



Drumlin's Rumblyns

DARC Monthly Newsletter

August 2009

Next Meeting

Wednesday, August 19, 2009

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

CALL TO ORDER: by President Robert Taylor
DATE: July 15, 2009

MEMBERS / GUESTS ATTENDING: KE4XHA, KS2JEK, N2MLD, KB2KBY, W2EVU, KC2JAL, N3BNT, K2MPE, Trista Hamill, KC2TNJ, N2MKV, KC2TCM, WD2STK AND N2JC

MINUTES: Motion to accept as printed in newsletter by KE2XHA, 2ND by W2EVU & CARRIED

NEWSLETTER: Thanks Jon. Anyone with articles, get them to Jon for publication.

Corrections: NONE

TREASURERS REPORT by KB2KBY: Motion to accept by, K2MPE 2nd by W2EVU & CARRIED

PUBLIC SERVICE: Muscleman event on Sat 18 & Sun 19

REPEATERS: 146.745 good 146.685 Good 144.950- problems on links out of the area.

RACES: On 6/22/09 there was an inter-hospital "Communications Drill" for Monroe, Wayne, Ontario and Yates counties. WB2QKO represented Wayne Co. at Newark Wayne. There is a project in the works to equip all hospitals with HF and 2Meter equipment. KB2KBY discussed the possibility of a 440 link between Ontario Co. EMO and Wayne Co. EMO is being investigated. There was some discussion of using 6 Meters for simplex in our area due to the presence of topographical obstructions.

ACTIVITIES & CONTESTS: Field Days KC2TCM and KC2TNJ

RACES-ARES August 2009



Wow! August is here! The last full month of summer is already upon us! It sure is hard to believe it, isn't it? Ah, 'the lazy, hazy days of summer' as Dad use to say sitting down in the lawn chair outside as the evening heat and humidity eased a little bit at this time of the year. Mom always stayed inside with the air conditioning as she was always too hot. It was never too cool for Mom. Mom was known to wear her summer 'nightie' in the middle of winter. Hi! But Dad had

another summer philosophy. 'You don't have to shovel the humidity!' Dad would say. Although I would side more with Mom with the heat issue, Dad was right about the shoveling part. Hi!

The 'lazy, hazy days' of summer have of **Continued on page 2**

RACES NET SUNDAYS 20:45 146.685
Except for Holiday Weekends!

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The Drumlins Leaders 08-09

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course hit the RACES-WARECS Sunday night net as well. The number of check-ins to the Sunday night net are at their usual lowest at this time of the year. That is okay. I've missed a few myself. Hi! (By the way the new 'pretend' knee is doing well.) And luckily we missed that bad round of bad weather with the tornados to the west of us. Even the weather has blessed us here and been 'lazy, hazy' at it should be. RACES has been on the back burner so to speak. But!

Yes-but! With August and this last full month of summer upon us, it means our Drumlins RACES-ARES work year is just around the corner. September means Canal Town Days is almost here and help will be needed with the parade setup. (Look for the parade article in this issue of the 'Drumlins Rumlins.') October will mean the Pumpkin Patrol will be coming up the end of the month. The State Ginna drill is already scheduled in February 2010. With the end of summer the WARECS net's numbers should improve as well. Well-it is time to put on that RACES thinking cap once again and look to your calendar way ahead of time to volunteer and get those 2-meter rigs and HTs dusted off. Check into the Sunday evening net of course!

Another thing to consider is the EMCOMM East conference Saturday, October 3rd at St. John Fisher College. With the club funds available it was suggested at the July meeting to encourage more participation at this EMCOMM conference for club members interested in RACES. The idea was to help defray some the cost for club members interested in attending. There could be funds available even from the 'slush fund' to defray costs a little if we do not wish to tap into the checking account. Please consider attending the EMCOMM East conference. It is informative and helpful. You will not be disappointed and they serve a good breakfast and lunch thrown in with the price. Hi! (Look for something else where in this newsletter about the conference.)

