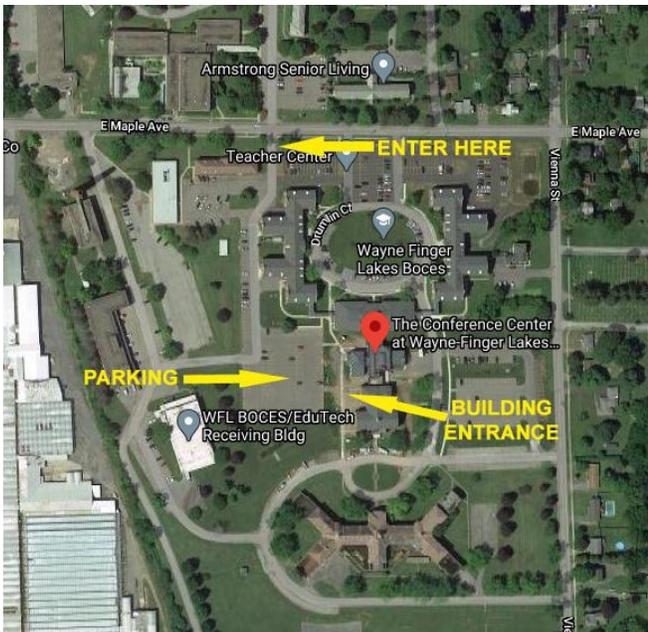


# "DRUMLINS RUMBLINS"-APRIL 2021

We're back meeting at the CONFERENCE CENTER at WAYNE FINGER LAKES  
131 DRUMLIN COURT  
NEWARK NY 14513



WEDNESDAY APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> MEETING START 7:30PM  
GALA OR EMPIRE ROOM



From Vienna Street take the THIRD DRIVEWAY entrance going west on the left. That will bring you to the handicapped entrance and parking area. (There is an entrance on the Drumlins Circle side but there are steps. Not handicapped available.) Make a right after going through the west double entrance doors and go down the hallway. Both the Gala and Empire rooms are across from each other near the end of the hallway going south.



**Remember to bring some cash for your coffee and Trista's "super good" goodies to eat!**



## **PRESIDENT'S KORNER**

Hoping that April showers will bring May flowers but looks like we may need to deal with some April snow first.

First, I'd like to offer the Club and my personal condolences to Walt Stauffer on the loss of his lovely wife Pat. Walt and Pat have been stalwart members and participants in Drumlins for many years I know Walt will miss his beautiful wife as we all will miss her at our activities.

We will be returning to BOCES Conference Center in Newark starting with the April 21 club meeting. A map to the location is on our FB page and I believe on the website. Please email me if you need directions. Doors open at 7 pm, meeting starts at 7:30 pm. I believe Dave Taylor is presenting this month's program. It will be nice to see those of you who can attend in person. I am attaching a copy of BOCES rules which must be adhered to, including face masks and appropriate social distancing.

Rich is working with SIARC on Field Days. It appears there may be an opportunity for gathering at the Ontario EMO, along with individual stations being welcome. Further information to be sent out when we receive it.

Same news with our Ham Fest this year. It is scheduled for Sat Oct 2, 2021. We are hopeful we will be able to have the Ham Fest but it will require us to follow all State and Local Public Health guidelines. While not a requirement at this time, I personally urge everyone to consider getting one of the Covid vaccines. Please discuss it with your own physician or healthcare provider to see if it's right for you. It is possible that proof of vaccine may be needed for large group gatherings so if you want to participate, please plan accordingly. I'm sure you have all been following the news and we will also advise of current regulations prior to the Ham fest. We are using private property (Palmyra VFW) so we are required to follow their regulations along with current state and local regulations.

GINNA Drills (both State and Federal) continue to be in the planning for Tue July 27 at 9 am and Tue Aug24 at 9 am. All participants MUST have an ID badge from Wayne County Emergency Management Office. If you need a badge, please contact Dave Taylor at [kb2kby@rochester.rr.com](mailto:kb2kby@rochester.rr.com) as soon as possible. He will arrange for you to go to the EMO for a badge. If you have not participated in a drill in the past few years, it will be necessary to attend a briefing prior to the drill. The drills usually last

until around 2 pm, could run a little later, and times could change depending on the regulations in effect at the time.

