



# Drumlin's Rumblyns

DARC Monthly Newsletter

February 2010

## Next Meeting

**Wednesday, February 17, 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** November 20, 2010

**Call to Order:** President Robert Taylor at 19:30

**Welcome Members/Guests:** Welcome newest Drumlins member: KC2WGE, KC2TNJ, Trista Hamill, N2JC, N2VTM, K2MPE, W2EVU., N3BNT, KS2JEK, KE4VHA, AG2M, KC2TCM, N5SBY, N2MLD, WD2STK, W1YX, KC2JAL, KB2KBY, Philip Lundy  
**Guests:** KC2BZM, Tim Harris, Joey Albright

**Previous meeting Minutes-** Due to possible weather issues President Robert Taylor cancelled the meeting for the month of December. Please make sure that you tune in to the proper repeater on meeting days. The WX this time of the year can be questionable and the committee wants to make sure everyone is safe.

**Approval:** Motion to accept as printed in the newsletter by: KC2TCM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K2MPE & carried

#### **Treasurers Report:**

December Balance on Hand: \$6,702.35

Slush Fund: \$380.25

January Balance on Hand: \$6,723.10

Slush Fund: \$180.25

by KB2KBY: Motion to accept by K2MPE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W2EVU and carried.

**Repeaters** **146.745:** The time needs to be updated due to DST, it is off a hour. If KC2TCM can obtain the manuals we can look to adjust that accordingly.

**146.685:** The repeater has definatly been moved. If anyone can go by Fish Farm Road and see if the old building is demolished we can verify this. And as soon as we're able to we would like to get it back up and running properly.

**144.95:** K2MPE

## RACES-ARES February 2010



Well that pesky groundhog saw his shadow so it is another six weeks of winter, yet! Hi! I remember well our daughter, Megan, when she was in middle school when she first realized it didn't matter whether that pesky groundhog saw his shadow or not, it was s-t-i-l-l six weeks of winter! She was so disappointed it didn't

really mean anything. Hi! It is still a bunch of fun. Lately the way the Mid-Atlantic States have been getting hit south of us we should not complain. But it sure is weird that on February 6<sup>th</sup> Dulles Airport west of Washington DC had 75

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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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### RACES-ARES from page 1

inches of snow for the winter total and our Rochester airport had a total of 73 inches. Hi! Mother Nature does what she does!

Keeping in mind that Mother Nature does just what she wants, remember to be ready. My church choir director emeritus's daughter lives near Pittsburg, PA. The families keep in touch with us. Pittsburg really had a lot of snow. It was four days before her street was plowed. Her brother also lives near and he lost power. Thus he had to bring his family to his sister's QTH and found out power would not be back until Friday for his home. The e-mail sent to me by the daughter was sent Sunday. We've been there I know but with just a snow storm really gets me nervous. I thought Pittsburg got more snow but I guess they don't. Just keep your guard up! The daughter lived in Hamburg near Buffalo in the big 1993 storm.

We have been encouraging digital communications with our 2-meter gear whether HTs or mobile rigs or even both. Scott Teresi, N2UMH, my ARES counterpart in Ontario County was given a web site where TNC cables can be purchased for just about any older model 2-meter radios especially. Now remember I am the 'world's worst solderer' for me to find a site like this is a gem! I got a new TNC cable for N2MLD's packet setup and just added various other TNC cables for my older rigs and HTs. If you have one of these 2-meter rigs with a special TNC or digital plug connection in the back, they have those too. These cables make it possible to still use your regular mic if you want to use a repeater etc., without plugging the mic in and out. Here is the site if you are

interested: [www.buxcom.com](http://www.buxcom.com). You may know if this website company but this 'kid' didn't. It may be valuable for those of you like me. Give it a try.

The State Ginna Drill has been changed to April 21<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday. I think it was changed as a result of the new 685-repeater building being replaced with a new 'home' and tower. I believe the EOC will be asking for two vans to be sent out in the exercise which we communicate from our RACES position. If possible keep that date clear just in case you would be needed. You always can attend to observe and see what is going on even if you don't have an EOC badge. Bruce or I can get you in as a guest. I am still trying to arrange a program with John O'Toole from the EOC about the computerized forms. Keep looking for that program in the future "Drumlins Rumlins."

Well, it is a short article for me this month. Luckily things are calm which is good but it doesn't mean we should be complacent. Keep on guard as I have said and keep improving your emergency communications slowly but steadily. I have all my TNC cables now. I am slowly gaining more confidence in the digital communications as well. There are times I wish I had more time to devote but you can only do what you can do, but at least we A-R-E going in the right direction. I hope you are too. See you next month. Keep warm and dry!

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

### 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)

noted that the deviation is too low on the transmitter the signal ends up getting lost. KB2KBY emailed Andy in regards to this.

**“VE” Teams:** ARRL- Testing cost remains \$14; There will be a new Technician pool starting June 2010. 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> or contact WD2STK

**Activities & Contest:** Hamfest over in Lockport, NY on January 30<sup>th</sup> February 27<sup>th</sup> Hamfest in Horseheads, NY. Both Hamfests are inside, to stay nice and warm.

