



Drumlin's Rumblyns

DARC Monthly Newsletter

December 2009

Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 16, 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

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 the repeaters if needed.

“VE” Teams: ARRL- NTR; W5YI- 1

RACES-ARES December 2009



Merry Christmas! The calendar says it is officially fall as I type this month's article but it sure feels like "...a long winter's night" as the story goes. It is really cold, blowing and that white stuff is flying around. It is a very busy time of the year with all the preparation for the season. In the midst of this busy time it is good to reflect back and be thankful.

Thank you to all of you that have called in for the Sunday nets. It is very hard to

think about the Sunday night nets as well as taking the time to be there for the nets. It is a sacrifice of time. It is time away from family and friends even if for a short time. Even those who get the messages by packet it takes time out of one's day. Members who have called into the State Sunday HF morning net have increased. I can safely say that

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

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The Drumlins Leaders 08-09

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as the Drumlins ARC, we have more amateurs calling into the State HF net from our club than any other club. A good portion of State net callins participate in our evening net. That is double duty. I know obviously as I am there. Hi!

RACES-ARES is going through some good changes. We have support now from the EOC more than ever before. The "dry" years of appreciation are over and the club members have stepped up to the plate. New callsigns are checking into the WARECS net and I am questioned more about RACES-ARES. Our club programs have emphasized the new digital modes. More of you are on packet and more of you are getting into the MT63. The making of sound card cables for those getting into the digital modes is coming along as well as CDs of "digipan" will be available for the club members. You are adapting to the change. The club is working together in that change more than ever. Even the new PC computer forms used for the Ginna drills look like a new adventure. It is good we can all have fun and laugh together with the changes. There isn't anyone laughing more at himself than this 'kid' with the changes. A sense of humor is a good thing. Keep plugging away!

We have been blessed this past year. Mother Nature has been kind with the weather. We have not had any local

weather disasters. This meant we were not needed officially in our RACES capacity. We had our Ginna drills and a Ginna 'hostile' takeover. But like our WARECS nets it was just drills all year. This is good! Like I have said many times boring is not bad a thing when it comes to RACES. Thank you for being prepared through the year for nothing. Your preparation is appreciated. It is time, talent and money in equipment well spent on all three. Pat yourself on the back for a job well done. The general public doesn't even know what we do. So it is fine we thank ourselves.

May Santa be good to you! There are always better deals on equipment at this time of the year. Hopefully you may have a chance to set aside some coins to take advantage of some of the deals. December is always a nice time to think of an amateur radio Santa wish list. It doesn't cost anything to dream. Sometimes those dreams come true like "...sugar plums" in the Christmas story. Hi! May you be rewarded with a nice surprise. I am hoping I am on Santa's good list.

Hope you don't find this month's article is a little silly. But I do mean it from the heart. It is good to reflect back and be thankful. Your time and talents to RACES and ARES is appreciated by me. It makes my time rewarding to have your support as your ARES EC and assistant RACES RO. Again-Merry Christmas to you all. Enjoy the season with family and friends before the "...long winter's night" comes. See you in the New Year.



December Program:

Handi-Hams

73, Jay KC2TCM

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

12-16 DARC meeting—1930, WC SEMO

Upcoming Hamfests

- 1-9 Winterfest 2010 Marathon, NY
www.skylineradioclub.org
- 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."

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

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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**

**December Rumblins
Deadline is
January 6, 2010**

YOUR DUES ARE DUE

If your call is listed, your "dues are due."

KC2TIX
KC2TIW
KC2SIN
KE2HF
KC2VBL
KA2JRD
KC2CNT
N2MKY
N2COJ
KB2UDB
KC2JLY
KB2SOZ
KC2LPS
KC2DQN
KC2GZ
WB2UAW
KB2ROS
K2KWK
N2MKTW
A2CQI
WB2SXY
W2PHL
NN2H
N2HSY
WA2CER
KC2AJU
KC2KYC
KC2EGP
AK2E
KC2DTP
KC2RZM
N2MKV
KC2VBJ
AB2XM
W2KFU
N2KQH
N2VHN
N3OYU
AB2IK
KC2BFT
KA2JQV
AB2O
W2TRW
W2GIV
K2WPO

Any discrepancy, please contact KB2KBY-Dave-either phone, e-mail or packet.

December 13, 2009 - January 23, 2010

Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Dec 13</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Dec 14</i>	<i>Dec 15</i>	<i>Dec 16</i> 7:30 PM DARC Meeting	<i>Dec 17</i>	<i>Dec 18</i>	<i>Dec 19</i>
<i>Dec 20</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Dec 21</i>	<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> NO NET	<i>Dec 28</i>	<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 NO NET	<i>Jan 4</i>	<i>Jan 5</i>	<i>Jan 6</i> W2IRW B'Day	<i>Jan 7</i>	<i>Jan 8</i>	<i>Jan 9</i>
<i>Jan 10</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net KC2DTP B'Day	<i>Jan 11</i>	<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> 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>