



Drumlin's Rumblyns

DARC Monthly Newsletter

December 2008

Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 17, 2008

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

RACES-ARES December 2008

The calendar year is almost over for 2008! It has been a busy year once again for the Drumlins' support for emergency communications. January's newsletter I will have the year report with all the statistics for you. This will be a short newsletter this month as there is little to talk about. Whew-I know a lot of you are saying. Hi! I can't blame you.

In fact it will be March before we have any commitment other than our weekly WARECS net on Sunday night. I refer you to read the article on the Ginna tour for that March time. Of course be prepared to help in our communications role at any moment.

Members of the club have participated in the Ginna drills, the annual parade setup for Canal Town Days, and the 'see-how-long we-can-sit-I-in-a-car' for the Pumpkin Patrol. You know who you are! You have been given your credit due in various articles during the year. But I must give my

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

Minutes

**The Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD
Meeting Agenda**

DATE: Nov 19 2008

CALL TO ORDER: 1930 by Vice President KB2ROP

MEMBERS / GUESTS: N2RUS, KB2ROP, KC2JAL, K2MPE & XYL Brenda, N2MLD, KB2KBY, KC2SWZ, KC2TCM, WD2STK, KC2TNJ, GUEST (& SNACK PROVIDER) Trista Hamill, KS2JEK, K2OEQ, N2QK AND GUEST Phil Lundy (SWL)

MINUTES: Motion to accept as published: N2MLD 2ND: KC2TCM & CARRIED

TREASURERS REPORT by KB2KBY: Motion to accept KC2TCM 2nd K2MPE & CARRIED

PUBLIC SERVICE: Thanks to all the PUMPKIN PATROL participants. Several members mentioned encounters during their shifts. Certificates should be in the mail

REPEATERS: 146.745 Down, \$107 will be used to purchase a squelch board. "Work in **progress**" by Andy and Paul **146.685** Working well **144.950- Brantling-** excellent, SEMO-struggling, Wegman's Hill- User port= SLOOOOOW K2MPE reported work in progress on the western link, Western End looking for a TNC donation.

RACES: 3/21/09 SAT. - Training for Drill. KB2KBY mentioned the possible use of WINLINK as a communications program during GINNA Drills. Don't worry about the exp. Date on the Wayne Co. Badges. As long as you are in the database you should be passed thru ok. (MAYBE!) 2 roving vans are scheduled during a drill. Some discussion of ways to improve communications with the roving vans.

ACTIVITIES & CONTESTS: Slow time of year. 160 Contest, 10 meter contest, Skywarn 12/6

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The Drumlins Leaders 08-09

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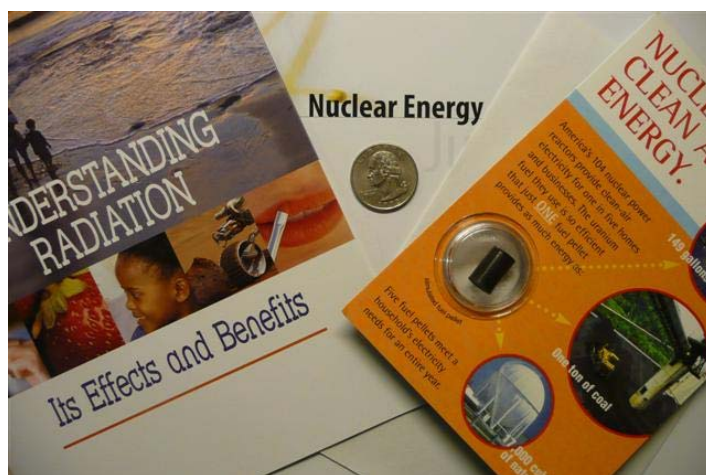
thanks to you for those that have helped during the events in the past year once again. Your willingness to volunteer has made my job easier for Bruce, WB2QKO, and myself. Since we are volunteers and time is hard to find in all of our lives the fact that we have covered everything needed shows the spirit of the club members. I always kidding said before you may add may add more zeros on to your pay. Hi! Once again my hat is off to you all! (Sorry about the glare from the chrome dome. Hi!) Of course the club has benefited by donations for helping with communications in these various events. We are grateful for the help given. (These donations have been mentioned in the minutes of various meetings.)

