

# "DRUMLINS RUMBLINS" - NOVEMBER 2020

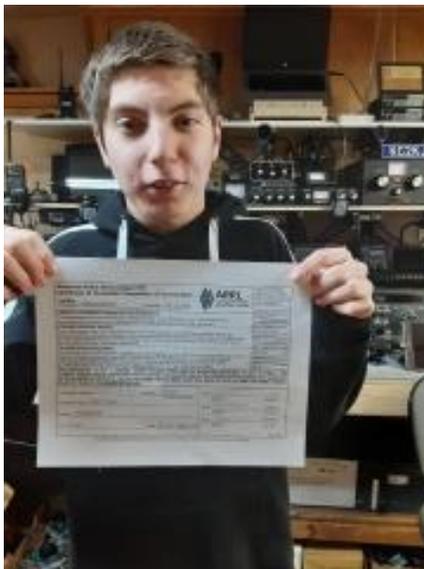
\*\*\*\*\*NO DARC MEETING FOR THIS NOVEMBER\*\*\*\*\*

NO WARECS NET SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29TH

## PRESIDENT'S KORNER

I regret that we will not have a meeting in November. Two good reasons, one we don't have anyone wanting to present a program and two the rise of Covid in our area. Seems wise to hold off on in-person meetings for a while. We'll see how December looks. If we have someone who has a program to present, we could do a virtual on-line meeting with a presentation in December. Please contact me if you are interested. Thanks, Bill KD2DNO

WELCOME OUR NEWEST COUNTY HAM and DARC MEMBER! SEAN SOURA KD2VBD !!!!



Here is Sean holding the proof he passed his Tech "ticket!" Our congrats to Sean. KB2KBY had the honor of being the forth QSO with Sean on the 745 repeater. It is nice to have some youngsters on the air. Hi hi. If you hear Sean and or Dad, Stu KC2KJO, on the air pass along your congrats. Sean is home schooled and I mentioned going for his "ticket" was a nice way of making those gray cells learn with a different perspective. I know Dad is proud! What dad wouldn't be, right. Hi hi. So "talk" to Sean and like us all new on the mic, help him get over that "mic fright." We all remember when had those first QSOs don't we! It didn't matter whether it was our first time on a key or mic, we all were a little nervous, even this talker teacher. Hi hi, no joke. Welcome, Sean!

## RACES-ARES NOVEMBER 2020

**PUMKIN PATROLMERS**, thank you for supporting New York State Troop T once again in this the 40th year of the Pumpkin Patrol! I think I did my first bridge sitting the Halloween of 1991 when I got my General. Ancient history! Yes, back when you had the old Novice ticket. I could not use 2m until my General. Of course it has been awhile since I've bridge sat and I took over the organizing of the Pumpkin Patrol when I became the RACES Radio Officer (RO), for Wayne County and we got the help of our fellow ham friends in SIARC to make that bridge sitting easier with just one night's "duty."

So, first, I want to thanks our friends in SIARC: WB2VMR, KB2NCI, W2SCL, KD2LBM, W2ODD, KD2PER, W2WES, KA2HQZ, KD2FCX, KD2LGE, WD2STK, KC2TCM, KB2FSB, N2IZV and KD2AVK. If quite a few of those call signs sound familiar you may have heard them on the WARECS

and the Ontario County RACES nets. What a coincidence they volunteer for the Pumpkin Patrol too. Hi hi. Just as us DARC members do.



Now our DARC Pumpkin Patrolers: KC2TCM, WD2STK, KC2TNJ, KA1CNF, KD2DNO, KB2FSB, N2IZV and out of the woodwork, W1YX, thanks to Jay, KC2TCM asking for help.

I do realize there are quite a few of us members of both clubs. So since this is the DARC newsletter I put the double hams on our DARC list too. Hi hi. That includes myself. I think even KB2NCI maybe a DARC member? I should ask Tom one of these days. (Yes, I'm lazy.) Any other I don't know?

