

**Drumlins Meeting September 21st! Pumpkin Patrol Oct 30, 31!!**

**Meeting location EMO (Conference Room, 1st Floor)**

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# Drumlins' Rumblings

RACES-ARES Septembert 2016 KB2KBY Dave Taylor

SEPTEMBER is here!, and school has started and this kid is way behind getting this article in for Walter. Holy crow! Where did the days go as a kid you were bored with too much time on your hands? Remember how we complained about that boredom when young! Hi hi! We sure got our reward for that didn't we. Hi hi. Big time!

My apologies for missing N2COJ's callsign on the list helping with the Ginna State Exercise in August's RACES-ARES article. Oooops! I swore I checked my list TWICE like Santa Claus does! I guess Santa will not hire me for my record keeping and translations. These days my excuse for doing silly things I blame on my hairdo! Dad said "Grass doesn't grow on the well walked path.," but in my case the theory doesn't seem to be true. Thanks, Steve, for pointing out my mistake. (I give credit to Steve having read the article. Hi.)

I'll give my post-Canal Town Day parade setup report at this month's DARC meeting Wednesday September 21<sup>st</sup>. As of the typing of this article it is myself and three others who have volunteered thus far. Bill, KD2DNO, is going to send out a reminder email. (TNX, Bill!)

With all this volunteerism going on, remember to get the info to me you volunteered for, please. In my August ARES SM (Section Manager), Report, which I do monthly, I had 113.5 hours of volunteer for ARES and/or RACES not including the nets for the month. Public service events are the main thing for example the MS Bike, Triathlon, etc. Most of that total was for the Ginna exercise which was 77.0 hours total. But 36.5 was for the MS Bike and Comex16-3 with just two "ops" giving me the info. I know there was more volunteered time "ops" did with all the number of events going on. Please, remember, any PUBLIC SERVICE event is applicable to count on my monthly report. (Contests are not included by the way.) INFORMATION, please, give me:

DATE

NAME OF EVENT-includes training and/or meetings

TOTAL HOURS (If you give me minutes I can figure it out. Half and quarter hours apply.)

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## Drumlins' Meeting

September 21, 2016—7:30 PM  
Social—7:00 PM  
Wayne County EMO, 1st Floor  
Conference Room  
7336 Rt. 31, Lyons, NY  
Doors open at 7:00 PM, Talk-in:  
146.685



## RACES-ARES continued

PUMPKIN PATROL is a Sunday and Monday night this year this October's Halloween! Even though a weekend, Troop "T" only asks amateurs to guard bridges on those specific dates only of the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31st. Extra days because of the weekend doesn't happen. I am already getting requests for specific nights by "ops." This is a record early asking, but, it has always been first come and first served for a specific night you wish to cover. Of course I am happier with those of you that do not prefer a specific night as it makes my job easier to say the least. Hi. The Pumpkin Patrol I can easily figure the number of hours for the two days for my SM report. For events I am not there, YOU are my record keepers to pass the information on to me. Remember training or meeting ahead of time for events is included per above.

August saw two days of work at the EMO by "ops." There was antenna work to the HF wire antenna and now the frequencies for the State and MARS are heard better than ever and the two HF rigs in the EMO "shack" love it too. During the Gina exercise last month the "evaluators" had us contact Albany. That was a first! Even with our problem with the setup, it is improved even more now. TNX to Jeff, N2MKT, and the "ops" who worked. We are heard and get to places we couldn't before. FB! Hopefully Jeff will tell all this in his monthly report. Jeff sent me a picture which hopefully my dodo-non-geek gray cells will remember how to send the picture from my cell to Walter. I have terrible lapses in all his technology as you well know. If you want to see my great mathematical abilities in action, check into the Sunday night WARECS net for a good laugh. You wouldn't believe I passed algebra and geometry with pretty high grades. Hi. Hey, remember, I have that hairdo excuse above! (Whew!)

