



Drumlin's Rumblyns

DARC Monthly Newsletter

January 2010

Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 20, 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**

REPRINT -No Meeting last month!!!

Date: November 18, 2009

Call to Order: President Robert Taylor at 19:30

Welcome Members/Guests: WD2STK, Trista Hamill, N2MLD, N2JC, W2EVU, KC2JAL, K2MPE, AG2M KE4VHA, N3BNT, KS2JEK, N2UMH, W1YX, Joe Albright, W4ILN, KC2VBM, N2RUS, KD2NJ, Phil Lundy, KB2KBY, and KC2TCM

Previous meeting Minutes- Apologies for the misspellings and whatever small issues with the last month newsletter. Spell-checker works great (sometimes.) HiHi!

Approval : Motion to accept as printed in the newsletter by: N2MLD, 2nd by K2MPE & carried

Treasurers Report: Balance on Hand: \$6130.60
Slush Fund: \$367.43

Thanks again, Tris! Lovely job with the goodies! Insurance for the repeaters and equipment will be deducted shortly. The list of the items being covered is modified by KB2KBY yearly, comes every other year he submits the entire list of items. ARRL requires that there be a receipt/ invoice for items. This can call to be problematic especially for some of the older equipment we have.

by KB2KBY: Motion to accept by N2RUS, 2nd by K2MPE and carried.

Repeaters 146.745: The time needs to be updated due to DST, it is off a hour. 146.685:

No change

144.95: No change

KB2KBY has the paperwork for the repeaters, so KC2TCM can familiarize himself with it and assist with the maintainance of

RACES-ARES January 2010



Welcome to 2010! It is a New Year, which means it is report time for the WARECS net. If the 'gray cells' can operate in this new decade I may have a chance of coming up with something else this New Year article. HI!

Once again I must thank the members of the club who have checked in for the Sunday evening's WARECS nets. 2008 was the best year to date and I didn't think 2009 could be better. "Wrong!" I am

happy to type with my little fingers. 2008 we had an average check in of 11.04/net with 48 nets. For 2009, we had a net average of 11.58/net for 47 nets total. Thank you for the faithful check-ins, you "faithful ones" and you newcomers! Because of you, I was pleasantly surprised. An 11.0 or so check-ins per net average is a good number we seem to be

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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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keeping. When you consider the number that report into the State RACES HF net, it is a good comparison. The State net is around 18-20 check-in average.

Of course there could be more members checking into the net. Those that are still on the fence about checking into the WARECS nets, you are strongly encouraged to do so! Time of course is essential and we all have busy lives. If you have not checked into the Sunday 8:45PM net make a New Year's resolution to do so. Even once or twice a year checking in for the net would be a great help to your RACES skills. If you are familiar with the net protocol and the message, you would be ready for any kind of net and or message. The transfer of the skills obtained to any situation that comes up with just one or two check-ins to the WARECS net would be invaluable! You fence sitters, please try to check in! (I know there are some of you out there.)

KB2KBY just happened to be the first NCS (Net Control Station) for the State HF net in this New Year. The gist of the message was to make a New Year's resolution to be NCS sometime in 2010. I made the message generic enough to apply to the State HF and any local 2m net. The State HF net protocol is very similar to our WARECS net and they both use the same ARRL message form. If any club member wishes copies of the State and or WARECS net protocols let me know. If you have an e-mail address I can e-mail you the protocol easily. I even have an e-mailed ARRL message form as well. "Snail Mail" can be done also but it takes a little more time. Just ask me what you need and I can take care of it.

I hope some of you will get the courage to be NCS. Just one time a year being NCS out of the 47-48 nets we have would be a great help for your communications skills. This could be done piece meal. You could do the WARECS protocol and I could do the message or the process could be reversed. If I do the message you would automatically be the ANCS (Alternate NCS) and vice versa, if the process is reversed. The hardest thing to do is come up with a message but the State HF net furnishes those, which would send to you by me. Yes I know some of you are afraid of goofing up doing the net. There is no one who has done the goofiest things than I on the net either our net or the

HF net. Believe me! Hi! The RACES net whether 2m or HF is a training net! I emphasize the word training.

