



# Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, Ltd.

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## Drumlins' Rumblings

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### THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

## *KD2DNO*

Winter has set in, like it or not. I'm just happy I can work from home on bad weather days.

There will NOT be a Board of Directors meeting this month. We will switch to a meeting every two months and see how that works.

The December club meeting on Wed Dec 19 will be of interest to anyone who likes radio communications. Greg De Wolfe, Director of Wayne 911 will be our guest speaker and will do a presentation on the new 911 center in the first floor meeting room. That will be followed by a tour over to the 911 Center (which is now located in the same building as the EMO and Sheriff's Office). I hope we can have a good turnout.

We will announce cancelations of meetings or events via Facebook, Twitter, and our website, and by announcements on 146.685 and 146.745

Beginning with our February meeting, the meetings will be moved upstairs to the large Command Center room. Times are unchanged. The front door of the EMO will be open from 6:30pm-8pm. If you arrive after 8pm you probably can't get in. The door to the EMO upstairs will be propped open. Please contact myself or Rich Hamill KC2TNJ if you have any questions. The move will last for about a year while the County moves the Treasurers Office from Lyons to the EMO building, while the Lyons building undergoes remodeling. Please use caution and stay away from construction or other department's offices.

I'd like to welcome new Board Director Lew Ellwanger WE2LEW who has been, and will continue to be, our Communications and Membership Chairman. I also welcome his wife Nila who will assume responsibility as club Secretary from retiring Sabrina Hamill who has done a stellar job for many years. Our sincere thanks to Sabrina for all her work for Drumblins. Our thanks also to retiring Director Justin Toarmino W2JPT who we anticipate will remain active as part of the Repeater Committee.

I will be on vacation through all of January so please contact our Vice President Rich KC2TNJ at Tinker@rochester.rr.com or any Board member for any needs.

My best wishes for a very Happy Holiday season including Merry Christmas, Happy New year and Happy Chanukah..

Bill Tegtmeyer KD2DNO



## RACES-ARES DECEMBER 2018

Wow!, the end of the year 2018! Time sure flies and I wish it would slow down a bit. Actually I wish it would slow down a lot!, if I am honest. Hi. I have said before, we all remember as kids we wished time would go faster when we were bored. Time was nice enough to hear us way back then and has speed-ed up like we wished! How come F'ather Time doesn't hear us now when we wish to have time slow down? Hi! I guess that is too philosophical a question to be answered here.

One question is I hope I can type this December's article as I am at a slight vision disadvantage. I'll tell you at the end how I did. You all know the keyboard is "enemy #1" and the reason I didn't become a 058 Morse Code Interceptor back in the US Army Security Agency days while at Ft. Devens MA in school there in mostly 1965. I got to Devens just before Thanksgiving from Army basic from Ft. Dix NJ. Being a newbie to Devens I pulled KP on that Thanksgiving just arriving three days before. The reception company was in the really old "temporary" wood barracks supposedly to used just for the duration of WWII only. These barracks were still WWII coal heated they were so old and temporary! Hi. They looked like they went through WWII as well.

The only good thing was they were close to the base PX exchange, the theater, post office, etc., the main commercial area of Devens. The actual sight of the old rundown barracks, the officers kept away from the area which was sorta hidden and semi-isolated if I remember well enough. Well, anyone a peon rank in the US military knows, it is better when any officer no matter what rank stays away and doesn't bug the lower especially "un-non-com" ranks, life is always much easier. Hi. (I think even W2EVU, as a low ranking fly-boy officer, might argue that thought a little. But I think he had a better time than us E-1, E-2, E-3 or E-4 peons. Hi. You'll have to ask Walt who I am sure would enlighten us. Hi.)

Bird walking again, Taylor. Oooops. What I am getting at is the enemy keyboard is now supplemented with bad eyesight as well. Got the pesky cataracts taken care of in the eyes but I am a week away from a new Rx for glasses lenses and two weeks before I can get the new glasses on my nose to focus properly. I had a bad enough time typing with extreme nearsightedness before which now I've traded for extreme farsightedness after cataract surgery! No joke! I've got the "cheapy" Rite Aid off the rack reading glasses (Oooooo, Foster Grant's even! Hi.) to try and help with seeing close, but my nose is 6 inches from the keyboard and computer screen to make the eyes work well enough. The Open Office page is as large as I can get on the computer screen and the lettering is bumped up to #12 in letter size and blurry enough I can "see," not literally, what I am typing. I'd flunk remedial typing even at Devens if it was 54 years ago and they'd make me a school funky cook. Remember my story of the ASA cook who cut the breakfast grapefruit in half the wrong way? What a horror story my ASA life would have been if I had not passed that remedial typing! This month's article is a real challenge to type notched up about ten times. Hi hi. Try finding that mouse skinny "I" cursor thingy that moves all over on the screen when even the #12 letting is a blur!, and you're correcting multiple mistakes typing. No fun.

