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Drumlins' Rumblings

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THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

KD2DNO

WHAS UP JULY? The Heat is On. Remember to keep hydrated, shaded and check on pets and elderly or disabled neighbors.

The State GINNA drill is Tue Aug. 14. We will have a practice session sometime before that date. Currently listed on the EMO Notification list are: Dave Taylor, AL Cook, Rich Hamill, Russell Harris, Russell Millspaw, Lloyd Durfey, Jay Hamill, Justin Toarmino, Jeff Jensen, Ed Kasprowicz, and myself. I asked George to add Laura Dean. Glen Bruemmer was removed as he's moving out of state shortly.

This list does NOT mean no one else can participate. In fact, we encourage anyone who is interested in being part of this invaluable team would join us. GINNA has provided us with valuable equipment and financial support. Glen has been a valuable member of this team and we can now use some additional help. We will announce the practice date soon.

We'd like to coordinate it with Jeff who needs to do a few finishing touches on the new HF Antenna. Participation in the practice session is strongly encouraged.

The Federal drill (which will not occur this year but will in 2019) does require you have participated in a STATE drill previously so this will be a great opportunity to join the Wayne County RACES/ARES GINNA team.

Please email or contact Dave Taylor KB2KBY, email kb2kby@rochester.rr.com at your earliest convenience and let him know if your interest.

Thank you, Bill Tegtmeier KD2DNO

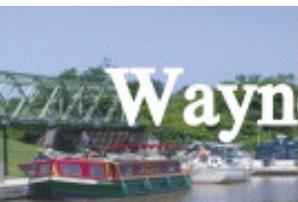


Field Day 2018 was another great success and a fun time! The food was great too! Hi. Remember from our June DARC meeting and the overview of FD 2017, hey, lets be real.

We do FD for #1, the fun; #2 for the camaraderie and #3, the food. Hi. We are very fortunate to have our SIARC friends to help together to organize and make FD work. If you haven't made a FD or been a long time since you have participated, try to consider FD 2019 next year. It is wonderful to see the planning, execution and the points build up from the FD contacts. I know we topped over the total from FD 2017. I think we doubled the points from last year! Come to the DARC meeting and find out. If you were there, you contributed to FD!, but a little recognition for those that helped planning FD between the two ARCs, setup the Army tent, slept overnight at the Varick fire hall for security, did the meals, the putting up, the taking down and the clean up. The weather cooperated too! Hi. I think the location is ideal, personally: lots of territory for the antennas and tent, nice fire hall with dining-cooking space, clean necessary rooms (You know what I mean.), ample parking, etc. I know my XYL thinks me totally nets for FD period, but for us "hams" it is a great day just to see what we can do, get it done, make it work. Dave.







Wayne County RACES/ARES

RACES-ARES JULY 2018

July! Okay, summer, slow down. I can tell DARC members are having fun with summer finally getting here as the number of checkins for both the Ontario County and WARESC nets are down a bit. Why not enjoy this no cold, no s---, no salt, no shoveling weather as long as you can. For me it has been too hot and I just hibernate from the heat and humidity. Hi. Thank heavens air conditioning got economically lower in cost where you and I can afford it. That is no joke, believe me. There are those of you who can enjoy the heat outside, so enjoy it.

Busy? Hey, seven grandkids and two pools to escape to, the XYL and I have put miles on the van, even staying overnight, exhausting but great fun time even if we have to recuperate a day or two after the visits. What fun you have, those can't be taken away from you-so enjoy! The pool water has been warmed nicely with the heat wave and all the grandkids are amazed "Bompa" walked right into the pool with out his usual, "Ooo!, Ah!, Wow!," taking 20-30 minutes inching his way under water until fully in the pool up to his neck. Yes, I am chicken! A big wimp! My days of plunging into 62 degree water are long gone. "Bompa" is always good for a laugh. But I told the the families they better put July 4th and 5th 2018 down in their history calendars for my walking right in the pool without even the slightest flinch. Hi. That is the truth!

Don't get me wrong, as I love the pool water as it is the one time I don't feel the arthritis, I can stand without pain and feel like 18! All seven grand-kids from the smallest to the tallest are delighted to show off how they can walk around the pool lifting up the 'Hawaiian Bompa whale' with ease. I'm still good for something. Hi. (My bathing suits are sorta colorful thanks to the XYL, thus the nickname.)

