



Drumlin's Rumblyns

DARC Monthly Newsletter

January 2009

Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 21, 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

RACES-ARES January 2009

Happy New Years 2009! We had a record snowfall for the area according to the TV news for New Years. We had 10 1/2" of the white stuff New Years Eve, the most ever, and News Years' Day we were to have an additional 2"-6" on top of that. Of course this is the stuff, which you don't want to hear about. Right? Hi! So I'll turn to the subject at hand the RACES-ARES stats for 2008. But I am happy to say we had a record there too.

First, we had a total of 48 WARECS nets for 2008. That is not only another record but 48 is the highest possible number of nets we realistically can have. Remember, we always have Super Bowl Sunday and Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day weekends off minimally from the net. This is a subtle reminder for you when we don't have nets. Hi! Of course depending on other holidays in a year and if they fall on a Monday, the number of nets possible can be lowered. For each calendar year make sure you read your "Drumlins Rumblyns" for net cancellations. By the way 2007 was also a record year for the number of nets at 47 until this year.

Secondly, we had a record number of stations "rogered" for the net. We had a total of 530 stations checking in which includes both calling in stations and packets sent out. That is an average of 11.04 checkins per net. Of those checkins 6.74 were call in stations and 4.3 packet messages. For

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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: 12/17/08

CALL TO ORDER: 1930 By President N2MLD

MEMBERS / GUESTS: N2RUS, N2MLD, N2JC, KS2JEK, KD2NJ, KC2JAL, W2EVU, N2QK, KC2SWZ, KC2TCM, WD2STK, KB2KBY, KC2TNJ, Trista Hamill (KC2TNJ), Phil Lundy and Corrine Fisher

MINUTES: MOVE TO ACCEPT: N2RUS 2ND: N2QK & CARRIED

TREASURERS REPORT: by KB2KBY Dave reminded the club members that the club gets \$2 for each ARRL renewal thru the club. **Motion to accept:** N2JC 2nd W2EVU & CARRIED

PUBLIC SERVICE: NTR

REPEATERS: 146.745 Work in progress 146.685
Good reports. Note the delay before the "BEEP" 144.950
- All packet up with a question on "NEWARK" at SEMO.

RACES: Nets will be held on the Sundays preceding Christmas and New Years

ACTIVITIES & CONTESTS: Jan 1 = "Straight Key"

VE TEAM: WD2STK will check on changing our testing accreditation

NEWSLETTER: N2JC requested the following corrections to the December newsletter: on page 4 under new leaders, amend the "3 year trustee" to read 3 year director. Also 1 & 2 year positions are directors; The Drumlins Amateur Radio Club only has 1 Trustee, KB2KBY.
Anyone with articles, get them to Jon for publication.

REMEMBERANCE: NTR

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The Drumlins Leaders 08-09

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2007 those figures were 414 total checkins with an 8.8/net and 4.7/station call ins and 4.13/packets. If my math is correct that is nearly a 30% increase for the 2008 year. With the addition of new members joining DARC especially after the VE testing at the hamfest, we had an increase in callins from June to the end of the year. Contrary to the norm the best month for callins was the month of July when vacations and good weather tend to mean fewer callins. So my 'hat is off' to the DARC members that have come on board for the nets and the faithful who have reported in all along.

Obviously the EC would like to see more member checkins for the 2m net even if periodically. Hopefully with the added members reporting in, this may encourage more members to check in for the net. Members are encouraged to report in for a net at least once every calendar quarter. That is four times a year. That is a possible goal. Make it a New Year's resolution to do so!

Also there is the New York State RACES HF net on Sunday morning. The net is on 3.993.5 MHz at 0900. At present there are three members of the club that report on a regular basis. Last year the EC was the only one. Three is a pretty good number for one county compared to all the 32 counties in the state. One is encouraged to listen on the state HF net to get an idea what it is like. Once you are comfortable 'dive in.' One is always apprehensive of course doing something new but give it a try anyway. Even KB2KBY has been NCS and ANCS at various times on the HF net. Like the 2m WARECS net I've had some CRS moments. There isn't anyone on the net that hasn't had the same 'Kodak moment.' It is natural. We are all human. Some of these NCSs have been doing this message stuff for many years. I am still apprehensive. You just do it. There is a difference in the HF and 2m nets. Members should get familiar with both. As many of you know I am a CW man not a SSB man. If I can change over and report into the HF net, anyone can.