I send out a club email before, but do remember this is the Christmas-New Year times of the year with December. As a result, there are no Ontario County and WARECS Sunday nets the Sundays before Christmas Day or New Years Day December 23rd and 30th. (Notice I got the right "there" in this article which I didn't in the email. Hi.) I am hoping to get my new glasses before Christmas. It would be a welcome Christmas time present. The XYL is sick of doing all the van driving. She doesn't like to drive actually. She doesn't know all the back country roads as I do.

To keep the domestic peace I just say, "Go whatever way you wish that is the easiest." (In fact KC2TNJ may be hearing from me for a ride to the DARC meeting! Okay, Rich? I could drive in the day in an emergency. Night? Forget it! No way even with my almost 20/20 distant new eyeball lenses. Nothing is in focus perfectly.)



The picture attached with the newsletter shows the "son" and daughter putting up the 7-element Yagi in the farm home attic. I want to thank those two for helping me get the KB2KBY-1 packet station up and running at the South Road, Scottsville remote QTH. I've had the Yagi since the April DARC hamfest. But with them teaching and a blended family of five kids ages 4-11 years old, they're just trying to find that Father Time we're complaining about going too fast. Since I am worthless doing almost any kind of antenna stuff, running coax, drilling in and out ports for coax runs, etc., which this ham avocation needs to have done to make things work, I am very thankful for the daughter and "son" taking their valuable limited time to take care of me in these "radio" projects. The KB2KBY-1 is working very well! The packet-teers are faithfully "rogering" the net messages on the KB2KBY-1 BBS mailbox. We have even a few more "packet-teers" checking in on the BBS dusting off their old TNCs. Hi. Once again the packet rogers are outnumbering the voice checkins on the Sunday net. TNX, "packet-teers!"

January 2019, I'll have my 2018 "stats" for WARECS done. The only problem is the XYL and I finally cleaned out the storage locker filled by two families the end of September. Of course there are boxes to be sorted and gleamed of important stuff. That important stuff includes radio stuff. Right now the shack is suck a mess I can't find my calendar with all my numbers for the nets. It is buried and I must have an archaeological dig soon to find the silly thing. Pray for me on that, please. I've got to get more computerized with my stats and away from the old fashioned paper stuff. (You think I am bad! Check with KB2FSB at a meeting and ask about his CW files! Sorry, Lloyd.)

The XYL and I had our daughter's two girls (Willow and Maryn you have met at one our DARC summer picnics.), over for a sleepover recently. In the van traveling to and from the farm you play little games like "my little eyes see..." and get into some discussions. Of course they are at an age curious of life and wonderment of everything in general. One trip Bompa and Mimi and the girls got into a philosophical discussion of what non-human form we would like to be: a tree, a bird, a cloud, an animal or whatever. Well Bompa, yours truly, was driving the van and a little slow on his thoughts of what I would like to be in my non-human form. So Willow, the daughter's older girl and oldest grandchild by the way, being sharper in the "noodles" than I said with a response, "I know what you'd like to be, Bompa!" Being embarrassed being so slow thinking, I said, "What's that, Willow?" Just as innocently sweet as she is, Willow said, "Bompa, you would love to be a radio tower!" You could hear the laughter outside the van windows for a block it was so loud and such a roar from two cute young minds and two young minded old farts breaking up with laughter! I was surprised the traffic didn't stop on Rte 251 wondering, where that noise was coming from! Big HI. HI! It was one of those moments that will forever be edged in your memory. Good one, Willow! Perfect reply for a radio "nerd" as Willow's Mom calls me.

On that happy note, enjoy this time of the year with your family and friends as much as you can. The XYL and I will be out to the farm Christmas Eve celebrating with the seven grandkids as the Fairport son will be there with his XYL and family. Celebrating with the whole family Christmas Eve is a Manske, a.k.a. Taylor, family tradition still being kept! Happy 2019!, and may we enjoy the New Year even if it too will go too fast for us. Enjoy life! Happy DX and many QSOs for 2019!

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

P.S. TNX AGN for the bird walking. Got my article done for Lew in about two hours even with the many many corrections. Hi. Jay, what do you call that skinny "I" mouse thingy on the text document?



EVERY TUESDAY 7PM.DARC NET on 146.745 (pl 71.9) repeater. Friendly rag chew and weather reporting.

EVERY SUNDAY 8:35 pm. WAREC RACES NET 146.685

EVERY SUNDAY 8pm SIARC NET 145.450

## December Program

December- 911 Center program and Tour.