Of course I have encouraged the club members who have HF capability to call in on the State RACES net on Sunday mornings at 9:00AM. The State HF net is on 3993.5 MHz. If you only listen on the State HF it would be a great help. The check-in procedure is different on the State HF net as the state is divided into five regions. Our SEMO where we hold meeting is the 'the' SEMO for our region. We are lucky in that aspect although it does split our emergency communications commitment with two different government agencies-the NY State Region 5 SEMO and the Wayne County EOC. (That is another story for another article sometime.) Of the five regions I believe we have more Drumlins ARC members calling in on the State HF net than any ARC members of any of the regions! So another thank you goes out to the "HF crew" that report into the HF net. They are as faithful to the WARECS 2m net too!

Another reminder! If you do not have the Wayne County EOC RACES badge, make a resolution this year to get one! In a real situation where emergency communications is needed a minimum of five RACES members would be needed just for a start. As long as you have a 'tech' ticket you are useful even if you do not have any 2m rig. It is the RACES member that is important! A 2m rig can 'appear' for your use. But the RACES badge to go with your 'ticket' is essential. Remember the expiration date on the RACES badge is immaterial. You have a badge you are in the system!

In addition, if you can, become a member of the Ontario County RACES as well. Membership in the Squaw Island ARC (SIARC) is not required but it is encouraged also. We have several members in the Drumlins who are members of SIARC, myself included. RARRA and RARA in Monroe County have huge membership rolls compared to DARC and SIARC and could muster a good size crew of 2m-ops. Scott Teresi, N2UMH, my ARES EC counterpart for Ontario County, and I are in agreement along with both club Executive Committees, we will need each other's help in a real emergency in the long term. Scott is encouraging dual membership as much as I am as a result. Please give dual membership a serious consideration in both RACES and SIARC! By the way, out of county check-ins for the Ontario County RACES is encouraged on their RACES net Sunday 8:00PM on the 145.450 repeater (110.9 transmit tone). You can also report in the net on the 146.820 and 145.110 repeaters, which are monitored (Both use the 110.9 transmit tone) if you cannot get into the 145.450. The NCS will ask for out of county check-ins in the protocol and ask for a station to monitor the other repeaters. The 145.450 is the primary repeater. Our WARECS encourages anyone from any county to check in too. (Our furthest 2m check in via the 146.685 repeater was W2LC, Scott Buer, from Baldwinsville with his 11 element 2m-beam. Hi! Scott was testing it out one Sunday heard our net. Scott's name appears in QST magazine each month in the ARRL organization list by the. I've met Scott quite a few times. He is the SM for Western NY.)

So far-and I do hope it stays this way as

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'so far'-we have only had 'training' drills at either the state or county level. You must be prepared for the real thing. The Drumlins ARC is committed to emergency communications in RACES and ARES. We don't separate the RACES and ARES as far as membership. RACES & ARES are two separate entities-yes-but both are emergency communications based. You are wearing two hats as a Drumlins member. So be prepared as best you can, participate in the net(s), jump off the fence if you are one of the fence sitters, be a NCS, get your RACES badge, join the Ontario County RACES and or SIARC and think emergency communications.

That is enough for one month and the start of this New Year. Make one or all of the items in that last paragraph sentence as a New Year's resolution. Believe me! You could do one or all of them easily as a resolution, much easier than dieting and or exercising. Otherwise I'd be as slim and trim as my brother, N2MLD. Hi!

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

P.S. I would like to thank AG2M for his help in December. I was too busy with the holiday commitments that I could not get the message from the State HF net. AG2M was kind to get the morning HF messages and e-mail me the messages so our WARECS net. Thanks, George!