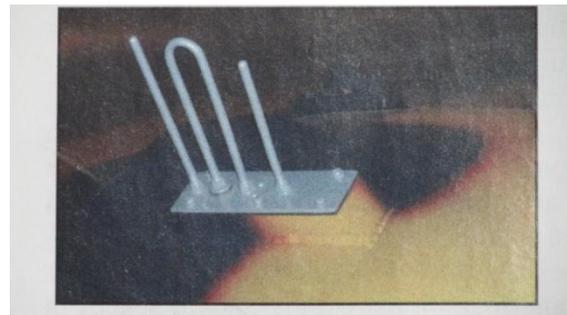
I have been doing this Pumpkin Patrol long enough my Sgt Stumpf Troop T contact is retiring! I thanked him for his "service" and to have a well deserved retirement. The new Pumpkin Patrol coordinator has already contacted me and sent me a check for his year's "duty" which I will deposit this week in the Reliant account.

Thanks to KC2TNJ for making the pdf file of visor Pumpkin Patrol card. It is cool he did it in orange!

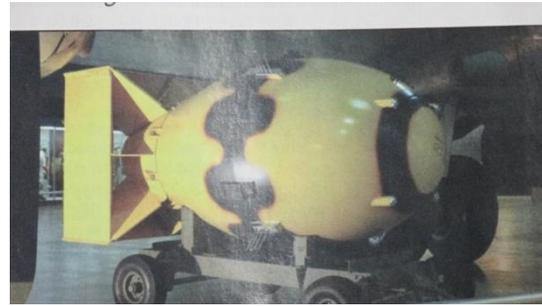
## FINAL HAPPY NOTE!

SOME GOOFY and HISTORICAL NOTES – enjoy!

I'll start with the historical stuff first. This, yes, is a Yagi antenna which the antenna gets its name from a pre-WWII Japanese ham, as you may know. This past September was the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII and specifically VJ Day, Victory over Japan, ending this costly war in lives. Remember my Enigma presentation WWII cost 10,000,000 lives per year.



Here is what that Yagi antenna was on. This is the lesser known second atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki three days after Hiroshima called "fat man" for obvious reasons. The "Enola Gay," the B-29 that dropped "tall boy," is well known. But "Bocks Car" is the B-29 that dropped the second bomb and is now on display at the USAF Museum and rarely mentioned.



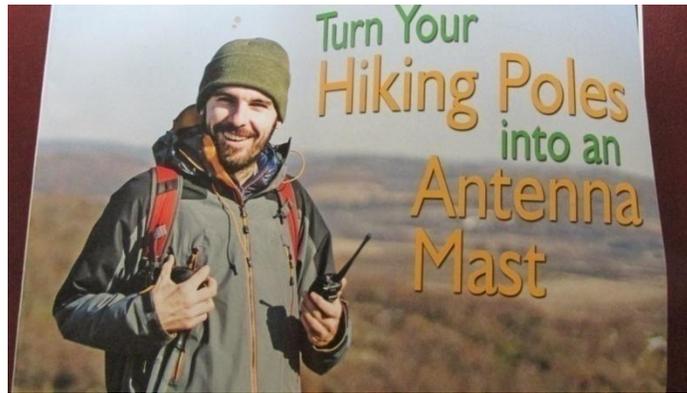
Mr. Hidetsugu Yagi, the inventor of the Yagi-Uda antenna in 1926, was still alive at the end of WWII and the American occupation. Uda? Shintaro Uda was the co-inventor of the antenna and both were electrical engineers. Mr. Yagi passed away in 1976.