## NOTES:

- 1). If winter weather requires cancelation of a meeting, the afternoon of the meeting we will make announcements via Facebook, Twitter and our Drumlins website. We will also make intermittent announcements on 146.685 and possibly on 146.745.
- 2). The Board has decided to meet only every other month unless there is a need to conduct business. We will not have A December Board meeting, and starting in January the Board will meet every other month on the Monday of the week preceeding the Club Wednesday meeting. Contact any member of the Board for more information or if you have business the Board needs to consider.
- 3). Starting probably with the February club meeting, we will be meeting at the EMO but on the second floor in the large Command Center room (where the Radio Shack is located). There will be construction requiring the County to use the first floor meeting room for offices for about one year. The downstairs door will be unlocked until 8pm. If you come late (after 8pm)you may not be able to get in the building.
- 4) The Radio Shack has been reorganized with new shelving and our new amplifier, Auto tuner and power supply. Remember, anyone removing any equipment for any reason must sign it out and sign back in using the clipboard on the storage cabinet

# Repeaters

Repeater Report December 2018

**146.685** (allstar/echolink)- Was locked out of the Allstar pi again, had to reformat the sd card, and install new image, thankfully all the parameters have been saved on this image..saved hours of work.

**146.745**-(Fusion/allstar/echolink) Turned heat up a bit in the shed, temps seemed low.. removed preamp to see if noise issues settle down... maybe over loading the receiver. We will see. Heard some Fusion traffic on the repeater also, which is good to see.

**444.750**-(dstar/wires-x/analog/allstar) Justin W2JPT rebooted the Wires-x computer...Thank you to Steve KA1CNF for noticing it wasn't online.

**224.900** (allstar)-still up and running little use ...but working well.

Affiliated-

**443.250**-(analog/DMR/D-star/YSF/allstar/WX alert)- working ...little use

**927.2125**-- no feedback-could use scanner to listen if you can do narrow band



**Merry Christmas!!**  
Hope Santa Brings  
you a New Toy!!! -  
Jeff

### **A Ham's Christmas Poem!**

Tw'as the night before Christmas, And all through 2 meters, Not a signal was  
keying up Any repeaters.  
The antennas reached up From the tower, quite high, To catch the weak signals  
That bounced from the sky.  
The children, Tech-Pluses, Took their H-Ts to bed, And dreamed of the day  
They'd be Extras instead.  
Mom put on her headphones, I plugged in the key, And we tuned 40 meters For  
that rare ZK3.  
When the meter was pegged By a signal with power. It smoked a small diode,  
And, I swear, shook the tower.  
Mom yanked off her phones, And with all she could muster Logged a spot of the  
signal On the DX PacketCluster.  
While I ran to the window And peered up at the sky, To see what could generate  
RF that high.  
It was way in the distance, But the moon made it gleam. A flying sleigh, with an  
Eight-element beam.  
And a little old driver Who looked slightly mean. So I thought for a moment, That  
it might be Wayne Green.  
But no, it was Santa, The Santa of Hams. On a mission, this Christmas, To  
clean up the bands.  
He circled the tower, Then stopped in his track, And he slid down the coax Right  
into the shack.



While Mom and I hid Behind stacks of CQ, This Santa of hamming Knew just  
what to do.

He cleared off the shack desk Of paper and parts, And filled out all my late QSLs  
For a start.

He ran copper braid, Took a steel rod and pounded It into the earth, till The  
station was grounded.

He tightened loose fittings, Re-soldered connections, Cranked down modulation,  
Installed lightning protection.

He neutralized tubes In my linear amp. (Never worked right before; Now it works  
like a champ).

A new, lowpass filter Cleaned up the TV. He corrected the settings In my TNC.  
He repaired the computer That would not compute, And he backed up the hard  
drive And got it to boot.

Then, he reached really deep In the bag that he brought, And he pulled out a big  
box.

A new rig? I thought! A new Kenwood? An Icom? A Yaesu, for me?! (If he  
thought I'd been bad, it might be QRP!)

Yes! The Ultimate Station! How could I deserve this? Could it be all those hours  
that I worked Public Service?

He hooked it all up And in record time, quickly Worked 100 countries, All down on  
160.

I should have been happy, It was my call he sent. But the cards and the postage  
Will cost two month's rent!

He made final adjustments, And left a card by the key: "To Joe, from Santa  
Claus. 73."

Then he grabbed his H-T, Looked me straight in the eye, Punched a code on the  
pad, And was gone with no good-bye.

I ran back to the station, And the pileup was big, But a card from St. Nick Would  
be worth my new rig.

Oh, too late, for his final came over the air. It was copied all over. It was heard  
everywhere.

The Ham's Santa exclaimed What a ham might expect, "Merry Xmas to all, And to  
all, good DX!"

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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

