa2sok(at)comcast.net

Enjoy reconnecting to Irv. Thanks, Irv, for letting us post everything in the newsletter.

73, Dave-KB2KBY

WELCOME BACK, N2CMA

The Drumlins ARC welcomes back into the 'fold' Don Drury, N2CMA. Don was President of DARC the year I joined and also headed up the Novice classes for my entry into the amateur radio world. I know many of you 'old timers' know Don but I personally have great memories of Don's Novice classes and in those days that was Morse code training as well. Through Don's classes I passed my Novice and code tests with flying colors. I had my first Field Day CW experience with Don also that same year I got my 'ticket.' Don has retired and hopefully this means more time to devote to the Drumlins. He said he has already ordered a new rig and we hope you are having fun with it as you read this article, Don. Your ham experience is welcomed as well. Thank you, Don, for re-upping in the club!

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY
DARC Treasurer



**Friday Luncheon
Cross Park at noon**

**May Rumblins
Deadline is
May 5, 2010**

CUB SCOUT TROOP 166 'HAM' DEMO

On March 13th, Saturday, KB2KBY had the chance to demonstrate amateur radio to the Cub Scout Troop 166. One of the troop leaders and his son are pseudo nephew and pseudo great-nephew, respectively. Dad knew my involvement in amateur radio and emergency communications. The neighbor on my east side of my property is a lifelong family friend and she is their mother-in-law and gramma too. "Uncle Dave" owes his very well positioned G5RV 80-10m wire antenna to gramma's back property tree and the neighbor to the west to her garage I may add. Those of you in village lots know the problem of wire antennas. I am usually one of the strongest signals heard on the state HF RACES net. Thus I am caught with ANCS, alternate net control station, quite a few times. Location, location, location pertains to our avocation too! Hi! Thank heavens we have a good neighborhood and good friends! I would be dead in the water.

Anyway! I'll volunteer any time to promote amateur radio even for a Cub Scout troop. I have stated many times I am an old Boy Scout too and therefore my 'duty' to help out. I had a good display on the tables: portable HF setup, HT-packet setup, and Morse code straight key with Heathkit oscillator. (Unfortunately one of the moms was in the way when the pictures were taken to show the display. Hi!)

I also had a 40-10m G5RV antenna unwound on the floor. I started out my demo by enticing the kids and their parents with the antenna. This was a special meeting to fulfill the troop's 'radio broadcasting' requirement. The parents of the kids stayed for the presentation. I stated very simply with this same actual simple antenna and my HF setup I have contacted these countries showing off some of my QSL cards. Of course being the Morse code guy gave a little history of Samuel Morse and I did all of this contacting with CW. Even the parents were enlightened. In fact I think the parents appreciated it even more than the kids. Hi! Even the moms as well as the dads! Hi! They didn't realize how amateur radio was the 'birth' of many of our forms of communications today. Naturally!

The finale of the demonstration was for each Cub Scout member to 'send' their name in international Morse code which they loved. I explained what that really meant. I spouted out my limited vocabulary of Russian, German, Spanish, Japanese and Chinese to prove my point about the international meaning.

They understood and the parents too. Hi! The pictures show the time and interest held by the kids. Any time we can demonstrate amateur radio with kids they are amazed about it and truly like it. Especially, how in amateur radio we are all equal as licensed amateur radio operators and go by a first name basis no matter what the age we are. It truly is an intergenerational 'hobby.'

You know of any other groups, especially nonprofit groups, which would like a 'radio' demonstration, please, let any of the Executive Committee members know. The Drumlins ARC will be there. We have to get out promoting amateur radio. It was a fun time too. You can't beat the enthusiasm of kids! We are fortunate to have quite a few of those 'younger' ticket holders in the Drumlins. Appreciate them!

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY



This is an email I received via my Winlink 2000 Yahoo Group

Hi, Greg,

Very well said. I am assuming your permission to forward this (by copy on this e-mail) to WL2K EMCOMM GROUP.

