



# Drumlins' Rumblings

## RACES-ARES April 2012

“April showers bring May flower” the old expression says. But as you know everything is coming out early as a result of this low snow and warmer winter. Crazy it sure has been! Hi! As I type it is a cooler day compared to the last few weeks. The mind right here is about the same. No ‘hot’ topic on the agenda right now in the gray cells. In fact I don’t even have a ‘warm’ subject either. Hi! Me? Yea, it is hard to believe.

With the DARC hamfest still ahead of this month’s monthly meeting and Easter in between, the event calendar is slowing down for RACES-ARES. Spring usually means a slow down over all with Ginna drills and Red Cross obligations. The only thing coming up is the Clyde 5K run in August. Hopefully with our weird WX that will be the norm. Norm is not bad! As we all see the tornados in the south and most recently in Texas, New York State does not look bad despite the taxes. Of course historically this month is the 100th anniversary of the “Titanic” sinking. Radio, or wireless then, started its rise to its zenith as an emergency communications. The April QST had two nice articles about the “Titanic.” The February “CQ” magazine had a nice article on hams helping in the November “lake effect” snow squalls that hit and buried the Alaskan coast. The NWS, National Weather Service, in Alaska was even depending on hams to even report daily weather as the internet/cell tower/satellite

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### Drumlins' Meeting

April 18th, 2012 - 7:30 PM

Wayne County EOC  
7336 Rt. 31, Lyons, NY

Doors open at 7:00 PM  
Talk-in: 146.685



## RACES-ARES April 2012 continued

communications went down. The “twisted pair” managed to stay up and functional. How ironic that little fact was! Hi! We actually get more snow that Alaska believe it or not. But our snow slowly goes away or compacts. It is so cold in Alaska off it doesn't compact but keeps piling up normally. On the coast it is rare it is that deep they had it.

The same “CQ” article had a picture and reference to the big Alaskan quake in 1965 and the aid amateur radio gave then. I was in Alaska that June after this big quake. I saw the still damaged and abandoned buildings in downtown Anchorage those months later. At Ft. Richardson, my transit quarters before being flown out to the Aleutian Islands, had plenty of abandoned barracks as well. Ft. Richardson and Elmendorf AFB are adjacent to the city of Anchorage. Back in 1965 in fact, Anchorage civilian airport was Elmendorf's runway. No kidding! There is a separate runway and larger terminal now for Anchorage. Back in my time being in Alaska meant 65% of the population was military. This was before oil! Hi! The Army had a hard time finding even two spare bunks for Bob, a Dallas Texan, and myself to sleep on before we flew out to Shemya AFB for our year tour together as a result of the quake's aftermath. I've got some interesting 'war stories' about these time but that is really getting off the subject.

Subject? Story time once again with Taylor going down memory lane! Yes-it is bird walking a little. Though April means a slow down with the normal RACES-ARES commitments, this crazy weather should not put us in a state of unpreparedness. It is in fact the anniversary week of our last ice storm we went through as I type! Wow! How literally 'chilling' that is to mention! Burrrr! We have been blessed with the WX and I do hope we keep on being blessed with reasonably good WX. But-you have to be prepared before the event. When an 'event' occurs is too late. Both the “QST” and “CQ” articles basically said the same thing. (My monthly Section Manager, SM, reports I have to state how many nets and how many 'events' thus the term 'event'.)

The fact is, I am encouraging the entire club RACES-ARES members to attend the monthly meetings even in the good WX months ahead with spring arriving and summer soon to come. Remember-if you have a valid 'ticket' you are a member of RACES-ARES even if you no official county RACES badge.

### Calendar of Events

April 13	Hamfest Setup
April 14	Drumlin's Hamfest
April 15	WARES Net - 8:45 PM 146.685
April 18	Drumlin's Meeting - 7:30 PM Wayne County EOC 7336 Rt. 31, Lyons, NY
April 22	WARES Net - 8:45 PM 146.685
April 26	ARES Meeting - Monroe County Red Cross, 50 Prince St.  Check with members, going on a field trip.
April 29	WARES Net - 8:45 PM 146.685
May 2	Rumblin's Deadline
May 6	WARES Net - 8:45 PM 146.685
May 13	Mother's Day
May 13	WARES Net - 8:45 PM 146.685