The whole idea is to be prepared for that emergency whether on HF and/or 2m. If we didn't have to worry at all about emergency communications I would be the first to be thankful. I spend a lot of my time with EC chores filling out paperwork, doing nets and keeping track of all the ARRL reports. That is okay as I volunteered for EC. It comes with the territory. Not to have to worry emergency communications at all is very unre-

alistic! Even when one participates in the nets we have an idea of what to do but it is when the real thing happens we find our 'True Grit' so to speak. (I'm a John Wayne fan and that movie was his one and only Emmy award.) Any level of participation in the HF and/or 2m nets is better than none at all. P-a-r-t-i-c-i-p-a-t-e!

2008 was a good year. Make 2009 an even better year by participating in the WARECS net if you have not done so. This is 'the' most important aspect for the club and our community. Give the state HF a try also. As amateurs, emergency communications is our 'bread and butter.' We do it better than anyone else. We know our equipment and we know the procedures and the protocol to use. You use your equipment! Now get familiarized with the nets.

Thank you to all the faithful members who made 2008 the best year statistically. You know who you are. Give yourself a pat on the back. Hi! You deserve it! Happy New Years to all you members of DARC. See you next month.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY, Wayne Cty EC

NO RACES NET "SUPER BOWL" SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1ST

This is a reminder to all there will be no RACES-WARECS net for the Sunday night of the Super Bowl 2009. I think I would be the only one there on the net if there was a net. Hi! Many of you know I don't know one end of a football from the other. But I do enjoy the game and the time. The neighbors across the street from us always have a big gathering for the game. I am quite sure many of you have the same happenings. The neighbors across the street had two daughters and the oldest is the same age as our son Christopher or Chris as he called more often. To the neighbors Chris was a pseudo son. Starting in middle school Chris would go over Thursday evenings and watch sports with his classmate's parents. Both are ardent football fans. It was a tradition kept up even when he was home from college until he was married. So our Chris and his XYL (I am happy to now say Val is pregnant! We will be grandparents again in late July! Maybe another CW op is "waiting in the wings?") will be there. And Willow, the daughter and son-in-law's second harmonic, will be there. Willow will see her pseudo "Auntie" Court the younger daughter of the neighbors. Of course Simon, the English son-

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**Friday Luncheon
Cross Park at noon**

January Program:

In December the program was on RTTY art transmitted by the 'old fashioned' mechanical RTTY equipment. The only shortcoming in December was no art was shown. Well, January's program will show us some of that art done through message texting! With computers today this seems passé. But this art was done with a simple five baud RTTY tape using letters and characters and mechanically reproducing a picture. This was like sending a normal text message but using correct characters and spacing making a 'picture' like quality on paper by a mechanical RTTY printer. Old RTTY picture art is time consuming and tedious work. Come and see what RTTY art is all about at the January meeting.

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in-law will keep pointing out American "football" is a misnomer as far as he is concerned. Hi! It will be a grand time with good food and drink and good company. So! Enjoy having the night off as you can see I will. Who knows! I may even win one of those pay a quarter per squares on the poster board. Luckily you don't have to know what you are really doing to win a square. Hi! Enjoy the Super Bowl!

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY



Upcoming Public Service Events

Special Olympics, Winter Games
Feb 7, 2009

Rochester Hamfest
May 30, 2009

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OLD BUSINESS: Midwinter Party Jan 31 2009

NEW BUSINESS: Welcome Trista Hamill as an Associate member

50/50 Trista Hamill \$6.50 Donated to the club

ADJOURNMENT: WD2STK 2nd KC2TCM CARRIED
ADJ at 1955

February Rumblins Deadline is February 4, 2009

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

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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WXXI DTV conversion operators

The FCC has asked the ARRL and hams to assist in a public service endeavor this year when the US TV broadcast industry changes to digital transmission.

