

# "DRUMLINS RUMBLINS"-DECEMBER 2020

No WARES-RACES or Ontario County nets until January 10th!



## PRESIDENT'S KORNER

Well, the final month of this incredible, unforgettable year is off and running. I think we all hope that January will bring new fortunes. However, I'm afraid we are in for a few more months of this stuff before seeing a light at the end of the tunnel. I keep up on the Covid medical stuff and I'm thinking it will be toward summer, once vaccinations have gotten in wide use, before we see a significant improvement. I very much hope my time frame is longer than it really will take.

However, in anticipation, the Board has decided to hold only video meetings for Club meetings from December through March 2021 when we can re-evaluate the situation. With uncertain winter weather, we won't have to worry about cancelling meetings. Tentatively, we will use Google Meets. It does not require any software or apps, anyone can come to the meeting when they click on a link sent out. At this time, there is no time limit either on the length of meetings. A link to the club meeting will be emailed out approximately 30 minutes prior to the 7:30 start. Just click on the link, then click on Join and hopefully we will see you there. The December 16 program was an interesting video presentation on coaxial connectors. If anyone has a program idea for future meetings, especially using video we could get a guest speaker from elsewhere to present a topic to us, please let me know.

(EDITORIAL NOTE: Also, be cool and set an alarm on your cell phone so you don't fall asleep watching the news and take the cell phone off vibrate too. KC2TNJ sent me a text to get me to on the meeting but I was too late seeing his text!!!! Sorry I missed the meeting.)

A reminder that there will be NO DUES for 2021. However, you do need to log in and Renew your membership so we keep a current membership list. You do need to be a current member to vote and other club benefits. Please log in and renew your membership at [www.drumlinsarc.us](http://www.drumlinsarc.us).

Mike Pettit, one of our newest Board members, will be assuming the duties of Treasurer. He will work with Walter to transfer those records and duties over the next coming weeks or months. Walter will remain available to help Mike learn the ropes of Club High Finances, Hi Hi. We are actually in pretty good shape with nearly \$10,000 in our accounts. We also welcomed Andrew Meyer on the Board. We recognize and thank Al Cook K2MPE for his many years of service to Drumblins and hope to see him at many more meetings and activities.

The Board discussed a need to make a change in bylaws which would specify a quorum needed to vote would be a majority of "sitting" board members, to not include any open positions. More on that will come up. If anyone is interested in joining the Board, we still need help. Let me know anytime.

The Board looked at dates for Hamfest next year. With Spring not looking too hopeful, we are considering a date in early October. We will keep monitoring the situation and more news will be forthcoming about Hamfest.

I want to wish all of our members a very Happy Holiday Season and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year. I know it's been a tough year, we have a ways to go, but we are tough people and we can make it through this together. **Please mask, keep a safe distance, sanitize your stuff, wash your hands**

frequently and let's make it through another year together.

73, Bill Tegtmeier KD2DNO



And if you don't want to pay attention to President "Bill" to keep safe, LISTEN TO ELMO!!!!!!!!!!!!!! He is doing everything right!, and so should you!!!! MASK UP!

## CLUB NEWS

"UPDATE" ON OUR NEWEST COUNTY HAM and DARC MEMBER! SEAN SOURA KD2VBD



Here is Sean's own shack! Yes! How long has he had his "ticket?" Hi hi! Nice going, Sean, and it looks great! Keep enjoying! Sean's great looking "ticket" plaque of his FCC license was sent to him by HamRadioPrep.com for passing his Tech exam. FB! Also, talking to Dad, Stu KC2KJO, after one of the 715 repeater morning weekday nets he told me Sean is going for his General "ticket" exam now. It seems after challenging Sean to several games of "rock and sissors," Sean lost and his "reward" was to study for his General. Hi hi! Good going, Dad. Sean, even a bigger GREAT for you! FB!

Speaking of Stu KC2KJO, look at this nifty award Stu received for the VHF Contest! Stu was surprised. Hi hi. Look at this happy guy! FB, Stu! Stu's shack is not bad either. Hi hi.



If you hear these two characters on the air, congratulate them!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!





LOOK AT THIS BUSY GUY!!! This is our KB2FSB, Lloyd, "hot" at it for the SKYWARN Recognition Day the first weekend in December. This is the email Lloyd sent me for the newsletter:

Hi Dave,  
My statistics for SRD 2020 are:  
My SRD number was SRD-BUF-212  
104 - Total contacts made  
20 - States contacted  
46 - Skywarn Volunteers contacted  
01 - Weather Station contacted (disappointed but OK)  
2 - Canadian stations  
2 - Stations on CW

It was different this year with COVID. Few NWS stations were manned, and some were run remotely. I had a great time....set it at 7.170.000 khz and 7.171.000 khz and called CQ, as well as CQ on CW at 7.065.000 khz. Ran from 14:19 UTC (09:00 (LT) until 20:56 UTC 15:56 (LT) with an hour off for lunch...HI HI. I was also contacted by the "Mother-ship" WX1AW (W1AW special event) which was also run remotely, made my afternoon.

TNX, yes also as requested here is a picture.

73,  
Lloyd  
KB2FSB

Lloyd, FB!, and well done. TNX, Joanie, KB2FSB's XYL, for taking the picture.