### Upcoming Hamfests

April 14	Drumlins Hamfest
April 15	Binghamton ARA's Hamfest Binghamton, NY <a href="http://www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/bara/">www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/bara/</a>
June 9	Chaffee Country Hamboree Chaffee, NY <a href="http://pioneerradiooperatorsociety.bravehost.com">pioneerradiooperatorsociety.bravehost.com</a>
June 9	Skyline ARC's Summer Hamfest Cortland, NY <a href="http://www.skylineradioclub.org">www.skylineradioclub.org</a>
June 30	Rochester Hamfest and Technology Expo Gordon Field House, RIT
July 21	Batavia Hamfest Alexander, NY <a href="http://larc.hamgate.net">http://larc.hamgate.net</a>

# Previous Meeting Minutes

## The Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD Meeting Agenda

**Date:** 3/21/11

**Call to Order:** 19:30

**Welcome Members/Guests:** KC2TNJ, N2RUS, N2DIT, KB2KBY, Brenda Cook, KA1CNF, KB2FSB, K2MPE, KC2TCM, KS2JEK, KD2AWP, AC2HK, KC2JAL, N2MLD, N2ZVP, W2EVU, Pat Stauffer, N2JC, K2OEQ, KB2ROP, WD2STK, W4ILN, KC2VBM, W1YX, Joey Albright, Philip Lundy, KC2YGH, N2MKT, and AB2F

**Previous meeting Minutes:** Sabrina failed and omitted K2MPE from the list of attendees last month. Due to this a new secretary is required and Sabrina can't mess up again. <Hi Hi!!> Approval: W2EVU 2nd by: N2JC

**Treasurers Report:** Citizen's Bank has been settled since the last meeting. Holy mess! Thanks for your hard work sorting it all out, KB2KBY. Approval: N2MLD 2nd by: N2MKT

**Repeaters:** Dave and Brad got together and are going to tell us what we have done so far and what is left to do.

Dec - We did priority repairs on the repeaters. The items that were obtained in Phase 1, a lot of commercial equipment was going on the market and knowing what to look for made many items a great deal. \$850 out of \$2500 was spent on priority items. We just need to get the duplexer to the new Newark site, to be installed. A 2M amp has been purchased but we haven't had a chance to look at it. While looking at this other stuff was available.

We decided to use some of the money for Phase 2, now we are about \$400 over the \$2500. Someone sold a pair of cans that could be used as duplexers.

The astron power supplies were purchased off of Ebay. They were busted up in shipping.

To cover the \$400 that was spend was Motioned by: N2JC 2nd by: K2MPE

What's remaining in Phase 2 is: A new antenna may be needed at Newark. And if the RF amp doesn't work we need to get a new one. This will all be covered in the next meeting, possibly. The insurance has been straightened out. We may already have keys and accessibility to the site already in Newark. We may keep the racks, power supplies and other items at the new site.

The current 745 site is behind Wegman's. That site has the building deteriorated, as well as the tower as well. The other site is on 88, almost across from Kingdom Hall. There is a water tank and that is the new location. We want to move the equipment over and take the spare antenna and get that set up.

**"VE" Teams:** After the business portion of the meeting, we will be having a testing session.

**Activities & Contest, Public Service:** Rochesterham.org should have the information for the public service soon. The Wild Water Derby will be taking place the end of April please contact N2UMH to help.

**Public Service:** The Red Cross downtown will have a ARES Meeting for the Rochester Area.

**RACES:** We have many participants. And there's a fair number of individuals using digital modes for communication as well.

**Public Relations:** NTR

**Newsletter:** Everyone got their newsletter. Great job Jon, it was out early too.

**Remembrances:** N2VTM, Glen and Jim attended the funeral. Thank you for the wonderful write up.

**Old Business:** The banquet, will be at the Phelps Hotel Restaurant Saturday, May 5 - 5 pm cocktail hour, 6pm buffet dinner the cost will be \$16, gratuity and tax will be covered by the club.

Set up starts at Friday, May 13 at 5 PM for the Hamfest we will need volunteers for set up and clean up as well.

Goldcrest is interested in selling amateur radio equipment. Feel free to relay ideas to them, KC2TCM or KD2AWP. Rich posted the information on 4 outlets for news to advertise it.

Sauder will not be at the Hamfest. But we are having a new individual, Rich Wortman at the Hamfest. Fingerlakes Daily News, WACK, and Channel 13 among others should all be contacted.

**New Business:** AWA Spring Meet is May 5, a whole day of Ham radio. It will be at the Old AWA Annex, Veterans Park Complex. The new museum will be open (though it is not officially opened.) This year is the 100 anniversary of Titanic Sinking. That event really enhanced the need for Radio communication. Thee AWA has many shows on Youtube.

**Election for Vice President:** KC2YGH and N2JC volunteered to be Vice President. Motioned by: KC2TNJ 2nd by: W1YX

Antenna's need to be taken down, from Bill Wiedrick's house on Throop Street. Next Monday, March 26 at 6 PM every one is going to meet up.