We can be thankful the EOC for funding the new 685 repeater. The repeater is running smoothly. As I am typing this article the 745 repeater replacement is in the works and should be installed before the 'long winter's night' comes upon us. Again this is volunteer work and it takes time. So one must be patient. Luckily what club funds that will be used for the 745 project will be covered easily by the donations given this year. Not that it is a big worry financially for the club but it is good to be able to tell the 'donate-ee' what their contribution is going to. Take it as a good PR strategy. Our help has been appreciated!

So, as the year 2008 nears an end and a New Year starts it is good to look back and see what has been accomplished and what we can be thankful for. The Drumlins ARC is the whole of its separate parts like any volunteer organization. If all the members can contribute in a small way for the benefit of the club great things can be done. A little given goes a long way to the collective whole. We all have our strong points. Please ponder what you have done for the club this past year. And may you continue to support the Drumlins and see if you can give just a little more if possible.

Enjoy the season! Have a Happy New Year. May 2009 be richer for you with family and friends. See you next year.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY



SPECIAL GINNA TOUR- SEPTEMBER 22ND

I have had so many other things to contribute for the "Drumlins Rumlins" that this article is a wee mite late getting in the pages. Of course this is a good reason but do excuse me for the timeliness of this article.

I got an e-mail from the Wayne County EOC for a special invitation to tour the Ginna nuclear plant in the town of Ontario. I am quite sure many of you have driven by the location and know what it looks like from the old Ridge Road. This was a selected invitation by Ginna and only a smaller number from the EOC. So I jumped on this invite ASAP needless to say. Our RACES mission revolves very much around Ginna. Since the infamous "911" tours of Ginna by the public are a thing of the past. I had never a chance before to tour Ginna. This would involve a lot of walking but with my walking sticks I was ready for the exercise.

The tour started at 8AM and went to 4:30PM with a very strict schedule but a good lunch. Hi! The whole group was only 18 people and we were divided into groups of 4-5. My group was lucky to have in addition to the tour guide we also had John

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**Friday Luncheon
Cross Park at noon**

December Program:

The December program is a British BBC documentary (They do good stuff!), on RTTY, its beginnings and its use in amateur radio. For those of you are into RTTY or have experienced its use, especially those of us who have served in the military, or are just plain inquisitive here is your chance. This is a DVD quality production and sure to titillate the senses. I could tune in a 1T1D signal even now after 45 years. And I can hear the clatter of the RTTY printer now typing away and nearly tripping over the tape as it snaked all over the floor. Hi! Come and see the action!

O'Toole the dose assessment officer at the EOC as part of our group. John was employed at Ginna for many years. Like many of the individuals working at Ginna many employees were once Navy who worked with nuclear powered vessels. John is one of those individuals and now we are very fortunate to have him at the EOC. There were many times in the tour our guide let John do the talking. Believe me we have the right people at the EOC for our Ginna mission.

The purpose of tour was to give everyone a clearer view of what is happening when there is a Ginna exercise. The picture attached to this article shows what Continental passed out to the group tour. This article is not a discussion of the pros or cons of nuclear power. But I will admit the simulated uranium fuel pellet in the picture impressed me. I placed a quarter in the photo to give you an idea of its size. Five pellets will meet the need of one household's electricity needs for an entire year. One pellet provides the same energy as 149 gallons of oil, one ton of coal or 17,000 cubic feet of natural gas. These figures did impress me.

The only place the tour did not go was the actual control room for Ginna. But the tour was able to go into the training control room, which is an exact duplicate to the control room itself. It was still impressive believe me especially when members of the tour were volunteered to go through various shutdown scenarios. I was glad it was not I. Hi!

There is not enough space in this article to give you a full appreciation of Ginna. There is going to possibly be at the March meeting a program by John O'Toole. It is in the planning stage at this moment. This program will be a Saturday meeting so many of you as possible can get to it. This would be March 21st. So try to reserve this date ahead of time.

