



Drumlins' Rumblings

RACES-ARES January 2012

HAPPY 2012!!!!!! Hope Santa Claus was good to you for Christmas and HE managed get you some amateur radio goodies. Life has been so busy at this QTH. I am very late by 4 days getting this month's article in for Jon, KS2JEK. You would think having no RACES nets the two holiday weekends I'd be ahead and life slowing down? NOT! Hi! At least we can't complain of the 'winter' so far, although it looks like it will change a little coming soon. Old Dad use to say: "These are days they can't take away from you." Okay-I better get moving.

The December go-kit/pizza party/meeting was a big success. Just look at the calls and names of members who appeared for this unique meeting. It was a good turn out and the WX sure cooperated. Check out the pictures taken also! All the go-kits are assembled give or take a few small odds and ends on three kits that need to be filled. The FT8800s are all programmed and ready to go. It was a fun night. The go-kit assembly went quickly. I say quickly because one or two helpers for one kits takes some time. With the number helping the job was done in about 90 minutes for all 6 kits needed to be done. Thank you one and all. George Bastedo, the Wayne County EMO Director, was there and kindly thanked the members for their dedication to RACES and your loyalty this past

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Drumlins' Meeting

January 18th, 2012 - 7:30 PM

Wayne County EOC
7336 Rt. 31, Lyons, NY

Doors open at 7:00 PM

Talk-in: 146.685



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year. George joined us for the pizza and took a big number of the attended members for a tour of the new EMO. This kid didn't even think of that. Duh! So I was glad George thought of doing the tour. Afterwards we got on with the go-kits assembly. It was one good night. If you missed it-you missed a good time.

Too bad we couldn't have pizza every meeting. Hi! Actually we are pretty lucky with our monthly treats from Tris, KC2TNJ'S XYL. Our SIARC friends have no goodies and RaRa has upped their meeting numbers by having donuts. I must admit I am less guilty with Tris' goodies as she has a good half or more of the goodies all sugar free and less sugar or low fat for us that do and should be careful of those sugar and fat. Being good is hard at times. Hi! Tris comes up with a very nice variety of goodies and I am one to go back for more than I should. Don't tell the XYL that. I do try to bring some goodies for her to smooth things over with the guilt. KC2TNJ and Tris make a great team in transporting all the goodies and drinks. Since they won't toot their own horn, I'll do it here in this month's article. Kudos for Tris and Rich!

Now that we have the go-kits ready, what is next? We'll have eight go-kits to train on for RACES in a more "hands on" fashion. You can have all the projection training up on a screen as you like. But the cream in the pudding doesn't show its richness until you taste it. It is time for more OJT, On the Job Training. So look forward to that in this new year of 2012.

January is the time of the year I give the annual RACES net stats. I am ready! That is one thing I did get done in my short hiatus from Sunday nets. As little as seven years ago, RACES nets were averaging just 4.9 check-ins a Sunday night! Those Sunday averages have been steadily climbing every year. Last year I was tickled pink we had an average of 13.71 check-ins per Sunday net for 2010. I am happy to say 2011, we had 44 nets and 663 check-ins for an average of 15.07 check-ins per Sunday night RACES net. This means we had another record! For the faithful 663 check-ins, many thanks to you for taking the time to commit yourself to RACES. Some of our biggest months' totals were during the summer which is usually our doldrums' time! That was a nice surprise seeing the stats goes against the grain so to

Calendar of Events

Jan. 14	SARC January Winterfest Marathon, NY
Jan. 15	WARES Net - 8:45 PM 146.685
Jan. 18	Drumlin's Meeting - 7:30 PM Wayne County EOC 7336 Rt. 31, Lyons, NY
Jan. 22	WARES Net - 8:45 PM 146.685
Jan. 26	ARES Meeting - Monroe County Red Cross, 50 Prince St.
Jan. 29	WARES Net - 8:45 PM 146.685
Feb. 1	Rumblin's Deadline
Feb. 5	Superbowl Sunday - NO NET
Feb. 12	WARES Net - 8:45 PM 146.685
Feb. 15	Drumlin's Meeting - 7:30 PM Wayne County EOC 7336 Rt. 31, Lyons, NY
Feb. 19	WARES Net - 8:45 PM 146.685