**50/50 Drawing Winner:** N2ZVP

Amount: \$20.50

**Adjournment:** W1YX

2nd by: N2RUS @ 20:53

### Attention

The WARECS Sunday evening nets are back on the 146.685 repeater (no tones). The 146.745 is our backup repeater for the net. This will help low power stations to report easier into the Sunday night 2m net.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

ARES EC-RACES Assistant RO

# April Program

For April's meeting, AI K2MPE and I are going to try again to do another session on packet radio. This time we're going to focus on the hardware and how to configure it, and get it connected to your radio and computer. Let us know what radios you'll be using for packet, and we'll try to answer your questions.

73, Jay KC2TCM



**May Rumblins**  
**Deadline is: May 2, 2012**

**NY State RACES - HF NET**  
**Sunday 0900**  
**3.993.5kHz SSB/LSB**

**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!**  
**Email address: KS2JEK@rochester.rr.com**  
**Snail Mail address:**  
**PO Box 259**  
**Webster, NY 14580-0259**

## Upcoming Public Service Events

- AIDS Rochester Red Ribbon Ride - Sunday, June 3rd
  - Tour-de-Cure - Sunday, June 10th
  - Genesee Valley Hunt Horse Trials - Sunday, July 8th
  - Multiple Sclerosis Bike Tour - Saturday & Sunday, July 21st & 22nd
  - Walnut Hill Driving Competition - Wednesday - Sunday, August 8th - 12th
  - Cystic Fibrosis Cycle for Life - Saturday, August 11th
  - Barktoberfest - Saturday, September 22nd
  - Fairport Lift Bridge Regatta - Sunday, September 23rd
  - Rochester Arthritis Foundation Marathon - Sunday, September 23rd
  - Jamboree on the Air - Saturday & Sunday, October 20th & 21st
  - Pumpkin Patrol - Tuesday & Wednesday, October 30th & 31st
- [www.rochesterham.org/public\\_service.htm](http://www.rochesterham.org/public_service.htm)

## RACES Events

Clyde 5K - August

## RACES-ARES April 2012 continued

(Unfortunately insurance coverage by the county says you must be 18 years of age too. But those younger than 18 years of age members still can help in RACES from their QTHs if needed.) It is time to earnestly start the OJT, On the Job Training, with our go-kits. The same radios, TNCs and sound card interfaces are used at the two County EMO positions too. Our club meeting programs have been geared more to this training. Even the packet radio part the month before was part training as the go-kits have packet TNCs. They might be called 'programs' but everything is applicable and the knowledge transferable to our emergency communications roll with RACES and even ARES. But y-o-u must be there to make the program and/or training meaningful. Practice on the Sunday nets also does the same thing. We are getting more check-ins, more digital message and TNC packets sent out. That knowledge is also transferable to the go-kits training.

You have n-o excuses now! Neither badge nor equipment will keep you from your appointed 'duty' and the club's commitment toward emergency communications, helping the public and backing up the county EMO when in need. Anniversaries of disasters are just a reminder. There is work to be done. Please, do your part to commit to RACES. C U for the programs and meetings.

73 & 88,  
Dave  
KB2KBY  
RACES  
RO/ARES  
EC



[www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

### VE Testing At Wayne/ Ontario County EOCs

The Squaw Island ARC (SIARC) has VE testing every other month at the Ontario County EOC-911 center on County Road 46 near the fire training area. Every other first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM, VE sessions are held. The VE testing is headed by Dave Foster, AB2WZO of SIARC. The SIARC website ([www.SIARC.us](http://www.SIARC.us)) can be used for directions and information.

On the opposite months Drumlins will be hosting VE testing at the Wayne county EOC on the 2nd Monday of the month except for April when it will be held at the Hamfest on a Saturday. The testing is headed by Sabrina Hamill, WD2STK of DARC. Please contact her ahead of time to let her know you are coming at 585-727-2091 or [WD2STK@yahoo.com](mailto:WD2STK@yahoo.com).

### VE Testing At RIT

RARA conducts amateur radio license testing on the 3rd Saturday of each month from September through April and at the Rochester Hamfest. These tests cover all amateur radio elements as required for the Technician, General, and Extra class licenses. Testing is conducted at: Rochester Institute of Technology, Building 9, Room 3139 ([click for map](#)). Registration is at 10:00 AM. Bring a pen and pencil, two forms of ID including one with a picture. If you are upgrading: Bring your original, and a copy, of your current amateur radio license; or unexpired Certificates of Completion. Testing is Free! RARA provides free testing sessions as a public service. Handicapped applicants are always welcome, please notify us in advance if you need any special accommodations.

