

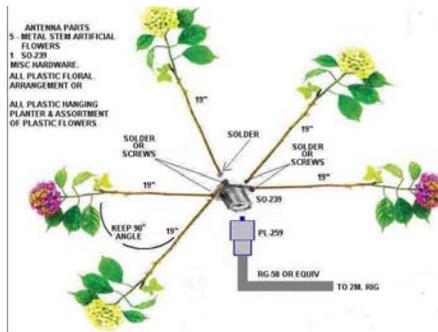


Drumlins' Rumblings

RACES-ARES May 2015 KB2KBY Dave Taylor

April showers bring May flowers!, and is it ever nice to see the WX finally come around to spring. It is about time! No joke. With the spring all of our Ginna drill obligations are out of the way. Whew!

Speaking of Ginna, the Ginna FEMA graded drill was April 28th, Tuesday. I thank KD2DNO, Bill; N2ZVP, Walter, N2IZV, Russ; KC2YGH, Glen; and KB2FSB, Lloyd for helping in this graded event. I am happy to say this kid only was helping at the RACES Dose position for just 20 minutes during the whole event. That is a record low which I am happy to report. Why? Because it means after quite a few years (Actually more years then that!), poor George Bastedo, the EMO Director, and John O'Toole, the Dose Radiation Officer only saw the same two or three faces especially for a Ginna FEMA drill. I am not kidding. This means we have a larger pool of trained ops for the State and FEMA exercises. That is what we have been working for.



According to an email sent by George Bastedo, there were no actions needed by the FEMA graders for inadequacies. This means we covered our bases on the important stuff as far as the grading was concerned but there were a few suggestions for improvement.

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Drumlins' Meeting

May 20th, 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

This kid, or someone, should make a list of all the equipment in each of the eight EMO go-kits. The FEMA grader who came into the electrical room, a.k.a. shack, asked looking at one of our go-kits. Yea, I've told myself for years I should do this ever since George got all the kits and equipment together. Yea, it is a poor excuse that it takes time and let's admit this RACES-ARES is not 24/7 job for us or even a 40 hour week for that matter. We all have lives beyond hamming and using our knowledge for the public good. I haven't been to a SIARC meeting since last November and there are few DARC meetings and DARC Board meetings I have missed in the past months. And I will admit I do get some raised eyebrows from the XYL when I say I have to do some RACES-ARES stuff. Stuff is stuff as the old expression goes. Unfortunately it is true. I am thankful the XYL appreciates the time I spend on all of this. (Even typing this article! Hi. Being a slow typist doesn't help either. The keyboard is enemy #1 for me.)

Nothing was said per say to us ops from the FEMA graders. The ops doing most of the work for the graded drill this time did forget some of their "over" and "outs." That is something a plain Joe Doe non-ham wouldn't even know or gradable. But for us types who are the "professional" with messaging should remember the difference "over" there is a response and "out" means no response is expected.

On a net with a NCS usually if in doubt always say "over" to bring the direction back to the NCS. Always remember any comms (communication), with other members of the net goes through the NCS. The NCS gives permission for all "comms." This is very important on a HF net. On a 2-meter operation it not so crucial but helpful to maintain a job getting done with as little time needed.

Here is where your volunteering for ANCS or NCS on the WARECS net is important. The practice makes perfect. Yes, I will agree the critique after the message may seem and leans toward the negative-what you didn't do. Believe me as a CW op until getting into RACES-ARES using no microphone, ANCS and NCS was intimidating as all heck. In radio communication where you do not see eyeball to eyeball it is more intimidating. You have to "suck it up" and laugh at it a little. How many times have I messed up as NCS after how many times as NCS? Hi hi! Holy cow it is funny. But the fact is we are human. Take the critique as helping you to do the correct SOP. SOPs are set up over a long period of time because they DO WORK. Remember that! The end goal is to take as little time as possible as I said in the last paragraph.

I can lead the group to water but you are the one that has to drink the water by jumping in as NCS and ANCS, etc. The more times you do it, the better you remember what you have to do. I use to tell my 9th grade kid's parents on parent's night an answer to why do we do all this history stuff and repeat it so much. I'd ask them, "Who is the first president of the US?" Of course they would all say "George Washington." WRONG, I'd say. You should see the expression on their faces. "What?" Actually dear old George was the second president of the US. John Hanson of MD was the first president under the Articles of Confederation. (I am not kidding you!) There is the John Hanson Expressway in Philadelphia PA named for him for that honor. But I would tell the kid's parents, if you tried to explain that to a kindergartener or a 6th grader all this make their heads blow up. Ugh! How about there is in China no such thing as the country of China! We, the West, call them that. To themselves they are "the Middle Kingdom" and have been since the first dynasties controlled and/or consolidated the territory. You and I as non-Chinese are not foreigners. You and I are literally to the Chinese "barbarians."

Okay it is all words and semantics. But it is the reason you have to jump in with doing the messaging using your own brains and speaking it literally. The minor mistakes get less as you do it more. It is just a fact! In the meantime Taylor will get the bloody go-kit equipment list done too. Hi. Do believe me, even at your worst first try as NCS or even ANCS, you will look like an Einstein as an ordinary Joe or Jane who haven't a clue what to do. Neither did the FEMA graders either. Hi

Well done you DARC RACES-ARES members! As I told the one FEMA graders in the Dose room, if we can't get on the air and make things work, you are in deep deep trouble. We excel!, in what we do. George, John, the FEMA graders and the State graders know it. We are the ace in the hole!

See you next month. Enjoy the spring before the summer heat gets here. Enjoy t

May Program FLDIGI training

SIARC & Drumlins ARC Field Day

Location: Watkins Lodge, Gennett Hill Park

Route 64 (North of Naples)

Setup: Saturday June 27th, 10AM

On the Air: June 27th 2PM till June 28th 10AM

Break down: Sunday June 28th , 10AM to 1PM

[Map link](#)



June Rumblins
Deadline is: June 10th, 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)

DRUMLINS News

EMO HF Comet vertical repair party. Thanks to Dave Mette W2ACC, Justin Toarmino KD2HBQ, Glen Bruemmer KC2YGH, John Greco KD2GTA, Dave Taylor KB2KBY, Bill Tegtmeier KD2DNO and Walt Dutcher N2ZVP for work Friday May 15th repairing the Comet CHA-250b that hasn't been tunable since it was installed. The antenna was re-adjusted, grounding was improved and now works much better. Dave Taylor KB2KBY never looked so happy!

There are many more "opportunities" for a party. If you are interested, sign up at a regular monthly meeting or call a board member.



Drumlins Hamfest a big success!



Dues Announcement

We have set the Due's at the April Board meeting. The new website allows 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

June 17th, 2015

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) 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 8:40PM

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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