Upcoming Hamfests

Jan. 14	SARC January Winterfest 2012 Marathon, NY Skyline Amateur Radio Club www.skylineradioclub.org
April 14	Drumlins Hamfest
June 30	Rochester Hamfest and Technology Expo Gordon Field House, RIT
Aug. 18	KLARA Hamfest Howard, NY http://klara.us

Previous Meeting Minutes

The Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD Meeting Agenda

Date: 12/21/11

Call to Order: 19:00/20:30

Welcome Members/Guests: KC2TNJ, Trista Hamill, KS2JEK, WD2STK, KC2PHS, KE2HFI, KB2ROS, N2COJ, K2MPE, Brenda Cook, Pat Stauffer, W2EVU, WA2CQI, N2MLD, W1YX, Joey Albright, KB2ROP, N9SBY, KB2KBY, N2JC, N2VTM, KC2TCM, KC2QOI, KB2VGI, N2IZV

Previous meeting Minutes: NTR

Approval : N2VTM 2nd by: W2EVU

Treasurers Report: The Citizens Bank and Reliant accounts are both active. Eventually we will close the Citizen's Account.

Approval: 2nd by: W2EVU

Repeaters The 440 repeater for the Sodus is still down for the time being. It was working too well and interfering with another repeater. We are awaiting news as to what the new frequency will be for the repeater from the coordinating authorities.

146.745:

146.685:

144.95 (Packet) : The computer went down and needed to be restarted completely in order for it to get working. We are looking at ways to prevent this from occurring in the future.

444.95:

"VE" Teams: Drumlins ARC is registered with the Laurel VEC. Testing will be every other month starting February. The dates are as follows:

February 13 - 7:30 @ Wayne County EOC
April 14 - 10:00 @ DARC Hamfest
June 11 - 7:30 @ Wayne County EOC
August 13 - 7:30 @ Wayne County EOC
October 8 - 7:30 @ Wayne County EOC
December 10 - 7:30 @ Wayne County EOC

Activities & Contest: NTR

Public Service: NTR

RACES: For participation in State and National Drill, the club was given a donation. We were also provided the pizza for the go kit party today by the same individuals. We are greatly appreciative of this assistance.

Public Relations: NTR

Newsletter: Great job Jon. Thanks for goodies, Tris.

Remembrances: No SK.

Old Business: NTR

New Business:

\$2,500 was requested to be able to help get the repeater systems up and running to their prime. W1YX is asking for this amount of money to aid in obtaining new cans among other things that are Used Commercial Equipment. This was approved unanimously after having a Repeater Committee meeting and discussing it with the club.

Motion to approve: KB2ROP 2nd: N2JC

50/50 Drawing: Winner NTR Amount:

Adjournment: K2MPE 2nd by: N2JC @ 19:20 / 21:00

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



Attention

During the winter bad weather (WX) months, check the 146.685 or 146.745 repeater. Starting at 6:00 PM for a usual Wednesday night meeting, if there is bad weather, there will be an announcement every 15 minutes on the quarter hour canceling the meeting. Announcements will end at 7:30 PM. Keep monitoring the repeater. If this is a Saturday meeting, which are at 10:00 AM, the announcement will start at 8:30 AM and end at 10:00 AM. (The 685 has full back up emergency power.)

January Program

For our January meeting, I'm going to introduce the club to HamNation! This is a new show on the TWiT.tv network that is all about Ham Radio. I'll have a bunch of episodes available to choose from at the meeting covering a wide variety of topics. I'll also explain how to watch it at home.

73, Jay KC2TCM



February Rumblins
Deadline is: February 1, 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!
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Webster, NY 14580-0259

Upcoming Public Service Events

[www.rochesterham.org/
public_service.htm](http://www.rochesterham.org/public_service.htm)

RACES Events

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speak. Thank you again for your commitment to the Drumlins RACES-ARES. “FB!” (Fine Business) is in order. Hopefully more of you that not checked into a net will do so. Look forward to some different nets this year. We’re overdue for a simplex net for example. There has been a suggestion of a emergency power only net-batteries or generators. We have to be prepared for all contingencies.