I hope to see many at the April meeting... Please email me if you have any questions, concerns or comments on club matters. Thanks, 73

Bill Tegtmeyer KD2DNO

## 2021 Drumlins Hamfest Update

Our Hamfest is planned for October 2, 2021 at the Palmyra VFW. A lot depends on how the Covid virus remediation is going and what restrictions are in place for large gatherings. We normally have 250-300 attendees (including vendors). If the hall cannot be opened fully that would cause a sizable reduction in available space and attendees. I've already received several of the early vendor table requests. We'll need to monitor the situation and make a decision later.

73, Rich KC2TNJ

## Field Day 2021 Update

Depending on how Covid remediation is going by early June we'll have the option on holding Field Day as a group. SIRAC has secured the Ontario EOC grounds and Room 1 (the one with access to the outside) for June 25, 26 and 27. It is an option on the table so we have a back up if needed.

We'll need to monitor what regulations are in place by June and how comfortable members with participating as a group. I'm asking Drumlins members to contact me with their feedback on whether they would be interested on attending a "group" Field Day event. I will also send out a "yes", "no", "maybe" questionnaire to the Drumlins DL.

The COVID-19 pandemic-modified [ARRL Field Day](#) rules from 2020 will continue this June with the addition of a power limit imposed on Class D (Home Stations) and Class E (Home Stations-Emergency Power) participants. The news from the ARRL Board's Programs and Services Committee comes as many clubs and groups are starting preparations for Field Day in earnest. Field Day 2021 will take place June 26 – 27.

"This early decision should alleviate any hesitancy that radio clubs and individual Field Day participants may have with their planning for the event," said ARRL Contest Program Manager Paul Bourque, N1SFE.

For Field Day 2021:

- Class D stations may work *all other* Field Day stations, including other Class D stations, for points. This year, however, Class D and Class E stations will be limited to 150 W PEP output.
- An *aggregate* club score will be published — just as it was done last year. The aggregate score will be a sum of all individual entries that attributed their score to that of a specific club.

73, Rich KC2TNJ



## RACES-ARES APRIL 2021



Well, April showers

bring May flowers!



Right? Hi hi!

At the beginning of April we were way behind in our "moisture" count. It was 25.6" below average because we were over two feet below in our snowfall. Hi hi, with the rain so far this past (How long? It seems longer.), week they still say we have just put a "...dent..." into our dry spell. But it is an improvement to say the least. We all know Mother Nature does what Mother Nature does just like those "electronic gods." Hi hi.

Bill, KD2DNO, has mentioned about the Ginna Drills this summer. We DO NEED more RACES members to help! We are down a few numbers with RACES badges as none of us are getting any younger! We have had a couple of "retirements" you might say. So, PLEASE, especially our younger members, if



you have been sitting on the fence,

consider getting a RACES badge!



73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

P.S. Please read this MARS bulletin about amateurs checking into 60m nets!!!! Air Force and Army MARS ( AFMARS and AMARS), are finally getting serious about hams and MARS working together .



Oooooops! Wrong Mars!



# MARS / AMATEUR RADIO 60M INTEROPERABILITY NET OPERATIONS -REGION 2 ARMY MARS

AMARS Region 2 as a matter of ongoing, normal network operations will lead scheduled NETS on 60 meter "Channel One" on the first Thursday, Friday and Saturday every month. To achieve a high level of readiness and competency throughout MARS and cooperating Amateur Radio operators, it is necessary to integrate tasks and operations that support these requirements into routine ongoing operations.

This MARS operation establishes ongoing NETS utilized for interoperability and conditions with Amateur radio operators to what they should expect while operating with US military stations:

1. **Network Operation:** 60 Meter Channel 1: 5,330.5 kHz USB. The prevailing operating mode will be SSB voice. Messages may be sent with voice or data mode.
2. **Data Mode:** a. MIL-STD 188-110A Serial PSK. Synchronous Mode. Plain Text (no encryption) , Checksum header set to ALL. b. The prevailing Amateur Radio mode may be used once the message is initially sent via M110.
3. **Message Format:** ICS-213 by voice or data. Send by voice using line numbers. Only true and accurate information or conditions may be depicted in any message, even if the message is prefaced with the word "exercise".
4. **M110A DMT Amateur Kit Plain Text Software** (for receive only), is available at:  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1pYDj7kQbm-QAyY4RPtx0dOXKohjaEjq9>

REGION 2 NET ASSIGNMENTS NTC1N -AMARS region 2 shall conduct a one hour Noon-Time-Channel-One-Net (NTC1N) at noon(12PM)local time on the first Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each month. 20C1N -AMARS region 2 shall conduct a one hour 2000LT-Channel-One-Net (20C1N) at 2000 (8PM) local time the first Thursday and Saturday of each month.