YOU GOT YOUR "HAM" WISH LIST IN FOR SANTA?



## **RACES-ARES DECEMBER 2020**

Dear DARC-RACES/ARES Members,

A quick note for me! (Hi hi. Yes, I know it would be a miracle.) I humble THANK YOU for this past year for your participating in ARES & RACES this past year. With 2020 and the Covid we didn't get any chance for doing any public service ARES at all. Well, we did do the Pumpkin Patrol! I almost forgot. That was all but a big one. But at the same time we were not called out for any County EMO support for 2020 even with Covid. There are many times doing the WARECS net after giving the preamble, I ask for any "...emergency or priority messages..." and there is a nice silence before I continue the SOP. I comment I like that silence. I truly do! No joke at any time but especially this year.

With the Covid still a problem and a lot of us OMs stuck inside try this for the New Year. KB2NCL, Tom, is continuing his "health and welfare net" on the 146.820 repeater (tone 110.9), every weekday night at 8:00PM (2000Lhrs). He has got to be close or over 200 nets so far as NCS. Kudos to Tom for doing this and his XYL for being so understanding doing the nets. I hear, you got your "radio" again tonight?, with my XYL. Hi hi. It is a nice socializing time and during this Covid it is a way of "getting out" in the world-like the XYL gabbing with all in our building at social distance. Hi hi. Give it a try. (Christmas and New Year weeks no nets Thursday and Friday however.)

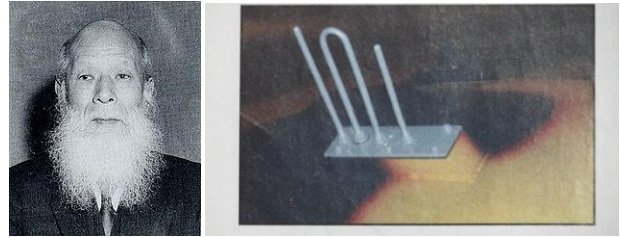
New York State RACES HF net on Sundays, Region 5 has had the most checkins for the entire State! 9:00AM and on 3993.5 LSB! Listen and eventually check in. If you look on the NY State RACES site you can download the HF SOP and message form: <http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/oiec/races/>. Since there has been no choir singing Sundays and no early practice before church even KB2KBY has been able to check in with a lot of relay help for the message. With my compromised QTH I can have fun, you can too. (A nice thing with no singing, I get to sit with the XYL in church.)

Okay! Enough this time and I was shorter than usual. Hi hi. TNX AGN for your faithfulness. FB!  
73, Dave

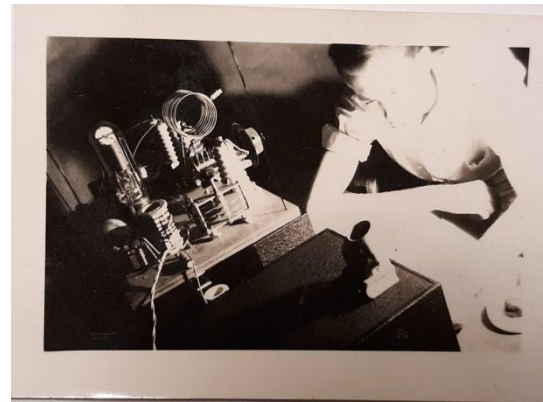
## FINAL HAPPY NOTE!

Remember my mentioning Mr. Hidetsugu Yagi, the inventor of the Yagi-Uda antenna in 1926, was still Big Mouth Davell alive at the end of WWII and the American occupation? And the picture of the "half" Yagi antenna on Fatman, (As Duncan corrected me. Hi hi.)? DARC member K2OEQ, Duncan, was wondering about the purpose of the Yagi antenna on Fatman. Unfortunately I could not find a thing what the purpose of the antenna was. I know the Fatman bomb was a plutonium bomb and needed explosives in several places on the outside of the bomb core. The Tallboy uranium was long and slim

from the Enola Guy mission three days before and detonated differently. I'm wondering if the half Yagi was used to detonate the explosive packs to start the chain reaction.



Duncan said his XYL Nancy's Dad had actually contacted Dr. Yagi in a CW QSO "...in his earlier years.," as W9ODF, "Old Dead Fish." These pictures are of Burton in his ham shack in 1937.



It seems Nancy's Dad, Burton, was in his own, also, was of some noteriety at the University of Vermont at Burlington. Here is his FCC liense and card at the university in 1947.



HUNGRY BUNNY



Bunnies are my XYL's favorite animal in the wild. This "guy" ate the whole carrot. Darn cute!!!!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL FROM "Big Mouth Dave!"



TNX for the info and pictures, Duncan, and Nancy for sharing them. Burton was a handsome guy.



My sentiments perfectly!!!!!!!!!!!!

ITS BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!  
I had a lot of fun with the member's contribution to the December newsletter. Please, if you have pictures and information on anything "ham" related e.g. contests, fun QSO, new antennas, etc., email me what you have. Pictures say a 1,000 words remember. It doesn't have to just be "Big Mouth Dave" here ya know! But I will end with the December newsletter with this cute thing I took pictures off the smart TV as I was typing. I could not resist! Enjoy.



BE SAFE! KEEP WELL! MASK UP! BE SMART with this Covid, please!