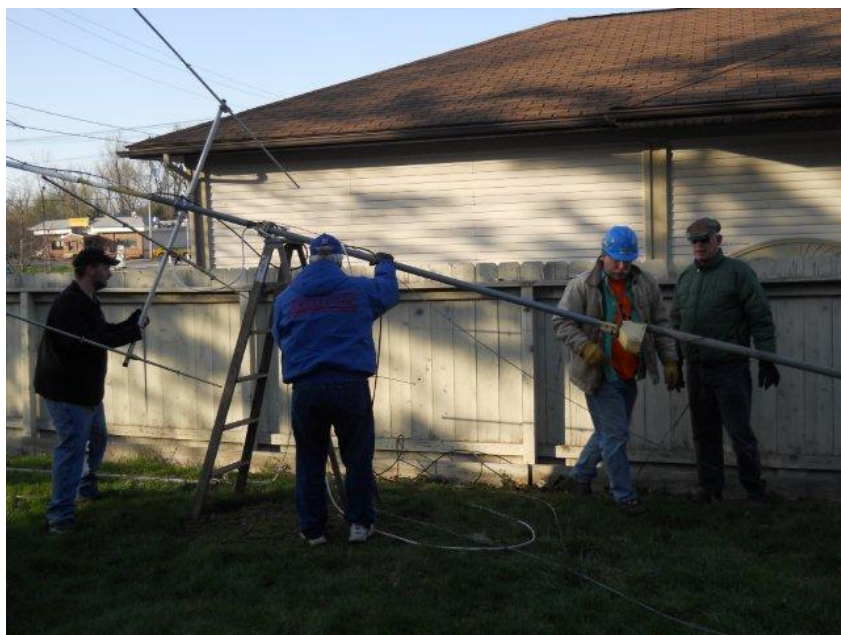
## W2TRW (SK) WORK PARTY

This is a small thank you for the crew that was kind enough to help take down the antennas at W2TRW's QTH (SK). (You will find the attached photos of the crew at work.) At last month's DARC monthly meeting I asked for some help taking down Tom's antenna 'farm.' Ironically it was a perfect antenna day! The week before the WX was warm and wonderful. The day we gathered on March 26<sup>th</sup>, it was a cold and balmy day. Perfect 'antenna WX'! Hi!

Thank you to K2OEQ, AC2KH, KD2AWP, KC2TNJ, KC2TCM, KC2YGM, and W1YX for finding the time in their busy lives to help. Sandy, W2TRW's XYL, was very appreciative of the help. Sandy was smart and dressed in a full body snow mobile suit. Yes-I am not kidding it was that cold and brisk. Like I noted it was a perfect antenna work day. Hi!

Thank you, guys, for your help. Amateurs are a good bunch! It is always a positive thing to see when you need help there are always volunteers who will turn out when help is needed. I thanked the crew after with a treat. I enticed volunteers at the March meeting with ice cream at Brad and Dad's in Palmyra after the work was done. It was warm at the meeting. Hi! With the WX as it was on this 'perfect antenna day,' the crew was treated at Dunkin Donuts for hot coffee and a donut or muffin. The crew deserved the reward.

73, Dave KB2KBY



### Advertisement

Next time you need a slug for your Bird 43, or are thinking of buying or upgrading a Wattmeter, you should consider checking out nm3e.com. I have gotten good advice and fair deals from NM3E, a ham who sells new and used Bird and CDI metering equipment. - W1YX

### Welcome:

Please welcome Lloyd Durfey, KB2FSB; and Steve Verulli, KA2CNF, to the Drumlins ARC. Lloyd and Steve were at the March meeting and introduced themselves to the members present. Lloyd has been a family friend of mine for some time. Upon finding more time in his life contacted, he wished to get back into amateur radio. Lloyd sent in his membership before the meeting and wondered if he could bring a guest. I said he surely could! With a little 'arm pulling' I got Steve to join DARC that evening. Thanks, Steve, for being a good sport and Lloyd I thank you for bring in Steve. Welcome to the Drumlins!

73 Dave KB2KBY

DARC, WA2AAZ, Trustee

## MARCH VE TESTING SESSION RESULT

After the business part of the Drumblins monthly meeting in March, we had another VE test session. I am happy to announce Joe Albright passed his “Tech” VE exam that evening! Good for you, Joe! Joe has the call of KD2BVS and already has been on the Sunday night 2-meter RACES/WARECS nets. I know W1YX is very proud as well.

