

**Drumlins Meeting January 20th! Meeting location Change—see page 4!  
Fire Training Building directly behind EMO**

DRUMLINS Amateur Radio Club LTD

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# Drumlins' Rumblings

RACES-ARES January 2016 KB2KBY



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2016! This marks my 15<sup>th</sup> year of retirement and my ability to harass you more often in the “Drumlins Rumblings.” I can say easily being the Wayne County RO/EC has been my avocation since retirement. The time has gone by quickly and I pray the years retired increase as easily as they have passed. This avocation has been in particular very rewarding, keeps the little gray cells working and purposeful.

These are pretty nice feeling for a 'hobby' which we all got in. I have mentioned before Joe and

Jane Public think of amateur radio as just that, a hobby and thus we have the 'amateur' tag placed before the 'radio.' part. Of course you and I know it is all more than a hobby and compared to Joe and Jane Public's knowledge in Em-Comm, we are far from amateur. And, yes, the daughter's phrase of 'radio geek' comes back to me. That is my daughter who is extremely left brain, so I take it as a compliment and you should too. She is the artist, well grounded and can be very logical for an artist which is very truthful. There are times I wonder what universe she is from. Mr. Spock, the Vulcan smarty from Starship Enterprise would have a great time analyzing her. Don't get me wrong, the daughter is a great 'kid' and I am extremely proud of her. She is extremely talented in her artistry, a better teacher than her father and a great mom and loves her family. You couldn't ask more even if you do wonder, “Where did this kid come from?” Any of you who have had kids know what I am talking about. Life does have its miracles you explain but we all better off for it.

Okay, Taylor, where is this tangent taking you? Hi!, you know me too well by now. Drives you nuts at times, I know. Hi. Thank heavens you all are not a bunch of 9<sup>th</sup> graders but believe me it was a challenge to motivate 9<sup>th</sup> graders especially for the 95% who couldn't care less about learning anything in social studies. Tangents were a good way to get a 9<sup>th</sup> graders attention. Even “You are a little nuts, Mr. Taylor.,” was often suggested too, just like you all. As these hobbyist

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## Drumlins' Meeting

December 16th, 2015—7:30 PM  
Laurel VE testing 7:00  
Social—7:00 PM  
Wayne County EOC  
7336 Rt. 31, Lyons, NY  
Doors open at 7:00 PM, Talk-in:  
146.685



## RACES-ARES continued

or amateurs I quoted before, you are already in a better mind set thinking about radio with those little gray cells. Otherwise you would never even be reading this article as it would be too geeky. Hi hi. Get my train of thought yet?

One of the New Year club emails expressed the many ways DARC members, whether old or new members, are invited to contribute your time and talents to serve DARC in some form or fashion. You know, get involved! DARC is only as good as the individual parts-you members-working together. Even the O.M.s, Old Man in CW; XYs, X Young Ladies and YLs; in the club have stuff to contribute to DARC even if at times I even think technology is overwhelming me. That is the titillating the little gray cells I always mention. The 'young whipper snapper' and YL who grew up with this technological change have helped DARC wonderfully this past 2015. I am proud to see that 2016 is off to an even better start because of it! DARC is growing, expanding and doing new things thanks to the talents of its members. THIS MEANS EVERY ONE OF YOU! So, please, consider your talent that would help DARC. Small or large the collective talent helping DARC is what we are looking for!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Being the RO/EC of Wayne County, I am pleased to show you where DARC members have continued in their growing support in EmComm! Yes, it is "stats time" for 2015! I am very pleased to say, once again DARC members have come up to the plate! Stats are stats and you can do anything to prove what you want, but 2015 showed another consecutive INCREASE in participation for the WARECS Sunday eve net. Here are 2015's starting with the year before:

**2014: 44 nets, 1119 total checkins-average 26.0.**

**2015: 42 nets, 1158 total checkins-average 27.6. (739 voice checkins-average 17.6/net; 557 digital MT63/2K rogers-average 13.3/net and 411 packet rogers-average of 9.9/net. I did round up/down to the nearest 10<sup>th</sup> of a digit.**

There were a lot of five weekends in the month in 2015, two week vacations times which we coordinated with the no-net Sundays with Ontario County RACES-ARES. So 42 nets is probably the least amount of nets you would see in a year. Notice!, two less nets than last year and still 39 more checkins! All rogers whether voice, digital or packet rogers have gone UP. The lowest number of total rogers was 23 and the highest was 35. As I have stated, in 2008, that total average/net was 9.8. We have come a long ways.

