

No Sunday Net on Superbowl Sunday February 1st!!!!

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Drumlins' Rumbblins

RACES-ARES January 2015

HAPPY NEW YEAR! May 2015 be a good year for us all! We are blessed with a good membership and I am excited to continue our work together for EmComm for Wayne County and our county neighbors. 2014 was busy year and a good one for EmComm. But first, thank you for your support for RACES-ARES during 2014.

First up is the WARECS stats for the Sunday night 2m net. I have said a long time ago, it was not too far in the past as in 2008 we had net check ins average of only 9.8. That is far from the 'dark age' before that time and every consecutive year we have gone up in numbers that have made me smile to see down on paper. As statistics go its always harder to keep up an average in the long term. But I can smile again for 2014 because our participation level has increase once more. ("Dark age?" Before George Bastedo, our EMO Director. I am not kidding!)

In 2013 we had a total of 46 nets with an average checkin average per net of 23.3 total with 15.4 check ins by voice, 7.8 rogers by packet and with an average 10.8 rogering the digital message.

In 2014 we had 44 nets with an average check in count of 26.0 average total with 16.14 check ins by voice, 9.33 rogers via packet and an average of 11.65 rogering the digital message. Please, notice the nice little increase! So, I do thank you for your support in 2014! Really! The stats show it. My logs show quite a few new stations from not only Wayne but Ontario and Monroe counties as well. More of you are not just checking in but using more MT65/2K and packet as well. From this kid's point of view, I am smiling very wide as I type! "FB"!!!!!!!!!!!! :) :) :)

What the stats mean is 1,119 times DARC hams interested in EmComm took the time our of their busy lives to check in a net and roger for a message(s) via voice and/or packet. This does not reflect the time RACES-ARES ops helped with Ginna

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Drumlins' Meeting

January 21, 2015 - 7:30 PM
Wayne County EOC
7336 Rt. 31, Lyons, NY



RACES-ARES January 2015 continued

training and exercises, Canal Town Days parade set up, MS bike-a-thons, work at the EMO period, etc. That is a lot of 'goings on' for what the FCC only allows one hour a week for EmComm training for RACES-ARES. (Please, note the pictures of the crew training December 13th for a future Ginna exercise in March thanks to W1YX.) This is pretty darn good for a group who have to live life, work, take care of families, sleep, eat and spend some leisure time with family and friends. Your dedication IS appreciated! (The XYL here tolerates my "radio," as she calls it, very well. Thank those who tolerate your "radio" idiosyncrasies in your QTH.)

I do encourage more of you jumping into the NCS and/or ANCS slots on the Sunday WARECS net. I do encourage more participation in the Ontario County RACES-ARES net as well. We had Wayne County ops helping in all the Ontario County events in 2014, and we had the equal reciprocal help from our SIARC friends in each of our events. Yes-even Ontario County checking in with our EMO during one of the Wayne County Ginna exercises. Continued and increasing cooperation with Ontario and Monroe counties is highly encouraged! If other neighboring counties get on the band wagon, lets support them too. Seneca County is setting up a RACES-ARES group! We do know our repeaters in the tri-county area all work well into each others counties. We need each other and each others expertise. We can not do this EmComm on our own!

In addition, I can happily add, in the MARS EmComm all three of this county's services-Army, Navy-Marine and Air Force- are ALL working together hand in hand using the same mil spec communications mode, protocols, training and exercises. Interoperability means we MUST work together. As you know even RACES and ARES got involved with a Joint MARS exercise in November, I think? I am not sure of the month as I type as I am in so many nets either RACES, ARES, or MARS, I have a hard time keeping track. I think maybe that "bald-man's comb"-for the man that has everything-given by WD2STK and KC2TCM in the December meeting to me will get a lot of use this next year as I scratch my head stimulating the gray cells to keep up with everything. Yes-even I have my times. But as I keep on saying and I do mean it-"If I can do it! You can do it!" By the way we only have two MARS members in DARC. Think about that one too. We have an HF setup for MARS at the EMO 'shack.' N2DIT, a Navy MARS member, and I will be able to use the MARS comms there BUT only us! Anyone who needs some encouragement becoming a MARS member, contact Charlie or I. MARS does use HF communication, so obviously a General "ticket" is minimally needed.

Remember! Your New Year's resolution is to be ANCS and/or NCS on the WARECS net. Get brave! If a CW op like me can do it never using a microphone until my RACES-ARES involvement, you can! Try the State NYS RACES HF net as well. In our the NYS Region 5, which Wayne County is in, we have nine Region 5 members checking in at various times with seven from Wayne County alone. Only Region 1, Long Island area, equals our numbers for a region.

