



Drumlins' Rumblings

RACES-ARES May 2012

May has arrived with April being cooler than March for the first time ever in the climate records for our area. Goofy! It sure is! This RACES stuff especially has made me hyper 'tuned' to WX and this year really has been year so far where the ears have been 'tuned' to goofiness to the extreme. Again, we have been very fortunate compared to many sections of our vast country. Although the political 'smell' and high taxes of New York State sure makes it hard to stay here, I must admit Mother Nature has been kind to us generally.

Again I have to say this forgiveness of Mother Nature can put us in a state of "Who cares?" for RACES. You look at the parts of the country that have very active weather incidences-just check your ARRL QST magazine and the CQ magazine-and you know what I am talking about. You don't find any disaster articles and RACES responses much in our part of the country. One of the Massachusetts towns last tornado season northwest of Boston was a surprise. That was the closest and weirdest I have seen ever. I have a former student who was too close to that incident. He e-mailed family and I he was alright and lost electric for a short time but no damage.

I am very honored with the fact our WARECS-RACES Sunday night nets have been well attended. It shows we have many club

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Drumlins' Meeting

May 16th, 2012 - 7:30 PM
Wayne County EOC
7336 Rt. 31, Lyons, NY
Doors open at 7:00 PM
Talk-in: 146.685



RACES-ARES May 2012 continued

members who are interested in emergency communications. I am very proud of you all for that increased interest. But we will be taking RACES to a larger level of involvement in the future.

I mentioned a little hint of this ‘larger level’ of involvement on the last WARECS net. KC2LOC, Ross, my Monroe County ARES counterpart sent out an e-mail to me and N2UMH, Scott, my Ontario County ARES counterpart. The e-mail was a planned tri-county RACES exercise in the future. I saw Ross at April’s Monroe County RACES meeting. By the way I am an official member now of both the Ontario and Monroe County RACES. I will speak more on that a little later in this article. This tri-county RACES effort will be a slow progression. Which means you’ll need to ‘say tuned’ to other article and bulletins.

One of the items we need to move on quickly is the dreaded ICS-213 form. Yes-that Incident Command System form, the general form used for communications and a paper trail. It is not perfect and does not ‘blend’ well with amateur messaging forms namely the ARRL message form. But we are used to the ARRL message protocol and like the change from the NY State Com-3 form many years ago, we can adapt here. Yes-there was a special NY State communications form, the Com-3 form was used way before RACES used the ARRL message of late. Wayne and Ontario County had a hospital drill in 2010 where we used the ICS-213. All concerned ‘ops’ adapted and used the ICS-213 easily in the drill and easily satisfied the ‘missing’ portions of the 213 to the ARRL protocol. Believe me! We used a digital ICS-213 and even this ‘world’s worst typist’ managed to look like a seasoned typist. Hi! Yes-I was proud of myself. Hi!

What we will first be doing? You guessed it! We will be start using the ICS-213 form on the WARECS Sunday evening nets not only in voice but digitally as well using the MT63/2000. I will be sending out a digitally RACES modified ICS-213 for amateur use devised by the Lewis County RACES and approved by the NY State RACES. Look forward to that in your e-mails. You mailed newsletter members I’ll send a paper copy for you to make copies. It is a little quirky but manageable I will admit. Also look at the www.w1htj.com/download.html site for a download of Flmsg and Flmsg-Help files. Flmsg is file of the most used ICS form digitally compatible with FIDigi and

Calendar of Events

May 13	WARES Net - 8:45 PM 146.685
May 16	Drumlin’s Meeting - 7:30 PM Wayne County EOC 7336 Rt. 31, Lyons, NY
May 20	WARES Net - 8:45 PM 146.685
May 24	ARES Meeting - Monroe County Red Cross, 50 Prince St.
May 27	NO NET
June 3	WARES Net - 8:45 PM 146.685
June 6	Rumblin’s Deadline
June 10	Tour-de-Cure
June 10	WARES Net - 8:45 PM 146.685
June 11	VE Testing Wayne County EOC 7336 Rt. 31, Lyons, NY
June 17	WARES Net - 8:45 PM 146.685