Here in Rochester, WXXI is looking for some people to help answer phones for incoming calls for several hours during the DTV transition on the evening of January 22 at the 280 State Street facility.

Please get in touch with any amateur radio organization in the Rochester to volunteer with this task.

tnx es 73 de WB2SXY Bill K RARA Sectry

Received from the RARA-General Yahoo Group.

2009 DRUMLINS' **POST-CHRISTMAS DINNER**
* * * JANUARY 31st SATURDAY * * *

R-E-M-I-N-D-E-R

The Drumlins ARC's annual post-Christmas dinner is Saturday, January 31st. Again, this will be at the Palmyra VFW Post just a mile east of the village of Palmyra on Route 31.

Reservations have been e-mailed and/or "snail mailed" the first week of January. **REMEMBER-you must RSVP** with your check to "Drumlins ARC" by **Thursday January 22nd by U.S. Mail-** to me meaning you must post your reservation by Tuesday, January 20th.

(No check or money means no reservation!)

We had 38 people last year attend and all had a good time. We had two 50/50 drawings, a special recognition and it was good to see old friends. VFW is handicap accessible. Come join the fun!

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

NY State RACES - HF NET
Sunday 0900
3.993.5kHz SSB/LSB

Happy New Year!!
**From the editor/
webmaster!**



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CLUB TOWER TRIBANDER “KAPUT”

DO NOT CONNECT THE BEAM ANTENNA WITH COAX OR TRANSMIT!

The club's tribander beam for the time being is out of commission. The private contractor assigned to removing SEMO's old underground oil tanks for the blue building heating system severed the beams coax cable and rotor wire. The DOT next door was advised where the underground connections were lo-

cated but the private contractor obviously did not. Replacement of the beam connections underground is perhaps a mute thing. A concrete pad for a propane tank for the new blue building heating system is in the way and there will be a time SEMO will be moving. A short-term fix will have to be done. In the meantime, however, the beam coax lead should not be connected to any antenna or any transmission attempted.

73 & 88, Executive Committee

WXXI DTV conversion operators

This is a reply email that I received via the RARA-General Yahoo group.

Bill,

You may know that our chief engineer Stanley Manson Jr. passed away in October suddenly. We are still without a manager in our department. We are fast approaching the digital conversion and could also use some help from any hams that are willing to give of their time. Please contact me by email and I will pass the information along.

I also understand that the government has or is about to run out of money to fund the converter box program. All requests are being held until current unused coupons expire. This seriously impacts the elderly and poor in our community and disenfranchises them unfairly

Thank you for any help you can provide.

Patrice Lockhart KC2 PTX
13WHAM Engineering

Rochester Hamfest Venue Change

For those that don't know already, the Rochester Hamfest is changing locations. It is also going to a 1 day event. The new location for the hamfest will be the Barnard Carnival Grounds, which is located at 380 Maiden Lane, Rochester NY. The date of the hamfest is the 30th of May. The price has also changed. It is now \$5.00/person and 16 and under are Free. For more info, see www.rochesterham.org/Hamfest.htm. You can also get to it from our website www.drumlinsarc.org.

“DUES- R -DUE” NOTICES GOING OUT IN JANUARY

At present there are 47 members of the Drumlins ARC whose membership has elapsed since October 2008. Look at your membership card. The date on the front should tell you when your membership expires. If the date says “October 2008” your “DUES- R -DUE.” Please help the treasurer and ease the paperwork by sending in your dues. An application is available on the Drumlins ARC website at “3w.drumlinsarc.org.” The application has all the info necessary. Please, please send in your dues. You know who you are. Thanks.

73 & 88, Dave- KB2KBY
Drumlins ARC Treasurer

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

“TEXAS TELLY” and “THE GLODEN TRIANGLE OF DYNASTY”

Here I am! Finally I have time to entice you with a fun article. Yes, I know I am taking a lot of poetic license here but you’ll enjoy it. So sit back and enjoy! Look for the various pictures at the right moment as mentioned in this article. (I am not sure how KS2JEK, our editor will arrange the pictures. Jon must ‘love’ me all of this! Hi!) Please excuse the quality of the pictures. They were taken right off the TV.