# MARS / AMATEUR RADIO 60M INTEROPERABILITY NET SCRIPT

**PREAMBLE:** This is \_\_\_\_\_ Net Control Station for Military Auxiliary Radio System are there any Stations with emergency or priority traffic, over? Do I have any relays on emergency or priority traffic, over? The purpose of this Net is to achieve a high level of readiness and competency throughout

Military Auxiliary Radio System and cooperating Amateur Radio operators. All stations are encouraged to check-in and participate, using your amateur or MARS radio call sign. Please use standard phonetics when first checking in and advise if you have any traffic. This is a DIRECTED net and meets daily at 12:00pm and 8:00 pm Eastern Time during the first week of each month. Stations operating from a foreign country, or from within its territorial waters, are reminded that they are governed by that countries regulations. CHECKINS This is \_\_\_\_\_ Net Control Station for Military Auxiliary Radio System, are there any Military Auxiliary Radio Stations wishing to check in >> OVER \_\_\_\_\_ (list stations) This is \_\_\_\_\_ Net Control Station for Military Auxiliary Radio System >> ROGER This is \_\_\_\_\_ Net Control Station for Military Auxiliary Radio System, are there any Amateur Radio Stations wishing to check in >> OVER \_\_\_\_\_ (list stations), this is \_\_\_\_\_ Net Control Station for Military Auxiliary Radio System >> ROGER ADDITIONAL CHECKINS (REPEAT AS NEEDED) This is \_\_\_\_\_ Net Control Station for Military Auxiliary Radio System, are there any Additional Stations wishing to check in >> OVER This is \_\_\_\_\_ Net Control Station for Military Auxiliary Radio System, Do I have any Relays >> OVER TRAFFIC This is \_\_\_\_\_ Net Control Station for Military Auxiliary Radio System, I have the following traffic to ALL STATIONS FROM \_\_\_\_\_ >> WAIT This is \_\_\_\_\_ Net Control Station for Military Auxiliary Radio System, are there any requests for fills or repeats >> OVER This is \_\_\_\_\_ Net Control Station for Military Auxiliary Radio System \_\_\_\_\_ send your traffic >> OVERCLOSING This is \_\_\_\_\_ Net Control Station for Military Auxiliary Radio System, I'd like to thank all stations that participated with us this session. ALL STATIONS CLOSE DOWN >> OUT



PLEASE CUT and PASTE THESE TWO MARS ITEMS INTO A WORD PROGRAM TO KEEP



**30 Apr(Friday) - 5 May (Wednesday) DOD COMEX 21-2**

Yes, it is that time already! I know that when the COMEX 21-1 was to happen, I said I would send information about amateur participation. That information did not materialize! Now the DOD (Department of Defense), and the Air Force and Army MARS finally after suggestions of MARS members finally got a schedule for hams to get involved. Notice this first 60m net occurs during the



same time as the COMEX 21-2!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Now, please note, the MARS ICS-213 form is similar to our RACES form but MARS numbers each line for easier reading and confirmation as this is HF as you read in the two articles. I will send out via the DARC Google email a copy of the MARS ICS-213 before the exercise so you can familiarize how it is read and completed.

I am sorry this MARS info has not gotten to you earlier but as you may remember from the RACES nets I have been having "electronic god" problems. In fact not just RACES but MARS as well. It took awhile to figure out and clear up the RACES problems in the shack. Covid has not helped either. Those problems extended into MARS as well. I could not even participate in the COMEX 21-1 as result. I have had to hold off even with this month's newsletter with everything to get MARS help with my



MARS digital mode and training on that new digital messaging. I am running on.... !

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## DARC PROGRAM

Especially for W2EVU, Walt, the program will be on ECHOLINK using a cell phone! I, by myself, got it on my cell. (I am not kidding.)So I am getting a short program together. If I can do it!, anyone can. Hi hi.



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## FINAL HAPPY NOTE!



THANK YOU, TRIS!!!!!!!!!!, for the goodies. ( I'm as happy as a pig in mud.

My XYL will be happy too! (Aren't we all? We have the best treats of any ARC meeting.)

Remember you must have had your two Covid shots for the meeting and your two weeks after to



attend.

YOU GOT YOURS? And it is

April 22nd, Thursday!

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!