Upcoming Hamfests

June 9	Chaffee Country Hamboree Chaffee, NY pioneerradiosociety.bravehost.com
June 9	Skyline ARC’s Summer Hamfest Cortland, NY www.skylineradioclub.org
June 30	Rochester Hamfest and Technology Expo Gordon Field House, RIT
July 21	Batavia Hamfest Alexander, NY http://larc.hamgate.net

Previous Meeting Minutes

The Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD Meeting Agenda

Date: 4/18/12

Call to Order: 19:30

Welcome Members/Guests: KD2AWP, AC2HK, KD2WPO, N2MLD, KC2JAL, KC2TNJ, Trista Hamill, N2DIT, W2GIV, Brenda Cook, K2MPE, N2ZVP, KS2JEK, AB2F, N2RUS, W2EVU, K2OEQ, N2IZU, KC2TCM, WD2STK, KC2YGH, Phil Lundy, KE2HI, W4ILN, Gene Vanderberg, KC2QOI, KB2VGI, N9SBY, W1YX

Previous meeting Minutes: Motion and Approval for the Vice President was actually for Glen, KC2YGH to become vice president after Jim, N2JC withdrew his name for Vice Presidency.
Approval : K2MPE 2nd by: KC2YGH

Treasurers Report:

Approval: K2MPE 2nd by: N2RUS

Repeaters: More work was done to the repeater to get things up and running temporarily. The new building has quite a bit of work that needs to be done to it in order to make sure it is able to be used. It's a better building then what was being used initially.

"VE" Teams: There were 8 new upgrades or new licensees from the Hamfest.

Activities & Contest, Public Service: Field Day for Ontario County may be done at Constellation. We can try partnering with them and have the liability insurance covered via Drumlins. KC2TCM motioned for the Field Day to be partnered with SIARC, 2nd by: AC2HK

Public Service:

RACES: No Memorial Day or Labor Day nets this year.

Public Relations: NTR

Newsletter: Everyone got their newsletter. Great job Jon. Tris thanks for the goodies last month.

Remembrances: NTR

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.

Thank you for everyone who came to the Hamfest and helped out. We need to send thank you's to the Marletown Fire Hall and Mark's Pizzeria in Newark. They have both been very generous over the years.

Antenna's were taken from Bill Wiedrick's house on Throop Street. It only took 45 minutes to do.

The 6 Meter test for a fellow ham, over in Syracuse went great.

New Business: Spence showed us a AA Battery holder he created, to have his radio work.

If anyone wants to do a go kit presentation at the Rochester Hamfest, please let us know. Also if people are looking to sell we need to know how many tables are needed.

50/50 Drawing Winner: KC2TNJ

Amount: \$13.50

Adjournment: KD2AWP

2nd by: K2MPE @ 20:10

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

May Program

For this months program we are going to watch an Atlantic Division Webinar on NBEMS Net Operations.

73, Jay KC2TCM



June Rumblins
Deadline is: June 6, 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

- 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

RACES Events

Clyde 5K - August

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MT63/2000. Start experimenting with the whole program and playing around with it. You know how adept I am at computer stuff, so if I can work through it-you can. Maybe we can have a monthly meeting program on Flmsg and flounder together. Hi! Whatever, ICS-213 and other forms pertaining to emergency communications is coming “down the pike.” If you have been managing the ARRL message form in voice and/or digitally, do not be too nervous about the challenge. We know communications protocol and we can adapt easily to the ICS-213.

Stay “tuned” to future developments. It will all be revealed at the right time. It is all in the timing anyway. See you next month.

73 Dave KB2KBY
RACES RO/ARES EC

P.S. Forgot to mention earlier. You do not need to be a member of any ARC in Ontario or Monroe County to become a RACES member. There are no fees, dues, etc. We have quite a few DARC members belonging to all three county RACES groups.