You know I spend a lot of time with my CW buddy and granddaughter Willow. You have seen many pictures in the Drumblins Rumlins of her and me using the straight key and oscillator. Yes, another poetic license I know. Hi!

One of our favorite programs is Sesame Street on WXXI. There are really a lot of things going on in Sesame Street that are really for adults. One of the programs was way back in August. One of the characters is a red furry monster named Telly. Telly loves triangles! He is a member of the Triangle Lovers Club. Well, one day Chris, the proprietor of the Sesame Street’s local eatery, is serving Telly his favorite sandwich a toasted cheese in the shape of-of course-a triangle, “...the most delicious shape of all.” Telly says. Out of nowhere appears Minnesota Mel who is looking for the Golden Triangle of Dynasty.

If you haven’t figured this story out already this day’s program is play on the Indiana Jones’ latest movie “Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull.” Minnesota Mel cannot complete his mission to find the Golden Triangle of Dynasty because he gets a Charlie Horse. Being the triangle lover Telly takes over this adventure to find the Golden Triangle of Dynasty as “Texas Telly.” Texas Telly is not from Texas but he likes cows-thus his name. Of course Texas Telly is all dressed in the appropriate felt hat, khaki shirt and leather jacket of Indiana Jones movie fame complete with his own heroic movie theme. (Someday I must find where the expression of Charley Horse came from.) Naturally Sesame Street must soften up the script compared to Indiana Jones.

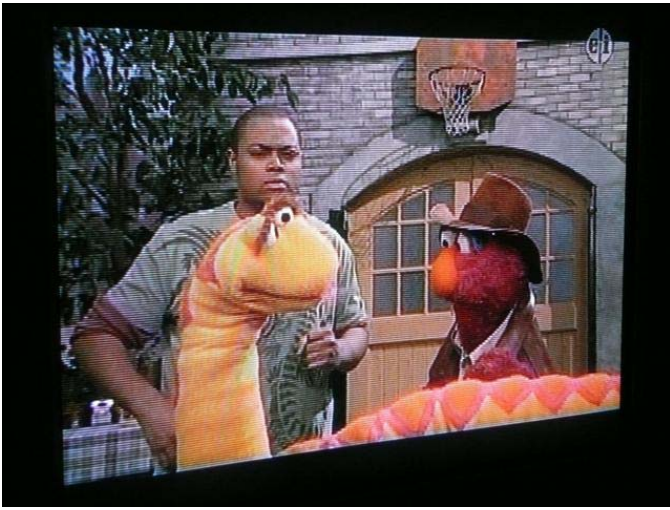


This adventure is complete with the gigantic rolling boulder of the first Indiana Jones movie you have seen many times. (See the picture at left.) This boulder is not for “...smushing purposes but to give you a clue.” as the rock says. The rock is a little confused as he is wondering why Texas Telly and Chris are running away from him. He says he forgot he was a kind rock “...he has rocks in his head at times.” As his eyeballs go in circles.

Hi! On Sesame Street rocks talk too. Hi! (Look for the picture at right.) The next clue comes from a snake. Texas Telly like Indiana Jones hates snakes! But this snake talks too. Telly says “Snake! Why did it have to be a snake?” And the snake says “Monsters! Why did have to be a monster?” Sesame Street is a friendly show remember. The snake has a clue too. (Look for the picture on page 6.)



Of course you can’t go through a Sesame Street adventure without some type of lesson. In this case the program is talking about shapes. The rock’s clue finds Texas Telly using a jack hammer tearing up Sesame Street. Texas Telly does discover a shape but it is not the Golden Triangle of Dynasty. By the way every time the Golden Triangle of Dynasty is mentioned the heroic theme song belts out and Texas Telly runs his fingers over the brim of his Indiana Jones style hat. Even little Willow loves this segment of Sesame Street. Every time I put this episode on, thanks to the DVR recorder, she runs to the TV and watches Texas Telly with me. Texas Telly digs up a pentagon shape and out of the side comes “Wyoming Walt” who is looking for the Golden Pentagon of Dynasty. (Look for the picture below.)