Check out the picture of Bompa playing around with the WSPR mode at the farm in his Pjs the day after Independence Day. The 'son' and daughter have my FT-920 in a computer cabinet and I'm using one of my MLA loops. Don't I look like I need my granddaughter Maryn's hair band? Gotta keep the hair out of eyes you know. Hi. Maryn loved it. Hi. Bompa is good for a laugh as I said.

Please, notice the ham plate N2MLD, a tribute to my younger-older brother Bob, SK DARC member and past club President. The 'son' and daughter have honored me with my USASA memorabilia displayed as well at the farm. I'm blessed! They take good care of Bompa. Sorry the XYL twisted my arm to get the photo in this newsletter. Honest!



Look at entertainment the Saturday after Independence Day-when is the last time you had fun with an Etch-A-Sketch? Hi. The youngest grandson, "Moose," said I did a good job. It was a relaxing time.



More seriously, summer brings those text-ing summer time weather alerts. Seems like every season we have something of some kind of weather alerts, doesn't it, or seems to any way. We are lovers of communications to say the least. Even the XYL, Jan, has gotten interested in the weather texts. She will rattle off the text alert if she gets to the cell phone before I do. Hi. To be alert is a good thing. Remember the Tuesday night DARC Weather Net at 7:00PM on the 146.745 WA2AAZ repeater. KD2DNO is usually the NCS. It is an informal net more for gabbing but the intention is to use the 745 repeater as a gathering when inclement weather hits no matter what the season is. How many times for whatever reason, your 2m rig will not cooperate getting on the Sunday WARECS net? This is one way to be sure your rig(s) are working properly when needed. Those electronic gods messing with us (And it is not just me those gods favor.), is why it is good, if you can, have an extra HT and/or mobile rig handy. Backup batteries, extra battery packs and even small generators for emergencies are good to have if you are able. I now can only have a battery back up power for rigs at my new QTH. That is okay and good. But do join the Tuesday 7:00PM when you can! It is a good thing to test our 'comms' when we can before we find it is "kaput.". And, the net does count as a training net!, and is part of my monthly EC report to the my SM, ARES Section Manager. Remember, anything time training, working on equipment, nets, drills, etc., with any RACES/ARES is countable for my reports-remember to tell me!, please.

Tuesday, August 7 and 14, these are Ginna practice and the State graded Ginna drills, respectively. The State Ginna drill is a good time for training for the really important FEMA exercise next year. God forbid of course our need for the real thing happening. But, especially the Tuesday August 7 practice, this is the time for any DARC member who wishes, to train for a Ginna drill or any emergency. We will be training with the EOC Dose van teams with John O'Toole's Sheriff Officers. This is a great time to see what goes on, how we do it, and/or a good refresher for it all working with the go-kits, etc.

It is a time when we have little restriction with who is there and how many, so it can be a valuable hands on training with Dose teams, our Dose radio/computer position in the side room and State RACES and Army MARS HF positions in the 'shack," a.k.a. Electrical room. Usually we have a gathering for breakfast ahead at the Cross Park family restaurant across from the DOT and old State SEMO bunker. There is day planned to trim up the new EMO vertical antenna on frequency and we may use that day for making sure the go-kits are ready too even before the August 7. Keep watch with the club emails! The State Ginna exercise is a training exercise which is different from the FEMA drill. The State graders allow for extra personal training which means it can be a real time training experience for those new comers or a good refresher for return ops. Please, if interested, email me! Contact me! Our pool of trained ops can and must be bigger! You will not be turned away! Believe me. This is why our friendship with SIARC and our helping with the Ontario County RACES and our close cooperation with Field Day, as mentioned with my short article on Field Day in this newsletter.

Since there is no DARC meeting in August, just our DARC picnic, here are a few reminders. September 15, Saturday, means it is Canal Town Days parade setup time 2:00-5:00PM. Got some time there to help, please, email me. Believe it or not October and the Pumpkin Patrol will come up quickly after. If you want to help this year covering a bridge, again, please contact me. I've had two ops already volunteer thinking ahead. There is no such thing as volunteering too early.

Okay, summer, do slow down the time. I sound like a broken record saying it but I wish time would not fly so fast. Keep enjoying this summer. Be safe! You can tell, I am.

73, Dave KB2KBY



REMINDER...

AUGUST BOARD AND CLUB MEETING ARE CANCELED along with Testing. **Come enjoy our Summer Picnic on Aug 11 at 4pm at the Palmyra VFW.** Dinner is furnished by the club but please bring a dessert. Please RSVP to Rich at Tinker@rochester.rr.com if you will be attending with number of folks in your group. Great time to relax and meet the families.

