

Bylaws changes coming! Vote at March Meeting!

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Drumlins' Rumblings

RACES-ARES March 2015

Well, March! In like the lion or the lamb? Or will it be out like the lion or the lamb? March is always an intense month and I will admit it makes me apprehensive of it because it can even be goofier than the other months of the year. We just got rid of the coldest February on record since records have been kept since President Grant. Wow!, what we will tell the grandkids! Hi. I gabbed a little too much last month, so I better get to business now.

FIRST: The STATE GINNA EXERCISE was changed from March 23rd, Monday, to MARCH 24th, TUESDAY. No reason was given but someone had it changed. By the time you read this newsletter before the March DARC meeting, the State Exercise will be but days away. There is a chance of training before but my sked has changed here. The XYL and I are granddaughter sitting the entire week which means I am limited more with time. Monday, Wednesday and Friday are the best as there is no nursery school pickup those days. The FEMA Drill is still April 28th, Tuesday, which is the graded exercise and NOT a training exercise, remember.

NIFOG-National Interoperability Field Guide-is a great reference for emergency communications. We have this booklet in all our EmComm go-kits at the County EMO and at each position at the EMO. The stress here is INTEROPERABILITY. Go to this page <http://publicsafetytools.info>. You'll see this page below.



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Drumlins' Meeting

March 18th, 2015 - 7:30 PM
Wayne County EOC
7336 Rt. 31, Lyons, NY
Doors open at 7:00 PM, Talk-in:
146.685



RACES-ARES March 2015 continued

I clicked on the "Frequency Mapping Tool" and you can find the location, calls and frequencies of all the National Plan repeaters and frequencies for Wayne County or any place in the US you wish. Give it a try!

Aren't you amazed I actually did the screen capture! It took some doing but this 'ole horse' managed to drink the water. Hi! In the Introduction of the NIFOG booklet you can request copies of the booklet and downloads. The one sentence that caught my eye was "Maximize your flexibility." That is where we excel as hams----flexibility. This is our goal and our mission in EmComm. I am seeing this and the interoperability issue a lot lately especially in my MARS or Military Affiliate Radio System.

The last two MARS exercises have involved ALL three of the MARS affiliates-Navy-Marine, Air Force and Army. I have taken it as a goal on my part to check into the Air Force MARS net. Finding the time is getting harder and I apologize to N2DIT, Charlie, for not checking into the Navy MARS net in a long time. In these past two exercises hams have been involved. MARS ops have been going to the ham band frequencies and asking for information and relaying the information on.

Interoperability between civilian and military frequencies for information to higher agencies is going to happen more often. The February 2015 QST on page 87, has a short billet "MARS Volunteers Reach Out to Amateur Community to Test Interoperability." The latest January-February CQ Amateur Radio magazine on page 9, in the "ham radio news" has a blurb "Ham Radio Included in Updated National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP)." This is a 2014 update since the NECP plan was originally rolled out in 2008! Yes-6 years it took to finally see our "When All Else Fails" shine through. I am sorry to say, we were NOT part of NECP until this revision. Slow but sure, the fact we know what the heck we are doing in EmComm is valuable! According to the article, the new plan says amateur radio operators "can be important conduits for relaying information to response agencies and personnel when other forms of communications have failed or have been disrupted." And the NECP, specifically includes amateur radio as a source supporting or sustaining communications in an emergency or disaster." Our local Wayne County Red Cross Chapter and the County EMO have known this for quite some time, therefore, our wonderful relationship with George, John, Bill and Abby at the EMO. Lastly, the article "...urged the inclusion of amateur radio representatives on statewide interoperability planning or steering committees."

I know New York State RACES has a wonderfully equipped station near Albany. KC2FTD, you see on the NYS RACES HF message form. Check out the NYS KC2DTF site on QRZ.com. There are some nice pictures of the Tactical #1 vehicle and the site is informative with the names of the big "mucky-mucks" at the State RACES.

Finally Homeland Security is seeing the value of hams and MARS. On paper things looked okay without both of us and now they s-e-e with open eyes in reality we are needed. Your time for RACES -ARES is valuable and needed. Jump in with taking ANCS (Alternate Net Control Station) and even take a bigger leap with NCS (Net Control Station). Joining one of the MARS affiliates would be worthy as well. MARS is a big commitment, I will admit, as all of what I am asking of you. The more one can practice and actually "DO" the ANCS, NCS, the messaging and using the digital, the easier it gets. By the way there are cell phone apps for iPhone and android that you can load on your type cell with MT63 2000. They are free and it is done acoustically with no interfaces. Just type it in and you'll see it. I just did it on my android cell today. You too can get the digital message. It works well as I tried it on the noisy HF 40mb today with my little FT817ND rig with just a Joey vertical that is only a few feet high. On 2m FM-it would work like gangbusters!