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) 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.

N2DIT-“LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR”

Congratulations to N2DIT, Charlie Shade, Drumlins ARC member for his recognition by the August Mauer Post 286 in Newark as “Legionnaire of the Year.” Many of our DARC members also give their time and effort to many community service organizations as well as amateur radio. It is proper to give them recognition when it is truly due. So, we say “Congrats, Charlie!” on the honor bestowed to you by the Legion. I know Charlie did this at the same time he was working on his Navy MARS certification and has had his MARS call for some time. I know personally the time taken on MARS was a lot of time consuming work. Since WA2EMO station at the County EMO is a MARS station as well, Charlie took up the task to become a MARS ‘op’ as a result.

My hat is off to you, Charlie. “FB”

73, Dave KB2KBY
RACES RO/ARES EC



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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 OUR NEWEST DRUMLINS MEMBERS

At this past April's DARC hamfest, several interested amateur radio 'minds' joined the Drumlins ARC. A last minute decision by some Executive Committee members offered DARC membership at half the usual membership price to entice joining the Drumlins. So welcome the flowing new members!

Tim Breckheimer, KB2VSA, and Jordan his 'harmonic' both took our Laurel VEC tests with Tim upgrading to General from Novice and Jordan passing his "Tech" ticket. Sorry, Jordan, at the time of typing this article I could not find your new callsign.

Roy Wildermuth, W2IT, an AWA member as well, joined DARC possibly with a 'little arm pulling' by Drumlins' member K2OEQ, Duncan, who is also an AWA member. I'm not sure of the arm pulling but I know K2OEQ was a big influence. My hat is also off to Roy for his nice long locks of hair which he is growing for "locks for life" for cancer survivors. He said he has a ways to go yet but I have to admit I have a little envy for his thick hair and wavy locks. The fact we are both cancer survivors was duly recognized too.

Thanks to DARC member KC2EGP, Jim, we have another of the Parks family joining the membership. Tom Parks, N2TKR, Jim's brother signed up with YL, Michele La Beer, as an Associate. You have heard N2TKR on the 685 and 745 repeaters before this. I've pulled his leg a time or two about joining. Hi!

The last "new" member is actually not new in the sense of the word. But it was a pleasure to see W2GIV, Bob Wilkin, get his dues in after a two year hiatus! Hi! Bob, it was nice to really see you at the hamfest and see you at the April meeting as well. I gave Bob a little tour of the new County EMO. He was impressed.

New or 'old' members, welcome! We thank you for joining the Drumlins ARC.

73, Dave KB2KBY
Drumlins ARC Trustee for the
Executive Committee

DRUMLINS ARC POST-"SPRING FLING" DINNER

On May 5th, Saturday, a nice group of DARC members, XYLs and YLs enjoyed this year's "Spring Fling" dinner at the Phelps Hotel on Main Street Phelps. This is our first attempt at having the Spring Fling at a nice local eatery instead of one of the local volunteer service organizations. Although the trip was a stretch for some of our northern county members QTHs, the dinner was well attended and the food was very good. The presentation of the buffet was very professional and the setting was like a wedding reception with the place settings. We had the room to ourselves to swap stories, 'lie' a little bit with ample 'leg pulling' time as well. You missed a nice cordial event. The one only very small 'negative' comment was from the treasurer's XYL. She missed the nice Girl Scout type mint chocolate cookie with the ice cream dessert dish! But the ice cream dessert was good quality stuff, she also admitted. Hi! We do like our desserts at the treasurer's QTH. (Hi! Yes-you can easily tell by the treasurer's physique.) The general opinion was the 'move' to the Phelps Hotel was a Spring Fling hit! The Phelps Hotel was very accommodating and next year's Spring Fling will most likely mean a return to the hotel. (Check out the photos.)

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY
DARC Treasurer



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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!

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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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