Bruce and I have not exactly been sitting still as far as RACES, however, this summer. George Bastedo and John O'Toole at the Wayne County EMO if you remember, asked Bruce and I to get together an equipment list to equip four 'go-kits' for the Wayne County EMO and the EOC this last spring. Of course Bruce and my lists emphasized two different theories toward this end. Two

different minds come up with two different lists, naturally. The EMO said to submit everything. That we both did! George and John have been working for us. They have been thinking about us even in the 'lazy, hazy days of summer.' Yes, it may be a 'wish list' and we do not know what will happen whether funds are available or not. We all know politics works. Hi! But we have not had this opportunity in the past-period-or even been thought of at all-period! Believe me! George and John are trying and we should be doing our part also. It is a two-way street. So?

So! As hard as it may be, it is time to think past 'the lazy, hazy days of summer' as far as RACES. Summer is over. "(RACES) School' is back in session.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

WALTER CRONKITE, KB2GSD (SK)

Legendary CBS newsman Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD, who held the title of "Most Trusted Man in America," passed away Friday, July 17 after a long illness. He was 92. The avuncular Cronkite anchored the CBS Evening News for 19 years until 1981 when he retired. During that time, he reported on such subjects as the Kennedy assassinations, the Civil Rights movement, the Apollo 11 lunar landing, Vietnam and the Vietnam-era protests, the Arab-Israeli Six Day War, Watergate and the Begin-Sadat peace accords.

Cronkite, an ARRL member, narrated the 6 minute video "Amateur Radio Today" <<http://www.arrl.org/ARToday/>>. Produced by the ARRL in 2003, the video tells Amateur Radio's public service story to non-hams, focusing on ham radio's part in helping various agencies respond to wildfires in the Western US during 2002, ham radio in space and the role Amateur Radio plays in emergency communications. "Dozens of radio amateurs helped the police and fire departments and other emergency services maintain communications in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC," narrator Cronkite intoned in reference to ham radio's response on September 11, 2001. "Their country asked, and they responded without reservation."

In 1963, it was Cronkite who broke into the soap opera "As the World Turns" to announce that the president had been shot -- and later to declare that he had been killed. CBS called it a "defining moment for Cronkite, and for the country. His presence -- in shirt-sleeves, slowly removing his glasses to check the

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August Program:

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73, Jay KC2TCM

Minutes from page 1**VE TEAM: NTR****REMEMBERANCE: NTR****OLD BUSINESS: NTR****NEW BUSINESS:** The summer bunknic event was discussed. The Date, location and menu was discussed.

WD2STK will get supplies. TO be held Aug 22, at the Marbletown Fire Hall pavilion.

KC2JEK discussed the possibility of the club assisting financially with the costs of members attending the ENCOM convention in Monroe County.

50/50 KC2TCM \$7.50

ADJOURNMENT: K2MPE 2nd. WD2STK ADJ at 2020**Upcoming Public Service Events****Rochester Arthritis Foundation Marathon**
Sun, September 13**AIDS Rochester Red Ribbon Ride**
Sun, September 20**Fairport Lift Bridge Regatta**
Sun, September 20**Bike MS 2009 Pedal to the Park**
Sat, September 26**Barktoberfest: Lollypop Farm**
Sat, September 26**America's Walk for Diabetes**
Sat, October 3**Jamboree on the Air (BSA)**
Sat & Sun, October 17 & 18**HOLIDAY WARECS NET SCHEDULE**

It is that time of the year again when the summer holiday schedule is in effect. The following national holiday weekends there will be NO Sunday WARECS nets: Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. Enjoy the extra time off and have a save holiday!

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY
Wayne County ARES EC

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

8-19 DARC meeting—1930, WC SEMO

Upcoming Hamfests

Sept. 19 Radio Amateurs of Greater Syracuse
<http://ragsinreview.com>

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."

NO WARECS NET LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Labor Day is the last official holiday for the 'summer season.' Therefore there will be no WARECS net for the Labor Day weekend. Enjoy the time with your family and friends and have a safe holiday weekend. The WARECS net will resume September 13th.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

SPECIAL THANKS TO AG2M

I would like to thank George, AG2M, for taking my place as NCS for the WARECS net for the two Sundays in June when I was recuperating from my total knee replacement.

I knew I had left the net in good hands. George has been a regular on the State RACES HF net on Sundays at 0900 on 3993.5 and on the 2-meter evening net. George did a fine job as NCS-a 'little birdie' told me. Hi!