This RO/EC is happy as a lark. Just the fact we are being very consistent year after year, not even taking in the slight increases, is lovely to see. If all you can do is check into the net, not even rogering a message, is fine. It counts! If you can only do voice only as a roger, again, it is fine. Even the lowest checkins/voice rogers on December 13<sup>th</sup> of 11 rewarded the net stats with 100% digital rogers. Hi. That was a first with 100% voice rogers and 100% MT63/2K rogers. Stats are stats and you can manipulate them all you want but the fact is 1,158 total checkins means 23,160 minutes or 386 hours of your time was spent by you very faithful EmComm-ers! In my monthly EC report I have to tell the total hours spent on nets, activities, drills, etc. Yes, all your times for Ginna exercises, bike thingy, MS walk, etc., is counted. But, my yearly stats DO NOT include all of the extra stuff we do but just the Sunday WARECS net! I figure we average about a 20 minute WARECS net each Sunday.

As far as the Sunday night net goes, the total minutes/hours could be higher but I know we average more than 15 minutes on any WARECS net, easily. I just keep with that 20 minutes net average. We can average more than 20 minutes a net especially when the KB2KBY as NCS has a Kodak moment. You poor faithful net checkin-ers know my great math ability or easy math confusion. I am not as left brain as the daughter but I am not the total right brain either. Hi. It can be comical at times the goofy things my gray cells do. Hi. We have a good time. Try checking in if you don't think so. It is good for a laugh at times and you would add to the total numbers checking in for a net. Hi.

Okay! Again, think about what you can contribute helping DARC. And one way easily for all is get on the WARECS nets Sunday nights 8:35PM on the 685 repeater. Joining our Ontario County friends at 8:00PM on the 145.450 is a help too. We are all in this together as amateur hobbyists. Thank you for a great 2015. Without your faithful support for EmComm it all would not happen. I am looking forward to 2016!

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

Wayne County RO/EC

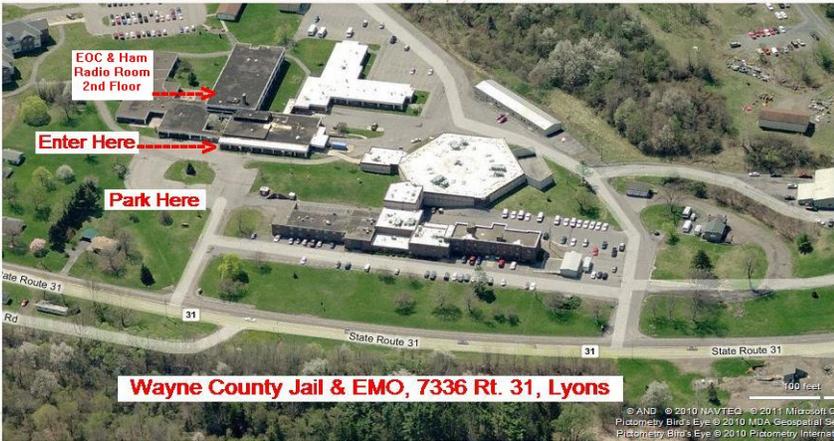
P.S. The pictures show the IC-718 in the EMO shack ready for FIDigi with the Signalink thanks to a bunch getting things up to snuff in the "shack." We had our first FIDigi contact as well. This is a nice example of the little things anyone can do as mentioned above.