VHF Sweepstakes contest on the weekend of January 22.

**Public Service:** NTR

**RACES:** Warecs net is on the 146.745 until 146.685. The February Gannett Drill is now moved to April 21<sup>st</sup> There is no Warecs net on Superbowl Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for all the participants of the Warecs net. The numbers for 2009 increased a little compared to 2008. \*Everyone be sure you get your badges for RACES. Apply for Ontario County RACES as well, both counties can provide mutual aid. Currently we have approximately 6 members of both Counties.\*

Wayne County badge is still good regardless of the date. Ontario

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### **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

County runs background check and takes a little to process but when you are in it's permanent. (Monroe County has a cancellation date.)

There will be a reception center on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at PalMac Middle/High School Chris and Dave are taking care of that.

**Public Relations:** NTR

**Newsletter:** Thanks Jon!

**Remembrances:** NTR. WA2AAZ received a card from NM2H (our female CW operator) for the holidays.

**Old Business:**

Thank you to the crew that helped fix the antenna over at the SEMO. It was greatly appreciated! Sorry if we missed anyone else who helped with this task.

**New Business:** Hamfest ARRL was notified and called to make sure we were noted on their computer to be in QST and on the website.

After Holiday Dinner is at the Palmyra VFW on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who needs an email or snail mail let KB2KBY know. Dave will be sending out reminders, the check is due by Tuesday February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**50/50 Drawing:** Winner Tim Harris Amount: \$10.00

The slush fund is covering the August Bunknic as well as the deposit for the Post-Christmas Dinner. The money from the The slush fund is covering the Bunknic as well as the deposit for the Post-Christmas Dinner. The deposit from the Bunknic at the Firehall was told to be held by the Firehall for the upcoming Hamfest.

**Program:** A presentation on Handihams was shown.

**Adjournment:** K2MPE 2<sup>nd</sup> KC2TNJ ADJ @ 19:58

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### **Future 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.

Keep watching the Drumlin's Rumbins for the date!!

## February Program:

This month we are going to have a little "How-To" on computers. I am going to explain hardware, software, ports, RAM, storage, etc. After the presentation, we will have a Q&A session.

73, Jay KC2TCM

## Upcoming Public Service Events

### WELCOME BACK TO THE DRUMLINS-N2IZV

Please welcome back to the Drumlins ARC Russ Harris-N2IZV. Russ has not been on my membership list since being Treasurer so I asked Russ why the call sounded familiar. Russ told he has been a member for 10 years but was a little behind getting his dues in. Hi! Regardless, welcome back, Russ! Some of the 'old timers' will know Russ. Thanks for letting me 'pull your leg' a little, Russ, but many hams got through the ebb and flow of time for amateur radio and the Drumlins. Family, work and obligations come first according to the ARRL founder Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW. So we are just glad to find hams finding the time getting once again interested in amateur radio and especially the Drumlins. Thank you, Russ, for your 'renewal.'

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY  
Drumlins Treasurer and for the Executive Committee

### Ontario County RACES

Thank you to all ARES/RACES members who participated in the SET on Monday night 2/1/10. We had 26 operators participate which was outstanding! ! We were able to cover all 3 hospitals and 17 fire departments in 17 communities. The call up was made at 1819EST and the first checkin (N2MLH) to Net Control (W2ONT with KB2NCI at the mike) was 1830EST. We had coverage at the 911 center (WA2SSJ). We were also able to pass traffic digitally using both WL2000 and MT63. All traffic to the 911 center was passed digitally. Again, Thank you to all who participated and made this a very successful exercise. Special thanks goes to N2UMH for getting all the equipment set up at Net Control and KB2NCI for handling Net Control activities.

Steve Benton WB2VMR

**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

2-17 DARC meeting—1930, WC SEMO

## Upcoming Hamfests

- 2-27 29th Annual Winter Hamfest  
Horseheads, NY  
[www.arast.org](http://www.arast.org)
- 3-14 Greater Buffalo Hamfest Buffalo, NY  
[gbhamfest.hamgate.net](http://gbhamfest.hamgate.net)
- 4-17 Drumlin's Hamfest Newark, NY  
[www.drumlinsarc.org](http://www.drumlinsarc.org)
- 4-18 Binghamton Amateur Radio Association  
Port Crane, NY  
[w2ow.org](http://w2ow.org)
- 6-5 Rochester Hamfest Rochester, NY  
[www.rochesterhamfest.org](http://www.rochesterhamfest.org)
- 7-17 Radiocomm 2010 Frankfort, NY  
[www.uticaarc.org](http://www.uticaarc.org)
- 7-24 Batavia Hamfest Alexander, NY  
[sites.google.com/site/gramradioamateursinc/home](http://sites.google.com/site/gramradioamateursinc/home)
- 8-7 Ithaca Hamfest 2010 Trumansburg, NY  
[www.tcarc-ny.org/hamsfest](http://www.tcarc-ny.org/hamsfest)
- 8-18 EmComm East Convention Rochester, NY  
[www.emcommeast.org](http://www.emcommeast.org)
- 8-21 2010 Ham-Jam Deerfield, NY  
[www.cnyara.com](http://www.cnyara.com)
- 9-25 35th Annual Elmira Hamfest Horseheads, NY  
[www.arast.org](http://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](http://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 Rumbins."