**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

**DRUMLINS
POST-CHRISTMAS DINNER
FEBRUARY 27TH SATURDAY**

Reserve this date for the Drumlins ARC post-Christmas dinner. The dinner will be held at the Palmyra VFW's newly rebuilt facility. We will gather at starting at 5:00PM and dinner will be served at 6:00PM. Watch for an e-mailed and or mailed flyer with RSVP attached. Price per person has not been finalized with the VFW but cost should be nearly the same as last year. This is a notification to check your busy calendars and reserve the time for the post-Christmas dinner. Watch your e-mail/snail mail for further info!

THANK YOU, ANTENNA REPAIR CREW!

At the November meeting the repair of the tri-beam leads was brought up. If you remember since early last spring a private contractor with the State DOT's permission next door to the SEMO cut our coax and rotor cables putting in the above ground oil tank. The DOT knew where the underground cables were but neglected to inform the contractor. Ouch! The contractor got the cables back holing the dirt where the old undergrounds tanks left a good-sized hole. They did a good job.

At the November meeting a crew was organized to do the necessary repairs. The following Friday after the meeting they did the necessary repairs. Our thanks go to AG2M, W1YX, KC2TMC, K2MPE, N2RUS, KE4VHA, K2MPE and N3BNT for taking their spare time to tear up the old cables, dig a new trench, re-connect the coax and rotor cables, grease the rotor bearing, and test everything out. Afterwards they had a good lunch to treat themselves for a job well done. Thanks crew!

73, Dave KB2KBY
WA2AAZ Station Trustee
and for the Executive Committee

January Program:

Handi-Hams

73, Jay KC2TCM

**Upcoming Public Service
Events****Minutes from page 1**

the repeaters if needed.

“VE” Teams: ARRL- NTR; W5YI- 1 new Tech.
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: NTR

Public Service: Thanks to the Pumpkin Patrol volunteers!

RACES: KB2KBY reports, the Hostel Takeover Drill went well. Everyone be sure you get your badges for RACES. Apply for Ontario County RACES as well, both counties can provide mutual aid.

Public Relations: NTR

Newsletter: Thanks Jon!

Remembrances: NTR

Old Business:

The wire connection to the beam needs to be fixed before the weather gets too cold and the ground freezes. Plans were made to meet on Friday, November 20th at 10 AM. Do the soldering and getting the antenna back and functioning, then lunch at the Crosspark at noon and go back if needed to finish up the connection.

New Business: After Holiday Dinner is at the Palmyra VFW on

February 27th. The menu is TBD, probably similar to the last party.

50/50 Drawing: Winner KE4VHA Amount: \$6.00

Program: N2UMH who is part of SIARC/ Ontario County RACES is to show digital modes and discuss a little about the EOC.

Adjournment: K2MPE 2nd KE4VHA ADJ @ 20:00

Next Month Program:

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

1-20 DARC meeting—1930, WC SEMO

Upcoming Hamfests

- 1-30 Lockport Amateur Radio Association
Lockport, NY
lara.hamgate.net
- 2-27 29th Annual Winter Hamfest
Horseheads, NY
www.arast.org
- 3-14 Greater Buffalo Hamfest Buffalo, NY
gbhamfest.hamgate.net
- 4-17 Drumlin's Hamfest Newark, NY
www.drumlinsarc.org
- 4-18 Binghamton Amateur Radio Association
Port Crane, NY
w2ow.org
- 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
- 9-25 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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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 Rumblins."

"SUPER BOWL" SUNDAY-NO WARECS NET

There will be no WARECS net Super Bowl Sunday. Enjoy the game, time with family, and time with friends. The net will resume the Sunday after the game. Hope you win some of the 'chances' on the game board whether at work or the home party. You deserve the break!

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY ARES EC

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**

**February Rumblins
Deadline is
February 3, 2010**

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

WELCOME KC2WGE TO THE CLUB

Please welcome our newest member to the Drumlins ARC, Bruce Croucher-KC2WGE! Bruce had been communicating with me where there was testing, etc. He happily passed his 'tech' ticket. Through various e-mails back and forth I managed to entice Bruce to join the Drumlins and he did! Bruce has even checked into the WARECS net already so he is off to a good start. Hopefully weather permitting and he has the time we hope to have an eyeball QSO with Bruce. If you happen to hear Bruce's call on any of the repeaters do call back with a welcome. Bruce, welcome to the Drumlins!