# January Program- W2XOY Remembering 9-11-2001

Bill Continelli was in lower Manhattan on September 11, 2001. He was south of the World Trade Center and heard the 2nd plane as it flew over and slammed into Tower #2. He gives his recollection of how he used his communications equipment to safely evacuate Manhattan on that horrible day

73, Jay KC2TCM



**February Rumblins**  
Deadline is: February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**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](mailto:w Dutcher@tkcontrols.com)  
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Ontario, NY 14519

## Upcoming Public Service Events

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### 2016 Hamfest Schedule

DAYTON HAMVENTION May 20-22!	DRUMLINS ARC HAMFEST 4/23/2016
Lockport ARA Hamfest 1/23/2016	Winter Hamfest 2/27/2016 Big Flats
RAGS Hamfest 7/10/2016 Cicero	Ithaca Hamfest 8/6/2016 Trumansburg
KLARA Hamfest & Campout 8/6/2016 Hornell	Rochester Hamfest 2016 not yet published

## Meeting Notes

The club meeting notes and the newsletters can be found on the member's side of the DARC website at [www.drumlinsarc.us](http://www.drumlinsarc.us)

A list of current members is now on our website. You have to be logged in, go to Members, then Members List. Check it out and if you see any errors, email [drumlinsarc@gmail.com](mailto:drumlinsarc@gmail.com). While you are checking it out, enroll for 2016 online. Annual membership is for the calendar year January 1st through December 31st. **2016 dues should be paid by March 1st, 2016.**

Snapshot: Investigating a preamp for 745 to improve northern reach of weak signals; SIARC and Drumlins working together for Field Day, likely at Bristol Mountain—same location as last year, Work party needed at SEMO bunker for antenna cleanup; Drumlins Hamfest plans well underway; VE testing may bump up due to RARA suspending testing in Rochester for the immediate future

**Meeting Location Change:** Due to renovations are the Sheriff's Office, or first floor meeting room will be unavailable for at least six months. The **Wed Jan 20 meeting will be in the Fire Training building directly behind the EMO** on the same county building complex.. Same time. Starting in Feb, the meeting will be on the Second floor meeting room in the EMO.

## Membership, call for Volunteers

We have fallen behind in organizing committees to assist the club in various matters. Our repeater committee has been extremely active in the past 6 months, but the others have fallen by the wayside and we need to invigorate Drumlins with some fresh ideas and activities. Please consider volunteering for a committee for 2016 in order to keep moving Drumlins forward. We have five Standing Committees and the President can form other committees as needed, so if you see the need for something additional please let us know. Better yet, suggest and volunteer! The Standing Committee's are: Repeater; Members & Public Relations; Public Service (RACES/ARES) Activities and Awards; Hamfest; and Volunteer Examiners. We also need help with the Newsletter which is currently handled by the Treasurer (Walter N2ZVP).

Our new President (eff Jan 1) is Al Cook (K@MPE) will be assigning Chairman at our first meeting in January, and the Chairman will select their Committee Members. Please email [DrumlinsARC@gmail.com](mailto:DrumlinsARC@gmail.com) and let us know what Committee you are interested in. Please help keep Drumlins moving forward. We have approximately 63 members now. We have plans to increase activities to include some "work days", breakfast meetings followed by a special activity and other ideas. Please be an active member and offer your services to Drumlins Amateur Radio Club. Thank you and Happy Holidays!

'73

Bill Tegtmeyer KD2DNO

# Repeater Committee News!

I saw this really cool article, I figured I share. Maybe it will inspire you as it did me? Maybe it wont?

[Leadership For the Amateur Radio Club By Norm Fusaro, W3IZ](#)

[ARRL Affiliated Club & Mentor Program Manager](#)

[Assistant Manager ARRL MVP Department](#)

## Tips from Leadership Article

- Respect people - Earn trust
- Set goals
- Communicate effectively
- Strive for excellence -- Accept responsibility
- Celebrate victories -- learn from mistakes
- Create excitement -- stay positive
- Be proactive
- Build and maintain relationships

The six most important words: "I admit I made a mistake."

The five most important words: "You did a good job."

The four most important words: "What is your opinion?"

The three most important words: "If you please."

The two most important words: "Thank you,"

The one most important word: "We"

The least most important word: "I"

'73 Jeff Jensen N2MKT



## VE Testing

### Drumlins ARC / Laurel VEC Testing

February 17th, 2016

Testing will start at 7:00 PM (At the Drumlins Amateur Radio Club meeting)

**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](http://www.SIARC.us)) can be used for directions and information.

## VE Testing At RIT

RARA has temporarily suspended testing, stay tuned