You know Joe already. Joe has been seen often tagging along with W1YX. He helped with the go-kits EmComm box modifications, the go-kit ‘party’ in December and has been attending meeting all along with W1YX. I know he has been around for even more than mentioned but the gray cells just can’t recall at the moment. Sorry, Joe, that is my poor brain problem but the fact is you have been a participating ex officio of the club already. Now you just made it official! Hi! This guy is very pleased to see you jump in with amateur radio especially on the nets. Thank you, Joe, and FB on your ‘ticket!’

Please congratulate Joe when you have a chance.

73 Dave KB2KBY  
Club Trustee/ for the club VEC

P.S. Our thanks to Sabrina, WD2STK, our Laurel VEC coordinator and all the work for the VE. Our new VE accreditation is already proving a benefit to the club even in this short time up and running.



### Annual Drumlin’s Dinner

Saturday, May 5, 2012

Phelps Hotel, Phelps, NY

Social Hour - 1700

Dinner - 1800

\$16 per person

Please RSVP with number attending  
by April meeting.

Thanks,

Rich Hamill

# Antique Wireless Association: Spring Meet Vintage Radio Auction, Flea Market, Tours of Museum Campus

The annual AWA Spring Meet will be held May 5th, 2012, at the Veterans Park Complex beginning at 7:00 AM for sellers. Doors at both the former AWA Annex and the Lodge open to the public at 8:00 AM. The day is devoted to communications themes, screening of vintage films and AWA equipment sale and auction at the Annex.

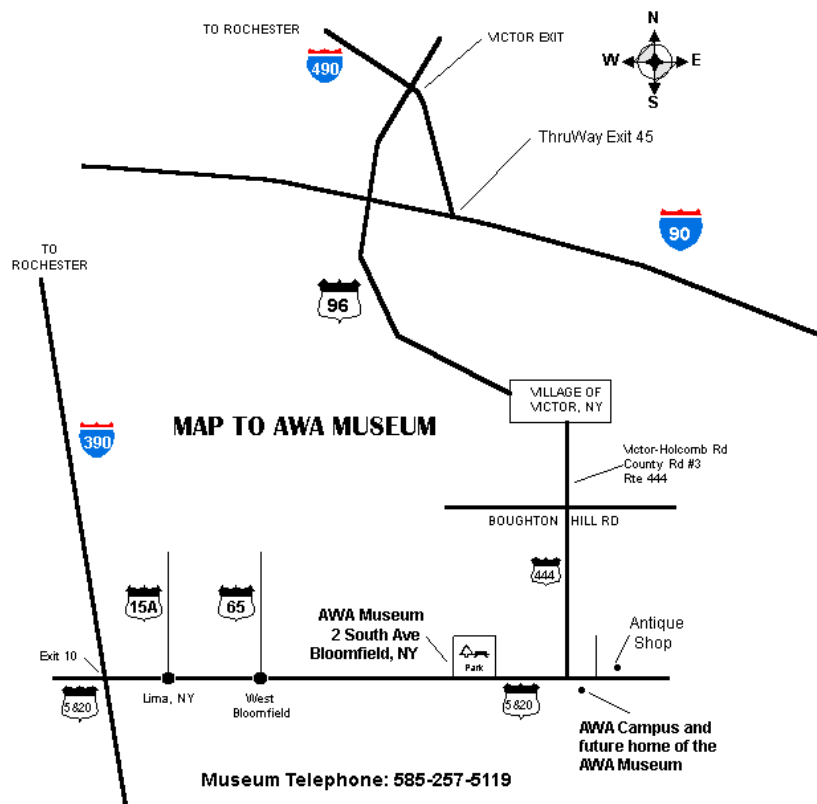
Ron Frisbee and Felicia Kreuzer will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Titanic disaster on April 14th, 1912, during a presentation at the Lodge. Refreshments will be available at the Lodge throughout the day.

The present Academy Museum and the future museum, currently under renovation, will be open for tours during the afternoon.

Indoor flea market tables and outdoor parking lot spaces for sellers remain at \$7.00 and registration for all participants is \$5.00.

At the conclusion of the auction, drawings will be held for an AWA artifact and a year's AWA membership.

Contact Spring Meet coordinator Ron Roach at (585) 750-5451 if further information is needed.



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## 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](http://www.drumlinsarc.org)

## ONTARIO COUNTY RACES

### NET

### TIME-FREQUENCIES

SUNDAY EVENING 8:00PM

PRIMARY:

145.450 (PL110.9)

W2ONT REPEATER

ALSO MONITORED

146.820 AND 145.110

(both PL110.9)

RESPECTIVELY

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