Regards,
Larry
WA5BEN

Greg Johnson Wrote:

when the space shuttle exploded over texas and came down in pieces in the piney woods of east texas.....the only radios that worked with the search parties was HAM Radio.....tooooo many trees and thick over growth , sat phones were very spotty at best..... cell phones were down for the count unless you were near town.....

ever wonder if they had drill for a space shuttle coming apart over them ?
maybe a puddle-jumper airplane...but not something like that.....

Has anyone ever been in a tornado and rode thru it losing your home.....my family has....when the tornado hit DeSoto Lancaster Area.....it was 8 months to rebuild our home from the ground up.....

it was appox 5-6 hours before the 1st crews (fire/ems/police) got onto my streetwe had great neighbors.....ALL worked to account for each other....and worked to take care of each other and get the street open....

those first hrs of gaining control are critical.....and drills help us with that.....

just as NO two Fires or Hazmats are alike , NEITHER will this disaster be like the last one.....

we need drills , they help us learn and become proficient with our equipment.....

practice as if its real , and the real will work as it was practiced....Y'aLL have a Safe and Blessed EASTER Weekend.

Greg Johnson - Lieutenant Dallas County Fire - Rescue Fire Pager # 972-879-0290 KE5GKR

From: N5VMP:

Greg: Quote; "as we all agree , drills are always timed and scripted...problem is tooooo many always have advanced notice so as to schedule for the facilities.. .we agree this is not the best optionbut it does get them involved."

As FEMA Administrator W. Craig Fugate said, "commit to other kinds of drills, particularly those conducted without notice." This was my point also.

Again, there is NO "script" during a VERY REAL incident to go by, each being different.

A very simple radio call is transmitted, example; "THIS IS A DRILL"

1 "A TORNADO HAS TOUCHED DOWN IN GRAND PRAIRIE AT I-30 AND BELTLINE RD."

2. "THERE ARE MANY INJURED"

3. "GRAND PRAIRIE DOES NOT HAVE A LARGE MEDICAL FACILITY...ALL HOSPITAL'S WILL BE RECEIVING TRANSPORTED PATIENTS"

4. "EACH HOSPITAL REPORT HOW MANY THEY ARE ABLE TO RECEIVE IF ANY"

5. "THE REPEATERS ARE NOT FUNCTIONING DUE TO [APPARENT] ANTENNA DAMAGE"

6. "THE EOC IS BUSY WITH ONGOING EMERGENCY COOR. TO FIRST RESPONDERS"

7. "THE 911 SYSTEM [IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA] IS DOWN"

8. "CELL-TELE'S ARE NOT GETTING THROUGH DUE TO POWER/ANTENNA DAMAGE"

9. "WE NEED TO INTERCONNECT ALL HOSPITALS VIA SIMPLEX AND/OR RELAY MESSAGES FROM FORT WORTH TO DALLAS"

That's basically it...BACKUP THE HOSPITALS COMM. SYSTEM WHEN EVERYTHING FAILS not worry about the EOC or Public Safety systems...they have their own issues that RACES and the local EOC comm. will deal with.

If anyone thinks this cannot happen, read the critique of the N. Orleans...Katrina.

April 18 - May 29, 2010

Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>April 18</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net N2MKT B'Day	<i>April 19</i>	<i>April 20</i>	<i>April 21</i> 7:30 PM DARC Meeting	<i>April 22</i>	<i>April 23</i>	<i>April 24</i>
<i>April 25</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>April 26</i>	<i>April 27</i>	<i>April 28</i> AA2MS B'Day	<i>April 29</i>	<i>April 30</i>	<i>May 1</i>
<i>May 2</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>May 3</i>	<i>May 4</i> WR2C B'Day	<i>May 5</i> NN2H B'Day	<i>May 6</i>	<i>May 7</i>	<i>May 8</i>
<i>May 9</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>May 10</i>	<i>May 11</i> N5THV B'Day	<i>May 12</i>	<i>May 13</i>	<i>May 14</i> N2MLE B'Day	<i>May 15</i>
<i>May 16</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>May 17</i>	<i>May 18</i>	<i>May 19</i>	<i>May 20</i> K4FXD B'Day	<i>May 21</i>	<i>May 22</i> 10:00 AM DARC Meeting
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