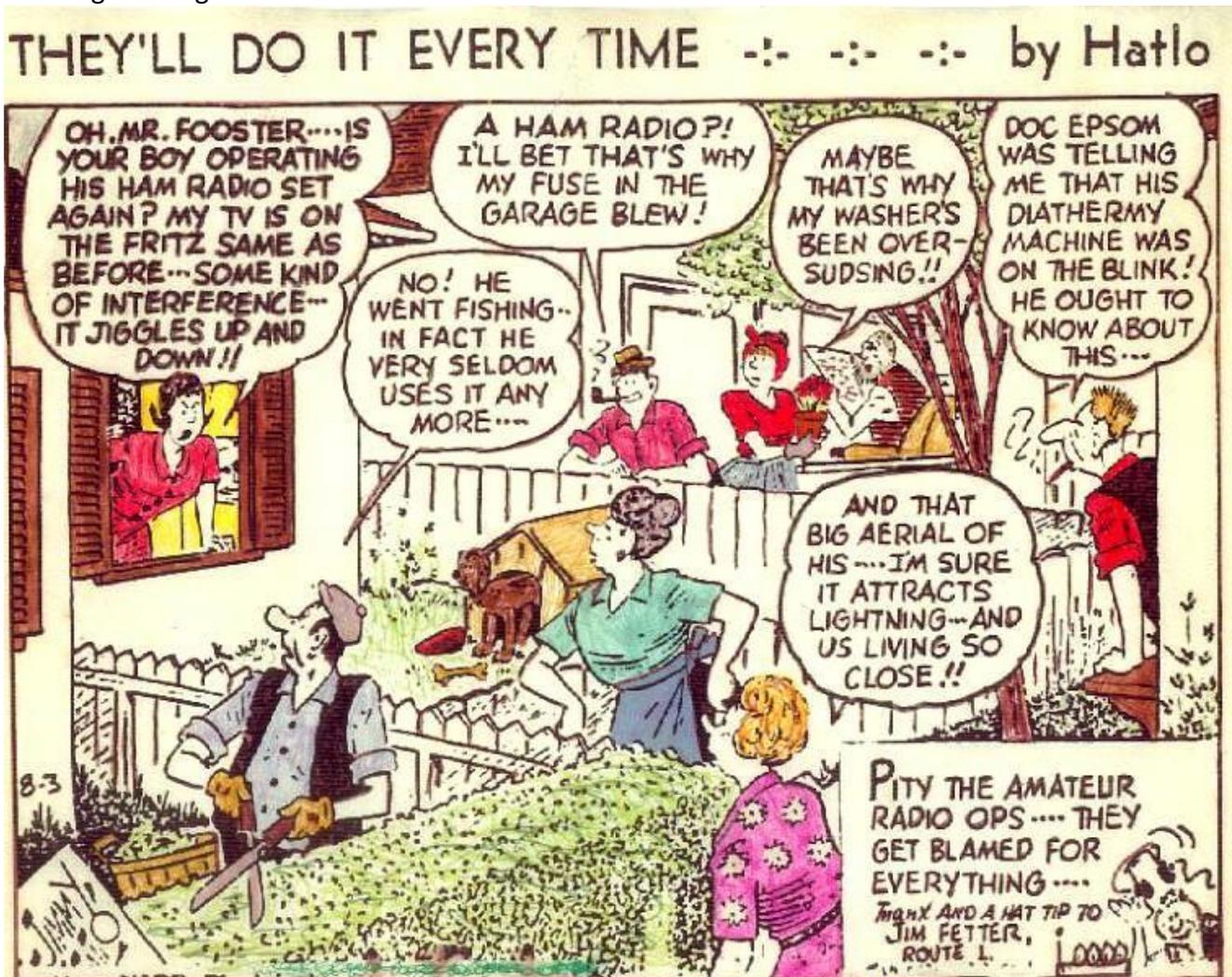
I just found out this past weekend if Japan had not surrender after the "Fat Man" a third atomic bomb was at Westover AFB and was on its way to the Island of Tinian but the plane was stopped in California when Emperor Hirohito gave his "surrender" message to the Japanese military and civilians over the radio. By the way, that was the first time the Japanese heard the Emperor's voice! The Emperor had no power political and military, technically, but when the War Cabinet had a 5/5 vote for war or surrender after the second atomic bomb, Hirohito made the deciding vote for peace. There was an attempt by the radical military to destroy his recording but they failed. That is why Hirohito was not put on trial in the Japan's post war Nuremberg-type trials of the International Court. Hirohito became Japan's #1 civilian which he was really good at and loved.