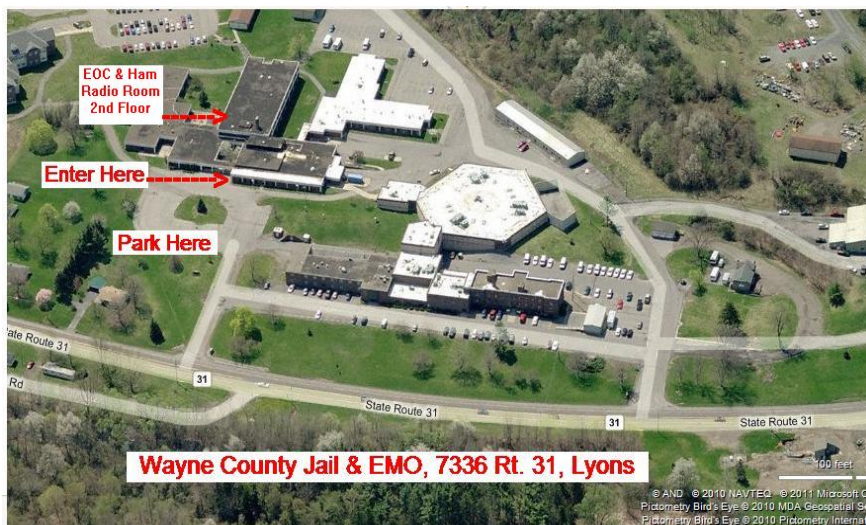
You know I have always appreciated your time for RACES-ARES. Now it seems the country has caught up. Luckily, we have had only recently BIG support for us county wide. Keep up the fantastic work, keep improving and have some fun as well. That fun is important! The new stuff titillates the gray cells too. What I love about ham radio and what keeps me going to be there for you. CU next month. Try that big info page as seen before. Get "ed-jew-ba-cated" and enjoy the fun!

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

Wayne RO/EC

March Program

Voting on the new proposed Bylaws, preparations for March 24th & April 28th Ginna drills, and preparations for April 18th DRUMLINS Hamfest



April Rumblins
Deadline is: April 08, 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

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)	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 & Training



Please be advised that the NYS Evaluated Ginna Exercise will be on Tuesday March 24, 2015 and the FEMA Federally Evaluated Exercise will be on Tuesday April 28, 2015.

Make sure you CAN participate for at least the State drill. As far as I know BOTH Dose vans will be out and EOC Dose manned-the "shack" can be manned & see if the State or Monroe County RACES contacted although not necessary for grading but a feather in our cap. The HF vertical must be re-tuned before hand. Packet via VHF possible also.

Please contact me if you ARE to participate.. The State is a "training exercise" but the FEMA is "GRADED"-only ops confidently trained will be there for the FEMA exercise.

Thank you for your continued participation in RACES-ARES.

73, Dave KB2KBY

RO/EC Wayne County

H: 315-597-4293

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Drumlins 2015 Hamfest Volunteers Needed

It's that time again when I start asking for volunteers for the **Drumlins Hamfest on April 18th**. Here is a list of the positions that need to be filled. Please let me know if you can help again this year. I think we'll need four volunteers working the parking lot and tailgate parking.

Please email or call me at: tinker@rochester.rr.com or 315-986-8589 with your availability.

Kitchen committee: Trista & Rich Hamill (coordinators)

3 Volunteers needed.

Setup help: Many hands needed for table and vendor setup Friday April 17 - 5pm , and take down on Saturday after the Hamfest. (Pizza & pop provided Friday after setup)

Security: KC2TCM – Jay & WD2STK – Sabrina & Glen KC2YGH (11PM to Open)

Parking lot & tailgate area: (4 Needed)

Ticket Sales table at entrance:

50/50 Tickets:

Vendor Tickets:

Vendor table sign-up: KS2JEK – Jon King

Talk-in:

Speaker system: KS2JEK – Jon King

Club Table:

Mic table announcements, ticket cage:

VE Testing: WD2STK – Sabrina (coordinator)

"A" Frame Sign setup:

Flyer created and on webpage: KC2TNJ - Rich Hamill

Ticket Printing: KC2TNJ - Rich Hamill

Email list to vendors and local clubs: Jon King & Dave (Dave - contacting KJI and Quick Silver)

Secretaries Report

Date: 2/18/15 Call to Order: 19:31

Welcome Members/Guests: W1YX, KC2TNJ, Trista Hamill, WD2STK, KC2TCM, KC2YGH, N2ZVP, W2ACC, KC2HZS, (missing the other attendees)

Previous meeting Minutes – Unable to review.

Treasurers Report: W.Dutcher N2ZVP gave an update on the Treasury, all OK.

Repeaters:

745- NTR; Will need to wait until spring, top 6-10 feet are rotten. We need it chopped or something to replace it.

685 – Works, Packet is working

444.950 - off the air until further notice. The repeater was a temporary replace

Yaesu Fusion repeater will be coming in Feb. The 3 new commercial controllers are here, can support 2 repeaters each and can operate cross band or independently. George bought them for us.

“VE” Teams: There is a testing session today. Congrats to KC2HZS (KC2 Happy Zippy Squirrel) The days are all listed on our website.

Ares/Races: Update—Dave Taylor KB2KBY

March 2 - 1:30-2 Training with KB2KBY

March 24 - State Exercise will need training before the event

April 18 - FEMA Drill (MUST KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING, GRADED)

Next Month there is talk of a mock drill during the next meeting.

Activities & Contest, Public Service :

June 13, Saturday - Tour De Cure, 4/5 Courses are in Wayne County. One will stay on the Xerox grounds in Webster – heading East. There's 100, 62, 40, 25, 15, and the family fun rides for rest stops and safety vehicles. Please be prepared and assist the past year we have used 50 Hams, and looking to use our repeater system and radio support from the club. KC2SOZ and KC2SPY are heading that event.

Our Drumlins Facebook website has a list of all the events.

Remembrances:NTR

Old Business:

The Hamfest Committee is hard at work. KJI and Quicksilver are vendors. Drumlins.us or Drumlins.org are the websites. We would like to have a monthly update for the vendors. We have been approved by the ARRL as a official Hamfest.

Tailgating will definitely need to be used, a lot of tables are in use. Plenty of help will be needed.

Bylaws are being rewritten. The Board of Directors has published the proposed changes, then March meeting members can vote on it.

New Business:

Adjournment: 20:47 Motioned by: KC2TNJ 2nd : KB2SOZ

VE Testing

Drumlins ARC / Laurel VEC Testing

April 15, 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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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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