73, Dave KB2KBY
DARC Station Trustee-Treasurer and for the Executive Committee

Subject: : [PaQSO] Earthquake Net Frequencies - 7045, 3720 kHz - Please keep clear

From the CQ / WorldRadio Online Newsroom:

All radio amateurs are requested to keep 7045 kHz and 3720 kHz clear for possible emergency traffic related to today's major earthquake in Haiti.

International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) Region II Area C Emergency Coordinator Arnie Coro, CO2KK, reports that as of 0245 UTC on January 13, nothing had been heard from radio amateurs in Haiti, but that the above frequencies were being kept active in case any Haitian hams manage to get on the air, and in case of other related events in surrounding areas, including aftershocks and a possible tsunami.

The following is from an e-mail from CO2KK:

A few minutes after the earthquake was felt in eastern Cuba's cities, the Cuban Federation of Radio Amateurs Emergency Net was activated, with net control stations CO8WM and O8RP located in the city of Santiago de Cuba, and in permanent contact with the National Seismology Center of Cuba located in that city.

Stations in the city of Baracoa, in Guantanamo province, were also activated immediately as the earth movements were felt even stronger there, due to its proximity to Haiti. CO8AZ and CO8AW went on the air immediately, with CM8WAL following. At the early phase of the emergency, the population of the city of Baracoa was evacuated far away from the coast, as there was a primary alert of a possible tsunami event or of a heavy wave trains sequence impacting the coast line at the city's sea wall ...

Baracoa could not contact Santiago de Cuba stations on 40 meters due to long skip after 5 PM local time, so several stations in western Cuba and one in the US State of Florida provided relays. CO2KK, as IARU Region II Area C Emergency Coordinator, helped to organize the nets, on 7045 kHz and also on 3720 kHz, while local nets in Santiago de Cuba and Baracoa operated on 2 meters.

As late as 9,45 PM local time 0245 UTC we have not been able to contact any amateur or emergency services stations in Haiti.

Amateurs from the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Venezuela were monitoring the 40 meter band frequency, that I notified to the IARU Region II executive Ramon Santoyo E1KK as in use for the emergency, requesting that 7045 kHz be kept as clear as possible ...

We are still keeping watch on 7045 kHz hoping that someone in Haiti may have access to a transceiver and at least a car battery to run it.

All information that has so far come from the Cuban seismologists tell us of a very intense earthquake, and also of the possibility of other events following.

Following the advice of the geophysicists, we are keeping the 7045 and 3720 kiloHertz frequencies active until further notice.

YOUR DUES ARE DUE as January 8, 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
KC2AJU
KC2KYC
KC2EGP
AK2E
KC2DTP
N9SBY
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!)

January 17 - February 27, 2010

Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Jan 17</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net WA2PUU B'Day	<i>Jan 18</i>	<i>Jan 19</i>	<i>Jan 20</i> 7:30 PM DARC Meeting	<i>Jan 21</i> W4ILN B'Day	<i>Jan 22</i>	<i>Jan 23</i>
<i>Jan 24</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net W2GIV B'Day	<i>Jan 25</i>	<i>Jan 26</i>	<i>Jan 27</i>	<i>Jan 28</i>	<i>Jan 29</i>	<i>Jan 30</i>
<i>Jan 31</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Feb 1</i>	<i>Feb 2</i>	<i>Feb 3</i>	<i>Feb 4</i>	<i>Feb 5</i>	<i>Feb 6</i>
<i>Feb 7</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Feb 8</i>	<i>Feb 9</i>	<i>Feb 10</i>	<i>Feb 11</i>	<i>Feb 12</i>	<i>Feb 13</i>
<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>