It was good to have a visual idea of what is happening at Ginna in ones mind in one of the State or FEMA drills. I am a visual person and the tour really gave me a good understanding what is actually happening in a drill at Ginna itself. It is not possible for all the Drumblins members to take a tour. This was a very unusual invitation and it is not done often. I will talk with John O'Toole to see what he could do for the program. (John gets a copy of the newsletter too. So maybe he'll take this subtle hint. Hi!) S0-STAY TUNED!

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

Upcoming Public Service Events

Special Olympics, Winter Games
Feb 7, 2009

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VE TEAM: NTR

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

REMEMBERANCE: W2TRW's brother Walt passed, a card was sent. Ed Elliot was in an auto accident returning from Emil's, Mary Sanders is ill. Jan, KB2KBY's XYL is scheduled for Thyroid surgery, All wish her well.

OLD BUSINESS: N2MLD has volunteered to fill the vacant president position. With no other volunteers/nominations heard, K2MPE made a motion the secretary cast 1 ballot for N2MLD as President for the year 2008-2009. 2nd K2OEQ and carried. KB2ROP consented to chair the remaining portion of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: There was some discussion of 3wnational-sos.com utilizing frs radio, murs radio and gmrs radio during disaster drills and events. Winter dinner dates are being investigated. Late Jan/ early Feb.

50/50 \$5.50 to N2MLD

ADJOURNMENT: K2MPE 2nd N23MLD passed at 2023

January Rumblins Deadline is January 7, 2008

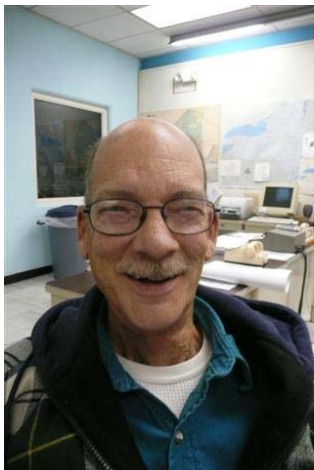
Note from the editor/webmaster:

I do now have control of the domain for the website. You'll have to go check out the new and updated stuff going on there! The address is:

www.drumlinsarc.org

NEW LEADERS FOR THE 2008-2009 DRUMLINS YEAR

The Executive Committee gladly announces that all the positions for the leadership of the Drumlins ARC are now filled with the November meeting. Welcome the listed volunteers and thank them for taking an extra step in their busy lives to help the club.



President-Bob Taylor, N2MLD, 315-331-3982; n2mld (at) juno.com. Bob almost considered being President last year. He was kind enough to speak up at the November meeting in response to the article in the "Drumlins Rumblins." Bob has been a DARC member for quite a few years.

3-yr Trustee-"Doug" Gould, N2QK, 315-633-4469; dgould (at) rochester.rr.com. Doug was kind to come forth even before the election time and volunteered for the trusteeship. Doug comes to DARC with a lot of electronic background.

Program Director-"Jay"



Hamill, KC2TCM, 315-548-8589; dopple(at) doppleganger.org. Jay comes with a lot of ham radio and PC knowledge. We know Jay would like any help members can offer for meeting programs.

We welcome the talents and generous volunteering of Bob, Doug and Jay for the Drumlins.

73 & 88, the Executive Committee

Merry Christmas!!

From the editor/ webmaster!

DRUMLINS' POST-CHRISTMAS DINNER: **JANUARY 31ST SATURDAY**

Keep this date open and mark it down for the Drumlins ARC's annual post-Christmas dinner Saturday, January 31st. Again this will be at the Palmyra VFW Post just a mile west of the village of Palmyra on Route 31. Look for a mailing for all the scoop, cost, menu and deadline to reserve your dinner by the club treasurer in the future. But reserve the place on your calendar now even before the mailing! This is a fun time and well attended by club members, XYLS, OMs, and guests. **PUT THIS DTAE ON YOUR CALENDAR-NOW!**

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY
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Montana Ham Assists in Rescue of Fellow Amateur 600 Miles Away



On Sunday, September 21, Bob Williams, N7ODM, of Bozeman, Montana, was just tuning around on 40 meters, giving his rig a test just before a scheduled QSO with his brother Rich, K7URU, in Spokane, when he heard a faint CW signal around 1 PM (MDT): Glenn Russell Ruby Jr, W7AU, of Corvallis, Oregon had broken his leg and was using a portable radio and Morse code to send out a call for help. Williams said he was able to understand the injured man's code even when his signal became very weak.

