

Hamfest April 18th! GINNA FEMA Drill April 28th!

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Drumlins' Rumblings

RACES-ARES April 2015

Wow!, April and I am sitting on "my intelligence" and just remembered I better get this article done! April Fool on me I guess. Hi! So I guess the fool here better get dancing on the keyboard with his little finger tips. Hi! Time sure flies when you are busy. Hi!



Okay! The State Ginna exercise March 24th post critique! Well-once again we proved our worth! I am not kidding. "When all else fails,," rang true once again. Hams are good problem solvers and if we can't get on the air, you know we are in deep do-do! Yours truly got to be the Dose Coordinator this time for the exercise. Yes-you got it right. I was "George" or "Paul" who usually sits next door to

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Drumlins' Meeting

April 15th, 2015 - 7:30 PM
Wayne County EOC
7336 Rt. 31, Lyons, NY
Doors open at 7:00 PM, Talk-in:



RACES-ARES March 2015 continued

our RACES position. Seems the real George and Paul were snowbirds to the south-where exactly no one really knows even now. But, I got a call from John O'Toole, the Dose-Radiation Officer, and he said I was promoted and to expect an increase in my pay or maybe a bonus. You know, keep adding more zeros on to your pay that is already zero. Hi! KD2D-NO was on the RACES position with KC2TNJ helping out. They did a fine job! The problem arose at the Dose Coordinator position when we found out the phone-radio was not receiving. It was sending okay and it could be heard by the Dose vans but their radios were NOT being retransmitted to the Dose Coordinator. As long as the vans were within simplex range both sides could be heard. Interesting! Hi! So RACES had to transmit all the Dose van messages to me. Once again, "When all else fails," we were there to get the job done. Problem solved. And, that is why we are there in our capacity. (Update a week after John O'Toole and I diagnosed the Dose Coordinator radio problems and John was to get it fixed in time for the FEMA drill.)

So, when in the ancient days where we looked like a fly on the wall are gone, we are appreciated and know we are really helping and doing the job. KN2DNO was kind to get a picture and article into the Times of Wayne County. Please, see the scanned article in this Drumblins Rumbblins. Thanks, Bill. The article only was in the Messenger paper Sunday as



well. As the article points out, "...we provide the back-up radio communication..." KB2FSB happened to be in the electrical room shack when one of the State inspectors asked "What can you do?," obviously referring to the shack's radio equipment. KB2FSB was quick to say, we can do almost anything to make sure the communications gets through. And, we CAN and DO! N2ZVP was explaining all the goodies to our newest RACES members KD2HQ5, Bill; and KD2HBQ, Justin. Those are two of the new faces in the picture. New RACES member, John, KD2GTA, was in the Dose van with N2IZV. You have heard all three of our new members on the Sunday evening net. N2ZVP also contacted Monroe County EMO. The only one negative was KC2YGH was alone in his Dose van with no room for a "second" to train due to the smaller vehicle being used. Otherwise I could have had two new ops in the vans practicing. The State exercises are important for this fact that they are considered Training Exercises.

The FEMA graded Ginna Drill is coming up April 28th and I have already lined up a crew. The FEMA drill requires experienced ops. No training this time-the really real real thing!

My sincere thanks for all the "ops" who helped out with the State Ginna exercise. We got some extra training and the new RACES members "jumped in" very willingly to the task. That is great to see! Some of us "older" RACES members, myself top on the list, are thankful for that willingness! Time goes fast, as I have notes above, and time is precious even more when one volunteers that time. So thank you, gentlemen, for your participation! I am honored to have a good bunch to work with.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

Wayne RO/EC

April Program

Prepare for the Hamfest April 18th, update on Fusion Repeater, prep for FEMA drill April 28th



May Rumblins
Deadline is: May 13th, 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: wdotcher@tkcontrols.com
Snail Mail address: 144 Berg Rd
Ontario, NY 14519

Upcoming Public Service Events

Tour de Cure bike-a-thon June 13
www.rochesterham.org/public_service.htm

2015 Hamfest Schedule

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 HAM-FEST 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)	RARA Rochester Hamfest 6/6/2015 Barnard's Exempt 360 Maiden Lane 146.610 pl 110.9
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)	MBARC Fest 5/31/2015 QWL Building - Downstate Correctional Facility 146.970 (PL 100)

Ginna Exercise Schedule & Training



Please be advised that the FEMA Evaluated Ginna Exercise will be on Tuesday April 28th, 2015

BOTH Dose vans will be out and EOC Dose position will be manned. We will have backup staff available in the RACES radio room and will make contact with RACES teams in other areas.

The FEMA drill is "GRADED"-only ops confidently trained will be there for the FEMA exercise, Dave KB2KBY will make assignments.

Thank you for your continued participation in RACES-ARES.

73, Dave KB2KBY

RO/EC Wayne County

H: 315-597-4293

C: 315-871-8767 (I text.)

packet: KB2KBY-1 via WA2EMO-2 via 144.950

2015 Field Day

SIRAC & Drumlins will again be holding a joint Field Day event on Saturday June 27 & Sunday 28. This year it will be at the Watkins Lodge at the Gannett Hill Park, South Bristol. Details to follow.

Dave Taylor KB2KBY

Rich Hamill KC2TNJ

2015 Hamfest

HAMFEST is Sat April 18 at the VFW in Palmyra. We will be setting up Fri evening if you can help, and vendors can begin setting up at 7 am on Sat. Doors will open at 8 am. It usually runs until around 1 or so. Help is appreciated breaking down after the event also. If you can help in any way, contact Rich Hamill KC2TNJ at tinker@rochester.rr.com.

DrumlinsARC in the news



Wayne Times Article

Members of Drumlins Amateur Radio Club participated with Wayne County Emergency Management Office and other state and local agencies in a drill on March 24, 2015. These drills are to prepare groups to work with each other in case of an emergency in Wayne County that might require evacuation or opening of shelters.

Drumlins ARC is a group of Amateur (Ham) Radio Operators who volunteer their time to provide back-up radio communications during such disasters, and also during various community events such as bike-a-thons, walks and parades. Ham radio has been proven to be a most reliable communications system that keeps on working even when all other communications systems stop working during a disaster. Ham's provide their own equipment and time without any charge

Dues Announcement

We have set the Dues at the April Board meeting. We will be launching our new website hopefully in the next couple of weeks and that will allow Online registration. You can pay directly online through PayPal or using a credit card. You can also pay by cash/check following directions on the application.

We have 4 categories; only those with FCC Licenses will having voting privileges for the club

1. **Full Member \$10/ year**
2. **Family (primary licenses, any other family member living in same household FCC Licensed can vote) \$12/yr**
3. **Associate \$5/yr (non-licensed)**
4. **Lifetime (licensed only) \$100 lifetime**

VE Testing

Drumlins ARC / Laurel VEC Testing

April 18, 2015

Testing will start at 9:00 AM (At the Drumlins Amateur Radio Hamfest at the VFW in Palmyra

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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Antique Wireless Association (AWA)

WAYNE COUNTY RACES

VHF NET

TIME-FREQUENCIES

SUNDAY EVENING 8:40PM

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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