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Now I got a lot of "hi hi" with my hiking sticks and some of it was, "Those could make a good 2m antenna." Well, did you see the September QST magazine, pg 36? It has been done! Kinda!



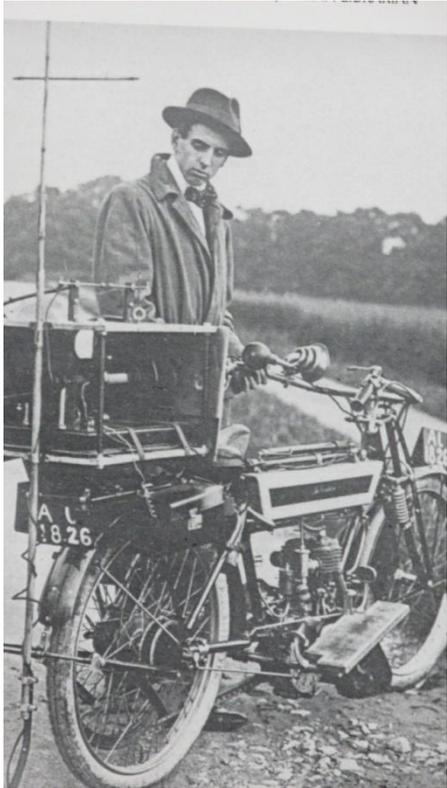
Here is good laugh from KC2TNJ!



When at the home QTH on West Jackson Street I use to get into the neighbor's stereo speakers. So I usually operated my CW later at night or when they were in bed. Luckily with cable these days, a lot of TV interference is gone. I bet AB2F, K2MPE and W2EVU could tell stories. AI, K2MPE, I know was visited by the FCC. Right, AI?

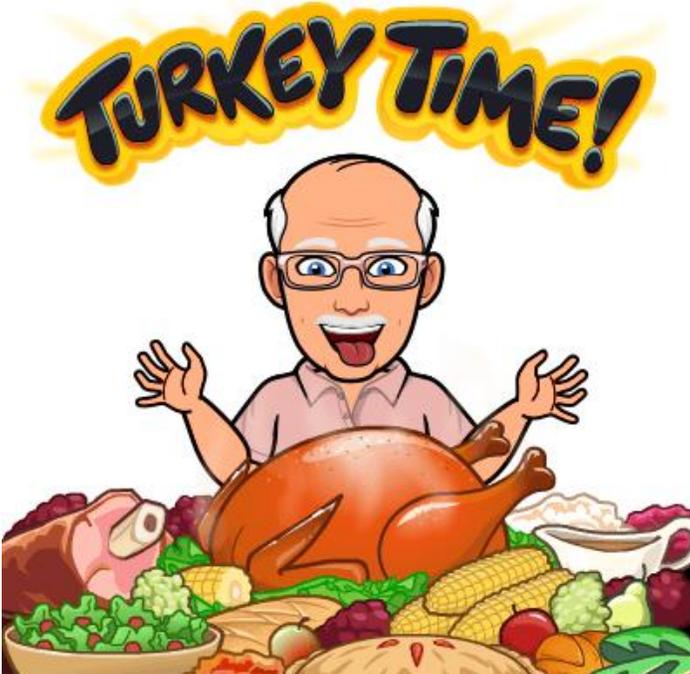
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As some of you may know, K2DCO, Dale has moved to a new QTH in Greece. If you have made the Ontario RACES net or Tom's, KB2NCI, welfare net during this Covid times, you may have heard Dale checking in from his new location. With the move Dale had to get a new bicycle mobile "station."



Hi hi!, Dale! Good luck with your new QTH and your shack. We still hope to see you at DARC meetings when this Covid is over. (Doesn't he look dapper?)

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HAPPY THNKSGIVING!, TO YOU ALL. BE SAFE!

The XYL and I having a quiet Thanksgiving Day my ourselves. The kids will bringing in food. You stay safe too. See you next month. Thanks for the goofness with this newsletter. We need more "hi hi."