"He called me. He must have heard me testing out the radio. When I finished, I signed off with my call, and then I heard, 'N7ODM, this is W7AU/7,' so I answered," Williams told the ARRL. "I told him to go ahead, I had solid copy. He told me that he was a hiker that had fallen and broken his leg. He identified himself as Russ, provided information as to his GPS coordinates, the shelter, food and water on hand, as well as his detailed physical condition. He told me exactly who I needed to contact for assistance."

According to Williams, Ruby had slipped on a wet rock and broken his leg while out hiking in the Buck Creek Pass area of the high Cascades in Western Washington, 600 miles away from Williams. "Russ really had his act together," Williams said. "Before he even called for help, he set up his tent. It was raining when he fell, so he

climbed into his tent and got into some warm clothes and had a snack of sunflower seeds and dried apricots. After that, he strung up a wire antenna, fired up his Elecraft KX1 and called me." Williams said that Ruby told him he had a "couple of weeks worth of battery power" for the radio.

Ruby asked Williams to notify the Snohomish County Search and Rescue in Washington State. "I didn't have their number, so I called my local 911 dispatcher. All they had was the info for King County in Washington, so I called them and they gave me the number for Snohomish. When I got a hold of Snohomish County Search and Rescue, they asked me to obtain additional info from Russ, such as the color of his tent and if he was in a clear or wooded area, and remain in contact with him as long as possible," Williams said.

"Russ and I were able to maintain contact until about 8 PM on Sunday, during which time I was able to pass additional traffic between Russ and Search and Rescue, but then his signal got so weak where I couldn't copy it anymore. Before he faded, we had agreed to try and make contact in the morning. I tried, starting around 6:30, but he never heard me. I finally heard him calling me around 9 on 7.051 MHz. We kept in contact until he was evacuated from the site by Search and Rescue at about 10:35 AM," Williams told the ARRL.

On Sunday, rescue crews reached Ruby, who had set up camp on Buck Creek Pass, at about 6000 feet just west of the Chelan County line. He was taken to safety Monday on horseback. Williams said that bad weather Sunday prevented a helicopter rescue: "It was snowing all night; Russ told me that when he woke up Monday morning, his tent was all covered in snow."

"I just happened to be at the same frequency," Williams said. "It's just a stroke of luck that turned out great. It was quite an experience. I'm just glad that he was a ham radio operator and that I was able to talk to him. It made the difference for him. What I did was not anything special. I'd like to think that any ham in Montana would've done the same thing."

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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December 14, 2008 - January 24, 2009

Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Dec 14</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Dec 15</i>	<i>Dec 16</i>	<i>Dec 17</i> 7:30 PM DARC Meeting	<i>Dec 18</i>	<i>Dec 19</i>	<i>Dec 20</i>
<i>Dec 21</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Dec 22</i> KE4VHA B'Day	<i>Dec 23</i>	<i>Dec 24</i>	<i>Dec 25</i> Merry Christmas	<i>Dec 26</i>	<i>Dec 27</i>
<i>Dec 28</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Dec 29</i>	<i>Dec 30</i> WA2CQI B'Day	<i>Dec 31</i>	<i>Jan 1</i> KC2BFT B'Day W2RA B'Day WB2SXY B'Day	<i>Jan 2</i>	<i>Jan 3</i> KD2NJ B'Day
<i>Jan 4</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Jan 5</i>	<i>Jan 6</i> W2TRW B'Day	<i>Jan 7</i>	<i>Jan 8</i>	<i>Jan 9</i>	<i>Jan 10</i> KC2DTP B'Day
<i>Jan 11</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Jan 12</i> K2WPO B'Day KB2KBY B'Day	<i>Jan 13</i>	<i>Jan 14</i>	<i>Jan 15</i>	<i>Jan 16</i>	<i>Jan 17</i> WA2PUU B'Day
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