Laundromat. (Look for the picture below.) As a small sideline to the Golden Triangle of Dynasty there is a cute drama going on with Murray, the orange monster and east Indian owner of the laundromat. Murray comments to Lena, the lowner, (I think I got the name right!) he has four socks already counted out on the counter. Lena says



“Virginia Virginia” gets her Golden Octagon of Dynasty thanks to Texas Telly’s adventure in the laundromat, Telly is discussed. He has had so many shapes “...with so many angles I can’t even count how many they have.” he has had it! Resting on a stuffed chair in the laundromat the discouraged, Texas Telly sits on something, which is very uncomfortable. Reaching down Texas Telly pulls out of the sofa cushion the Golden Triangle of Dynasty. Walla! The adventure of the Golden Triangle of Dynasty is over.

Okay-enough you say? Yes it is and here is the point fellow club member. The Drumblins Rumblins is a club newsletter. There must be some adventure you have had in the past of interest to club members in general. Ham related material would be very nice naturally. Help the new newsletter editor and send articles or send e-mails for sites of ham articles for the newsletter. Some members have done this. This newsletter does not have to be just for KB2KBY. (My leg was pulled about this at the last meeting. Hi!) If in my mundane life I can come up with things of Interest and I have as you know anyone can the same.

SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES AND IDEAS TO THE EDITOR! We have lots of talent in the club and members who have done interesting things. Sit down and take the time to type up an article for the Drumblins Rumblins. Send your article to Jon King. It is your newsletter. Believe me I have more Sesame Street satires to fill the pages if you don’t! Hi!

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

Now Wyoming Walt may retire to Hawaii for a deserved rest thanks to Texas Telly. As Wyoming Walt says departing “If anyone wants me, tell them Wyoming is in Hawaii.” The storeowner Chris says “That is very confusing.” It certainly is! Hi!

The Texas Telly adventure continues in the Sesame Street



“But, Murray, the socks don’t match.” Murray says “They’re suppose to match?” I laugh out loud every time even though I know the punch line is coming. (Yea-it doesn’t take much to amuse me.)

In the laundromat scene, Texas Telly goes though the Indiana Jones style trap where Texas Telly must replace a weighted bag for a monkey faced laundry detergent bottle with the Golden Triangle of Dynasty underneath it. This scene concludes with the running of Texas Telly through a gauntlet of washing machines opening their covers and spitting out masses of laundry at Texas Telly as he passes though. (You have to imagine all of this. I laugh every time.) He does get through the ordeal but the shape in his hands is an octagon. Anyway, after

January 18 - February 28, 2009

Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, LTD

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<i>Jan 18</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Jan 19</i>	<i>Jan 20</i>	<i>Jan 21</i> 7:30 PM DARC Meeting W4ILN B'Day	<i>Jan 22</i>	<i>Jan 23</i>	<i>Jan 24</i> W2GIV B'Day
<i>Jan 25</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Jan 26</i>	<i>Jan 27</i>	<i>Jan 28</i>	<i>Jan 29</i>	<i>Jan 30</i>	<i>Jan 31</i> Post Christmas Dinner
<i>Feb 1</i>	<i>Feb 2</i>	<i>Feb 3</i>	<i>Feb 4</i>	<i>Feb 5</i>	<i>Feb 6</i>	<i>Feb 7</i>
<i>Feb 8</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Feb 9</i>	<i>Feb 10</i>	<i>Feb 11</i>	<i>Feb 12</i>	<i>Feb 13</i>	<i>Feb 14</i>
<i>Feb 15</i> 8:45 PM RACES Net	<i>Feb 16</i>	<i>Feb 17</i>	<i>Feb 18</i> 7:30 PM DARC Meeting	<i>Feb 19</i>	<i>Feb 20</i>	<i>Feb 21</i>
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