Let us hope “Mother Nature” is kind to us this next year. Let us hope we are not needed in our RACES capacity. But we are the best prepared then we ever have been thanks to support from the County EMO and George Bastedo. I was glad to see the turn out for the go-kit party and you got to actually “see” this George I talk about so much. George is a good man! Once again, happy 2012 to you all and please keep up the commitment to RACES and emergency communications. Notch it up a little this year. See you next month.

73, Dave KB2KBY
RACES RO/ ARES EC



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) can be used for directions and information.

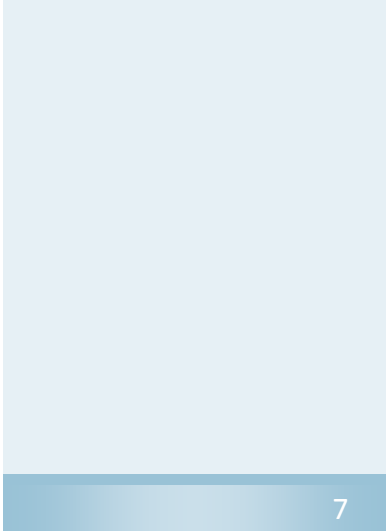
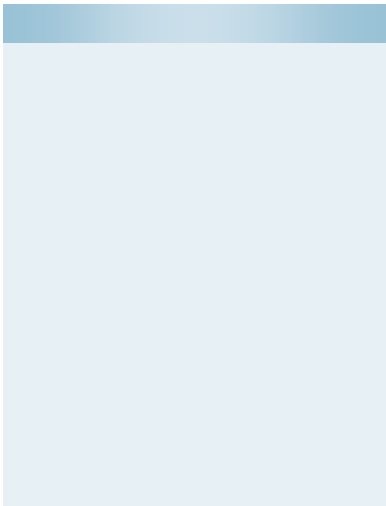
On the opposite months Drumlins will be hosting VE testing at the Wayne county EOC on the 2nd Monday of the month except for April when it will be held at the Hamfest on a Saturday. The testing is headed by Sabrina Hamill, WD2STK of DARC. Please contact her ahead of time to let her know you are coming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

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.

Welcome





Free Programming Software Info:

After the Ontario County ARES/RACES net tonight, I was talking with KB2NCI, and mentioned Chirp programming software for multiple radios. This software, while less "polished" than others, is very free and supports a LOT of radios:

From Dan's website, <http://chirp.danplanet.com>

CHIRP is a FREE cross-platform, cross-radio programming tool. It works on Windows and Linux (and MacOSX with a little work). It supports a growing list of radios across several manufacturers and allows transferring of memory contents between them. The current list of supported models is:

Alinco

- * DR-03T Coming Soon
- * DR-06T Coming Soon
- * DR135T
- * DR235T
- * DR435T
- * DJ596T

Baofeng

- * UV-3R

Icom

- * IC-2820H
- * ID-800H
- * ID-880H
- * IC-2200H
- * IC-91/92AD
- * IC-V/U82
- * ID-RP2000V/RP4000V/RP2V/RP2D
- * IC-2100H
- * IC-2720H
- * IC-T70
- * IC-Q7A
- * IC-W32A

Jetstream

- * JT220M

Kenwood

- * TH-D7A
- * TM-D700
- * TM-V7A
- * TM-V71A
- * TM-D710
- * TH-F6A
- * TH-D72
- * TH-K2
- * TM-271A

Puxing

- * PX-2R (UHF)
- * PX-777

Yaesu

- * FT-2800M
- * FT-7800R
- * FT-7900R
- * FT-8800R
- * FT-8900R
- * VX-3R
- * VX-5R
- * VX-6R
- * VX-7R
- * VX-8R
- * FT-60R

Wouxun

- * KG-UV1P/UV2D/UV3D
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I urge you to check it out, and even donate a few bucks if you find the software useful.

73, Jay KC2TCM

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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

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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