All members of DARC are encouraged to call in for the 2-meter net and all are encouraged to be NCS once a year to get the practice. NCS gets easier as you do it more often. Of course even I make silly mistakes with my poor memory at times. It is a good "hi" many times believe me. But the point is you do it and the message still gets through which is the important thing. You have had experience being NCS in a drill first and not 'cold turkey' in a real event.

Interested in trying as NCS? Everything will be furnished by me if you wish to take on NCS for the 2-meter net. There are many ways to make ease you into NCS. You can take 'the plunge' or do NCS piecemeal. Give it a try! If I can do it anyone can. It just takes a little practice. Contact me if you are interested.

Thanks again, George, for your help. RACES members, I can't keep on having surgeries to get new NCSs on the net! Hi! Heaven forbid!

73 & 88, Dave KB2KB
ARES E.C.- Assistant RACES R.O.

**Friday Luncheon
Cross Park at noon**

**September Rumblins
Deadline is
September 2, 2009**

DRUMLINS - ANNUAL - SUMMER - PICNIC

SATURDAY - AUGUST 22ND - MARBLETOWN F.D. PAVILION

behind the firehouse at the ball diamond.

This is a handicapped accessible area!

Gather 3:00PM for preparation, the gift of gab, telling ham 'white' lies and relaxing fun! EAT at 5:30PM! More 'white' lies after until we are tongue-tied. Hi! The pavilion is covered with plenty of tables. Bring a lawn chair if you wish more comfort.

BRING A DISH OR DESSERT to pass! Hots, burgers, rolls, condiments, drinks including diet, plates, cups, silverware, napkins and ice provided. (Thanks to our club 'slush fund' with the 50/50 tickets.)

RSVP appreciated so we can determine quantity to buy!
RSVP by Tuesday August 18th: wd2stk(at)yahoo.com or call 315-548-8589/ leave a message. Sabrina would appreciate it!

CANAL TOWN DAYS ** PARADE SETUP ** HELP NEEDED
SEPTEMBER 19THSATURDAY**2:00PM**

It is Canal Town Days time again! Once again the Drumlins ARC has been asked to aid in the Canal Town Days' parade. The Drumlins members always help with the parade setup each year. So-it is time for volunteers once again to come to the aid of the parade.

We will meet at 2:00PM at the corners of East Jackson Street and Stafford Road on Saturday, September 19th. Bring your 2-meter HT with extra batteries just in case they are needed. Be prepared for the weather. We need a minimum of five (5) Drumlins members to make this work. The more members we have the easier the job will be. There is never too many believe me. Even if members are paired off it is good as you need about three hands on one body to make the job easy. I am not joking. If you have a clipboard, bring it!

Please contact Bruce, WB2QKO, and/or KB2KBY if you can spare about three hours for the parade:

BRUCE-597-9731(Leave a message on his machine.), wb2qko(at)localnet.com.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY
597-4293 (Leave a message if I'm not at home.)
kb2kby(at)rochester.rr.com

2nd Annual EmComm East Emergency Communications Conference

Amateur radio operators pride themselves on the ability to get the message through, "when all else fails" during a disaster. Amateur Radio Emergency Communications (or EmComm) plays an important role in helping disaster relief organizations communicate when land lines, cell phones, and other traditional modes of communication become overloaded or fail.

EmComm East is an ARRL-sanctioned amateur radio emergency communications conference, where amateur radio operators involved in EmComm can attend training sessions on technical topics, learn from served agencies, obtain VE testing for license upgrades, and interact with other EmComm operators from all over the area.

On October 3, 2009, Monroe County ARES will be holding our second annual EmComm East conference at St. John Fisher College. \$30 pre-registration required, continental breakfast and lunch included.

Sign up for e-mail announcements or subscribe to our RSS feed, and we'll keep you informed of new developments in this exciting opportunity!

For more information, visit our website at www.emcommeast.org, or drop us an e-mail at info@emcommeast.org

By Jeff Wigal, WY7Q, Monroe County ARES/RACES

time and blink back tears -- captured both the sense of shock, and the struggle for composure, that would consume America and the world over the next four days."

Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML, was Cronkite's radio engineer at CBS for many years. "I had many chances to discuss my favorite hobby, ham radio, with 'the world's most trusted anchor man,'" he told the ARRL. "Gradually, his interest increased, but on finding that he had to pass a Morse code test, he balked, saying it was too hard for him; however, he told me he had purchased a receiver and listened to the Novice bands every night for a few minutes. At the CBS Radio Network, Walter would arrive 10 minutes before we went on the air to read his script aloud, make corrections for his style of grammar and just 'get in the mood' to do the show. In those days Rich Moseson, W2VU, was the producer of a show called "In the News," a 3 minute television show for children voiced by CBS Correspondent Christopher Glenn. On this day, Rich was at the Broadcast Center to record Chris' voice for his show and had dropped by my control room to discuss some upcoming ARRL issues." At the time, Mendelsohn was the ARRL Hudson Division Director.

"When Walter walked into the studio, I started to set the show up at the behest of our director, Dick Muller, WA2DOS," Mendelsohn recalled. "In setting up the tape recorders, I had to send tone to them and make sure they were all at proper level. Having some time, I grabbed "The New York Times" and started sending code with the tone key on the audio console.

For 10 minutes I sent code and noticed Walter had turned his script over and was copying it. We went to air, as we did every day, at 4:50 PM and after we were off, Walter brought his script into the control room.

Neatly printed on the back was the text I had sent with the tone key.

Rich and I looked at the copy, he nodded, and I told Walter that he had just passed the code test. He laughed and asked when the formal test was, but I reminded him that it took two General class licensees to validate the test and he had just passed the code. Several weeks later he passed the written test and the FCC issued him KB2GSD."

Mendelsohn helped Cronkite make his first Amateur Radio contact: "Having passed the licensing test, Walter was now ready to get on the air. His first QSO was on 10 meters about 28.390 MHz. He was nervous and I called him on the phone to talk him through his first experience. As we talked on the air, a ham from the Midwest come on and called me. Acknowledging him, I asked the usual questions about where he was from, wanting to give Walter a bit of flavor of what the hobby was about. I turned it over to Walter, and following his introduction, the gentleman in the Midwest said, 'That's the worst Walter Cronkite imitation I've ever heard!' I suggested that maybe it was Walter and the man replied, 'Walter Cronkite is not even a ham, and if he was, he certainly wouldn't be here on 10 meters.' Walter and I laughed for weeks at that one."

In 2007, ARRL Hudson Division Director Frank Fallon, N2FF, presented Cronkite with the ARRL President's Award. This award, created in 2003 by the ARRL Board of Directors, recognizes an ARRL member or members who "have shown long-term dedication to the goals and objectives of ARRL and Amateur Radio" and who have gone the extra mile to support individual League programs and goals. Cronkite was selected to receive the award in April 2005 in recognition of his outstanding support of the ARRL and Amateur Radio by narrating the videos "Amateur Radio Today" and "The ARRL Goes to Washington" <<http://www.arrl.org/pio/VTS-video.wmv>>. "It was quite a thrill to make this presentation to Cronkite," Fallon said.

"He has long been recognized as the 'most trusted man in America,' so lining our causes to his face, name and voice has been a great help."

A private memorial service was held July 23 in New York City. Cronkite will be cremated and his remains buried in Missouri next to his wife Betsy, who passed away in 2005. A public memorial service will be held within the next month at Avery Fisher Hall at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to the Walter and Betsy Cronkite Foundation through the Austin Community Foundation <<http://www.austincommunityfoundation.org/>>, which will distribute contributions to various charities the couple supported.

August 16 - September 26, 2009

Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Aug 16</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Aug 17</i>	<i>Aug 18</i>	<i>Aug 19</i> 7:30 PM DARC Meeting	<i>Aug 20</i>	<i>Aug 21</i> KC2PHS B'Day	<i>Aug 22</i> Picnic W2NPC B'Day
<i>Aug 23</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Aug 24</i>	<i>Aug 25</i> W2KFU B'Day	<i>Aug 26</i>	<i>Aug 27</i>	<i>Aug 28</i>	<i>Aug 29</i>
<i>Aug 30</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Aug 31</i>	<i>Sep 1</i>	<i>Sep 2</i>	<i>Sep 3</i>	<i>Sep 4</i>	<i>Sep 5</i> KC2TCM B'Day
<i>Sep 6</i> No Net	<i>Sep 7</i>	<i>Sep 8</i>	<i>Sep 9</i>	<i>Sep 10</i>	<i>Sep 11</i>	<i>Sep 12</i> K2KWK B'Day
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