Any help in any net at any level-you know who to contact. ME! Again "FB" for your support 2014. I look very forward to 2015 and helping you! But remember, for you making sense with of all the protocols, message nuances, etc., the more you participate the easier it gets. Mistakes? I still do my share. It is only human even you don't have my hairdo. Be brave and step forward and do the NCS and ANCS, the better the EmComm will be fulfilled. THAT is what we are here for-EmComm. "If I can do it! You can do it!"

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

Wayne RO/EC attend.

2015 Hamfest Schedule

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| Lockport Amateur Radio Hamfest 1/31/2015 South Lockport Fire Company 146.820- (PL 107.2) | Winter Hamfest 2/28/2015 Big Flats American Legion hall None |
| Hamfest and Electronics Fair 3/8/2015 Levittown Hall 146.850 (PL 136.5) | DRUMLINS ARC HAMFEST 4/18/2015 VFW Memorial Post 6778 146.685 (No PL Tone) |
| East Greenbush ARA Hamfest 5/9/2015 East Greenbush Fire Company 147.270 (PL 94.8) | MBARC Fest 5/31/2015 QWL Building - Downstate Correctional Facility 146.970 (PL 100) |
| Cortland Hamfest & Technology Fair 6/13/2015 Cortland County Fairgrounds 147.180 (PL 71.9) | Ithaca Hamfest 2015 8/1/2015 Trumansburg Fairgrounds 146.970(-) PL 103.5 |
| KLARA Hamfest & Campout 8/15/2015 Howard Community Center 145.190 (PL 110.9) | 40th Annual Elmira International HamFest 9/26/2015 Chemung County Fairgrounds 147.360+ (no PL tone) |
| Hamfest and Electronics Fair 10/25/2015 Levittown Hall 146.850 (PL 136.5) | |

GINNA Exercise Schedule



Please be advised that the NYS Evaluated Ginna Exercise will be on Monday March 23, 2015 and the FEMA Federally Evaluated Exercise will be on Tuesday April 28, 2015.

As we draw closer to the drill dates, I will advise you of the reporting time

for the NYS exercise. We will also be announcing an opportunity or two to refresh your knowledge of WebEOC. We will also be testing the automated telephone notification system as we draw closer to the drill dates.

The Federal exercise will be a call-down exercise where you cannot report until contacted by us.

We appreciate your efforts to help keep the citizens of Wayne County safe. Participating in the Ginna drills also helps us prepare for any other type of disaster or emergency.

Please contact me as soon as possible if you are unable to participate, or someone has taken your place in the participation.

Best regards,

George Bastedo, CEM

Director, Office of Disaster Preparedness

Wayne County Emergency Management

President's Message

As I sit down to write this the First thing I want to say is I hope everyone had a nice New Years. So went out and partied and some of us stayed home. I stayed home and Have a great time with family. I have some personal goals for the club this year. The first is to make another officer for the club. Sgt at Arms. A person who's responsibility it is to keep track of all Drumlins Equipment. with the also includes getting a full inventory list of all DARC equipment and getting it labeled. This idea has come to me through George Bestedo. It is an idea that I think is long past due. The second is to start getting the input from YOU the club members. once a year, you, the club members vote a group a group of members into the leadership roles for the club. but we need you. Jay has been doing programs for more years then I have been a member. and he has run out of ideas. I am asking, pleading, and evening begging for your ideas of what you would like to see as a program. Every member of this club has a voice and we not only want to hear it but need to hear it. If I am doing a bad job as President, the only way to fix the issue is with communication and that is what us ham radios operators are about. I am going to work with a few selected people both inside and outside the club to set up activities for this year. It is my hope that everyone will have a blast at these activities and that it will bring out more then just a select few

My personal email is kc2ygh@yahoo.com Please email me with ideas or thoughts on how you want to see the club work better for you. If you want to start have a meeting every months on a Saturday, then tell us. Drumlins is here for YOU.

Glen Bruemmer KC2YGH

January Program

KC2TCM has a treat for us, we can catch a couple laughs and maybe even learn something. Be sure to come to the meeting to find out what he dug up for us!



February Rumblins
Deadline is: February 11, 2015

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!