If you have any suggestions for activities for Drumlins please contact me. Thanks to all our members and all you do in or community. Email me at kd2dno@gmail.com. 73

EVERY TUESDAY 7PM.DARC NET on 444.750. Friendly rag chew and weather reporting.

EVERY SUNDAY 8:35 pm. WAREC RACES NET 146.685

EVERY SUNDAY 7pm SIARC NET 145.450

July Program

The July program is going to be a demonstration of the club's Comet antenna analyzer.

Board of Directors

BOARD MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting 7/9/18 @18:32

Attendees: KD2DNO, Trista Hamill, Brenda Cook, N2RUS, WD2STK, KC2TCM, KC2TNJ, W2WBD, W2JPT

Treasurer Report: We reimbursed money, we paid money, and we did get a donation from Epsilon and in turn we have a net positive amount in our account.

Secretary/VE Report: Preregistration in advance means at minimum 24 – 48 hrs.

Programs: Antenna analyzer is this month. Next month is no meeting.

ARES/RACES: NTR at this time. Ginna we don't have enough information as to who has made themselves available for the practice or the actual drill.

Musselman event is this coming weekend, Saturday and Sunday (June 14 and 15)

Public Service: Lew got the brochures and they were used at Field Day.

Events: There are 9 people who have RSVP for the picnic so far. Remember no board meeting, club meeting or testing in August.

Lew should create a google drive so that all documentation is available Walt and Lew can work on getting that uploaded. This includes the training classes information.

Old Business:

The trailer is now registered next is to get the roof situated, Russ gave us some rust converter. Jeff may have something for the roof. We are looking to have rust converter/paint/roof coating. Then we want a Vinyl wrap and a power vent for the roof (with a fan), the trailer is rust stained it will need to be painted. We should look for a tarp for the ground for it residing at Jeff's place.

Last meeting a possibility of buying a small sign was brought up.

New Business:

For the next elections, Justin and Sabrina are dropping. There will be a need for a new Secretary and 3 year director.

We should make sure Canaltown Parade is announced for September 15 (Sat) 10-6 and September 16 (Sun) 10-4 Since there is no August meeting it needs to be announced at the July meeting and at the picnic.

Glen made it to California safely. Welcome to your new home!

Meeting Adjournment @ 19:22 Motion by KC2TNJ 2nd by: K2MPE

Repeaters

Repeater Report July 2018

146.685- Checked SWR during and after rain and found no issues... as requested ... No major issues reported during Tour de Cure... Ops can't expect that this machine will have limited capabilities with an HT from the fringe areas of the county... Was able to easily hit this machine from as far as Penn Yan with a 5watt mobile ..

146.745- May still have to adjust the squelch level to assist in fringe coverage... Shed temp has been high due to extreme weather conditions.. but believe that the A/C is helping ... At some point we may need consider replacing the floor in that shed as one side is weak/shot..

444.750- Working very nice many compliments on its coverage area, especially for a UHF repeater.. Walter ordered a 19"power strip for this machine , to plug in the laptop,pies, etc

224.900- Worked with Steve and installed the Allstar controller, Justin is going to add the voice ider... was able to easily bring the repeater up at my house fill scale with an low power HT... Not bad for only a 30 watt repeater !!! Walter ..Ordered a 19" rack power strip for this machine.

443.250- Installed new antenna... coverage to the north is limited due to water tower ... Need to update the firmware...

These machines are capable of so much... I encourage you to take the time to educate yourself on how to take advantage of their capabilities..Dstar, DMR, FUSION, Wires-X, VOIP, P25 Auto patch,WX and so much more..

Anybody interested in building a 903mhz beacon? There is a 900mhz antenna up at Newark.. Just a thought...

Respectfully submitted

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WAYNE COUNTY RACES

VHF NET

TIME-FREQUENCIES

SUNDAY EVENING 8:35PM

PRIMARY:

146.685 (PL 71.9)

WA2EMO REPEATER

Secondary

146.745 (PL 71.9)

WA2AAZ REPEATER

Voice and Digital

FLDIGI MT63-2KL

ONTARIO COUNTY RACES

VHF NET

TIME-FREQUENCIES

SUNDAY EVENING 8:00PM

PRIMARY:

145.450 (PL 110.9)

W2ONT REPEATER

ALSO MONITORED

146.820

(PL 110.9)