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Your articles could be  
here!! Please email  
them to  
KS2JEK@rochester.rr.com

### BAD "WX" DARC MEETING - CHECK 146.685 REPEATER

During the winter bad weather (WX) months-check the 146.685 repeater. Starting at 6:00PM for a usual Wednesday night meeting there will be an announcement every 15 minutes on the quarter hour canceling the meeting. Announcements will end at 7:30PM. Keep monitoring the repeater. If this is Saturday meeting, which are at 10:00AM, the announcement will start at 8:30AM.and end at 10:00AM. (The 685 has full back up emergency power.)

### BAD "WX" DARC MEETING - CHECK 146.685 REPEATER

**Friday Luncheon  
Cross Park at noon**

**March Rumbins  
Deadline is  
March 3, 2010**

## ONTARIO COUNTY RACES NET

Drumlins ARC members are encouraged to call into the Ontario County RACES net on Sunday evening at 8:00PM. It does not matter if you are a member of the Ontario County RACES and/or a member of the Squaw Island ARC (SIARC). Our own WARECS net invites any licensed amateur to report into our net. The cooperation between the Wayne and Ontario counties RACES-ARES organizations are encouraged.

Both Scott Theresi, N2UMH-my Ontario County ARES EC counterpart, are encouraging joint RACES participation in both counties. The realization is that in a real emergency it may take help from the neighboring county to have adequate coverage for emergency communications. Hopefully any disaster would not catch both counties in need but if it did the added help could be crucial. Being a member of the Ontario County RACES and having their county badge would be a great help. It would naturally help if a member of the Drumlins had the Wayne County badge as well if you have not done so. It would be a fact that if one county is in an actual 'alert' for a better term, one's own family and locality would have to be 'secure' first to come to the aid of your county. That neighborly help may be needed!

I realize dual RACES membership is a time consuming burden on any member's part. But I do hope you come to see the benefits and the need for 'taking one step more.' Many of us including myself are just the same distance from our Wayne County EOC and the Ontario County EOC. I am lucky, I know, since it is only tenths of a mile difference in distance and time to both EOCs. Please give becoming an Ontario County RACES a high priority!

Scott, N2UMH, as ARES EC, has very graciously volunteered the W2ONT Ontario County RACES site at their county complex as a full backup to our county EOC. This includes even the use of their WinLink 2000 connection to the 'outside world' if necessary. In fact in any future Ginna drills I will be packeting W2ONT site. Even members of the Drumlins can 'roger' the Sunday their evening nets by connecting the W2ONT packet frequency. Any Drumlins member who is on packet and wishes to participate in this method may contact me. I have done it myself via the message by KC2TCM and WD2STK who are members of SIARC and Ontario County RACES as well as the Drumlins.

Whatever-try to get involved somehow. Please! Amateur radio has a long history of cooperation in its community. Here is a good local way of doing just that.

73, Dave KB2KBY  
Wayne County ARES EC- Assistant RACES RO

## YOUR DUES ARE DUE as

February 10, 2010

If your call is listed, your "dues are due."

KC2TIX  
KC2TIW  
KC2SIN  
KE2HF  
KC2VBL  
KA2JRD  
KC2CNT  
KC2JLY  
KB2SOZ  
KC2LPS  
KC2DQN  
KC2GZ  
WB2UAW  
KB2ROS  
K2KWK  
N2MKT  
WA2CQI  
WB2SXY  
W2PHL  
NN2H  
N2HSY  
WA2CER  
KC2KYC  
KC2EGP  
K5THV  
KC2RZM  
N2MKV  
KC2VBJ  
AB2XM  
W2KFU  
N2KQH  
N2VHN  
N3OYZ  
AB2IK  
KC2BFT  
KA2JQV  
AB2O  
W2TRW  
W2GIV  
K2WPO

Any discrepancy, please contact KB2KBY-Dave-either phone, e-mail or packet.  
(Addresses in the newsletter!)

# February 14 - March 27, 2010

*Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Feb 14</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Feb 15</i>	<i>Feb 16</i>	<i>Feb 17</i> 7:30 PM DARC Meeting	<i>Feb 18</i>	<i>Feb 19</i>	<i>Feb 20</i>
<i>Feb 21</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Feb 22</i>	<i>Feb 23</i>	<i>Feb 24</i>	<i>Feb 25</i>	<i>Feb 26</i>	<i>Feb 27</i> Post Christ- mas Party
<i>Feb 28</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Mar 1</i>	<i>Mar 2</i>	<i>Mar 3</i>	<i>Mar 4</i>	<i>Mar 5</i>	<i>Mar 6</i> WB2JOF B'Day
<i>Mar 7</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Mar 8</i>	<i>Mar 9</i>	<i>Mar 10</i>	<i>Mar 11</i>	<i>Mar 12</i> KC4WHJ B'Day	<i>Mar 13</i> KE2VN B'Day
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