Email address: w Dutcher@tkcontrols.com

Snail Mail address:
144 Berg Rd

Upcoming Public Service Events

[www.rochesterham.org/
public_service.htm](http://www.rochesterham.org/public_service.htm)

Welcome

Cheryl Hurley KD2HRY

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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

RACES Events

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YAESU "FUSION" REPEATER

The Repeater Committee meeting determined after their breakfast meeting on December 27th, following the monthly December 2104 DARC meeting, to purchase the new Yaesu "Fusion" repeater for DARC!

First and foremost the purchase was NOT to get into Yaesu's digital mode per say but to use the repeater for ANALOG only. Fortunately, Yaseu was very generous in it's purchase provisions: a club was not to sell the repeater for a year, it did not mention anything about digital mode use and only requested the repeater frequency information. Of course this is a market ploy for Yaseu but who cares! To obtain a \$1,700 VHF/UHF 50 watt complete repeater with controller for \$500 is an absolute 'steal' the committee concurred. The club could NOT pass this purchase up, the committee determined. Now we'll see if Yaseu concurs with our wish. Easily, just the member dues for the 2015 year will pay for the purchase.

Just the analog side alone, at present our UHF repeater at Brantling is "kaput" and the spare there is just barely audible. It is planned to use the Fusion repeater for the period of time needed-one year-at Brantling. After that time the old 440 hopefully, if repairable, would replace it. Using the new controllers planned for purchase by the County, we could even have a linked system if we wish with the Fusion's analog side. The Fusion has been improved making analog side more friendly.

Once our one year is complete, we will use the Fusion repeater as a portable-emergency repeater. This is something we could use at events such as the Keuka Lake MS Bike benefit we helped out with SIARC this past year. This would free up a local repeater being used for an event and even make it easier just using HTs for EmComm in a locality. With the purchase of a "six-pack" portable cans, we have a whole EmComm repeater system. I have been told by my committee gurus they are inexpensive on eBay. Even the antennas setup from our EMO VHF-UHF go-kits could be used as a temporary antenna. Plus if our EmComm partners in Ontario and Monroe might need some help with a spare repeater or need of the mobile setup, DARC could come to their aid. It is a win-win situation for the price.

In addition, for any reason in the future, if either the Brantling repeaters went down or the new repeaters at the new 745 site went down, we have a replacement repeater to use in place until the kaput repeater can be fixed. In the "dark ages"-before George Bastedo, the EMO Director-there was a year when the 685 repeater was not usable and the WARECS net was done on the 745 repeater the whole time until the present Brantling 685 repeater and controller were bought by George. A good portion of the club that was ancient history but it was only about six years ago! (How long have we had DARC meetings at the Public Services Building? Before that was the "dark ages.")

The Repeater Committee thanks the DARC membership at the December 2014 meeting for the club's openness to discuss the Fusion purchase and approval of funds ahead of time to expedite the purchase if approved. The committee was objective in their discussion and hashed the pros and cons thoroughly before its decision. It was not a done deal! For the reasons noted above, it was decided NOT to pass this purchase up. It may never come again.

The Repeater Committee is conscious of the club's needs and wishes and the club's commitment serving the welfare of our public safety and your trust in the committee's decisions being making for you, the club members. We thank you for that trust.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

Repeater Committee Chairman for
the committee members

VE Testing

Drumlins ARC / Laurel VEC Testing

February 18th, 2015

Testing will start at 7:00 PM (prior to the Drumlins Amateur Radio Meeting and at the same location) Wayne County EMO, 7376 Rt. 31 Suite 2000 Lyons NY 14489-9174

CONTACT for individuals registering in advance is: Sabrina Hamill, WD2STK - (585)727-2091

The SquawIsland ARC (SIARC) has VE testing at the Ontario County EOC-911 center on County Road 46 near the fire training area every other second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM. VE sessions are held prior to their meeting. The VE testing is headed by Dave Foster, AB2WZO of SIARC. The SIARC website (www.SIARC.us) can be used for directions and information.

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.

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. 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.

The Drumlins Leaders 14-15

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WAYNE COUNTY RACES

VHF NET

TIME-FREQUENCIES

SUNDAY EVENING 8:45PM

PRIMARY:

146.685 (no PL)

WA2AAZ REPEATER

Voice and Digital

FLDIGI MT63-2KL

ONTARIO COUNTY RACES

VHF NET

TIME-FREQUENCIES

SUNDAY EVENING 8:00PM

PRIMARY:

145.450 (PL110.9)

W2ONT REPEATER

ALSO MONITORED

146.820

(PL110.9)

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