Guess that is it for me for the month. Oh, Walter did a fine job with the pictures last month with my article trying to titillate you into reading the August article. The McDonald's 1,200 miles away signage got a great laugh (Hi.), out of me! The WWII and Korean walkie-talkie was cute. Thank heavens I didn't carry a ton and half of gears on my arm like the picture. Walter does a nice job pulling my leg. I'll have to gab about my NSA days sometime. 50 years ago the first week of September I arrived at Ft. Meade MD at NSA. Alaska where 70 degrees was an absolute heatwave to Ft. Meade where at night it was only going to 90 and 95. Daytime you say? That was 105-115! I'd be in the Reception Company for 3 weeks before my clearances came through for NSA. That is the company you as a peon GI do all the "policing" stuff I mentioned before inside and outside-dirt bag jobs. Quite the reception indeed! Hi. I came downstairs from the UN-air-conditioned barracks to the company HQ each morning and reported for that policing work. The Sarg said, "Taylor, it is too hot. Go back upstairs." The Sarg saved me! In that heat I wouldn't be typing this nonsense today. Thank heavens! Let me tell you, when the Army says it is too hot!, you know it is hot. Right now we've had 26 days of over 90. Time for me to go back into hibernation from the heat-too much sweat typing. Hi hi. CU next month. Keep cool-really!

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY  
Wayne EC/RO



## September Program-

N2MKT Jeff Jensen will bring us up to date on the club repeaters, changes and plans

Our next VE testing session will start at 6:30 PM before the regular meeting on October 19th. This will allow more testing flexibility and less overlap with our club meeting.



**October Rumblins**  
Deadline is: October 13th, 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)  
Snail Mail address: 144 Berg Rd  
Ontario, NY 14519

### Upcoming Public Service Events

- Pumpkin Patrol Oct 30, 31
- Barktoberfest Sept 24

### 2016 Hamfest Schedule

DAYTON HAMVENTION May 20-22!	DRUMLINS ARC HAMFEST 4/23/2016 see page 6!
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	RARA Hamfest May 28th, 2016 @Eastman Business Park
Barnard Hamfest June 4th, 2016 @ Barnard Exempt	Horseheads Fall Hamfest September 24?

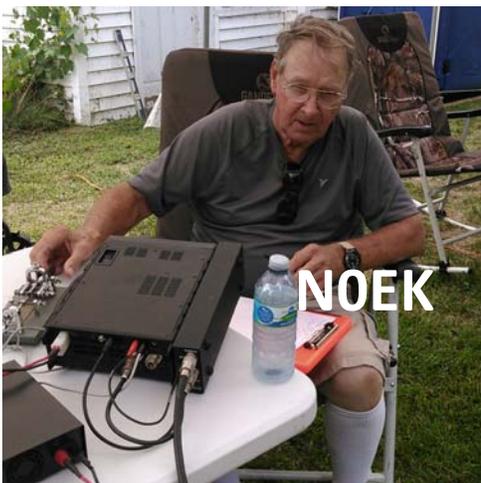
# Meeting Notes

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)

**Meeting Location Change:** Renovations for the Sheriff's Office are finished! Our first floor meeting room is once again available! Same time 7:00 social; 7:30 meeting

Here are some pics from the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend in August! Many thanks to W2EVU, Walt Stauffer for hosting the event!



**7 PM Friday Night through 7 PM Sunday night**

## VE Testing

### Drumlins ARC / Laurel VEC Testing

October 19, 2016

Testing will start at 6:30 PM  
(Before the Drumlins ARC Monthly 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 conducts amateur radio license testing on the 3rd Saturday of each month from September through April and at the Hamfest. These tests cover all amateur radio elements as required for the Technician, General, and Extra class licenses.

Testing is conducted at: Rochester Institute of Technology  
James E. Gleason Hall, Room 9-3139  
Registration is at 10:00 AM

Please check [www.rochesterham.org](http://www.rochesterham.org) for details.

## Repeater Report Sept 2016

**146.685-** Jeff spent some time working on getting the WX alert script working. Think the intermod interference has been resolved by re-installing the back cabinet door. This was removed to install the Allstar server cabling. We will continue to monitor it.

**146.745-** Not much has been done to this machine this past month. Seems like it's working really well after its upgrades. It would be nice to investigate an automatic backup generator at some point. That's on a wishlist. Fixed a programming glitch with the impolite CW idler, Thanks AL! Thanks to Glenn for donating a power strip for the machine. Thanks all for their patience and signal reports. Based on the specs 745 has a better RX/TX footprint than even .685. We are very pleased on how the upgrade has gone!

**444.750- (Tri-mode)** Justin has been working on getting the Dstar/ raspberry pi working, its functioning but may need some minor tweaking. Justin also is temporarily hosting the Wires-X from his house. Russ from the county IT department has to revamp the ports for the Wires-X at the EMO. The intent is having .750 be capable of Analog/Fusion/Dstar. There's also plans to add Allstar linking capabilities this fall. Some testing of D-Rats have also been discussed. Dave W2ACC has been working with UNYREPCO to see our options with coordination.

**Respectfully Submitted**  
**Repeater Committee**



