

"DRUMLINS RUMBLINS"-JANUARY 2021

No WARES-RACES or Ontario County nets February 7th & 14th!



PRESIDENT'S KORNER

(Sorry, Tom!)(Embarrassed!)

(Written by Dave, KB2KBY, with Bill's permission.)

All we can do is the best we can and this is okay.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!!!!

Speaking of KB2NCI! With the Covid still a problem, Tom is continuing his "health and welfare net" on the 146.820 repeater (tone 110.9), every weekday night at 8:00PM (2000Lhrs). If the DARC voice checkin ends at 8:00PM or little after, stick around for the SIARC welfare net. Tom pauses for more checkins quite a few times. [Author note: Tonight's net January 18th there were 18 checkins from 3 counties.]

The Drumlins ARC meeting this Wednesday, January 20th will be a "voice only" checkin at 7:30PM on the 146.685 repeater to see how everyone is doing in 2021.

Our friends at the Squaw Island ARC with KB2NCI, Tom, did this for their meeting this past January 13th on their second Wednesday meeting night. The SIARC voice checkin was quite successful and took about a half hour but we can take all the time we wish.

HEAR YOU on the first DARC "voice" repeater meeting net on Wednesday January 20th !!!!!

Let's face it SIARC and DARC do not have the big memberships like RaRa to be able to have virtual programs in this Covid time. I know WB2VMR, Steve, was going to do the SIARC January program and I was going to do February WX permitting. Hi hi. WX? Holy crow that is the least of our problems.



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Author note: Make sure you use a clock alarm to remind yourself of the DARC meeting checkin time. "Dodo Dave" was late for the SIARC "meeting." Tom, I was so embarrassed! I fell asleep watching the news before I remembered- well woke up. I just listened and didn't bother to check in. I blame it on "Covid-19 brain." Hi hi.

"FCC Issues Enforcement Advisory: Radio Users Reminded Not to Use Radios in Crimes

01/17/2021

The FCC has released an [Enforcement Advisory](#) for licensees and operators across radio services. [Complete text of FCC Enforcement Advisory follows.]

FCC ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY

DA 21-73

Released: January 17, 2021

WARNING: AMATEUR AND PERSONAL RADIO SERVICES LICENSEES AND OPERATORS MAY NOT USE RADIO EQUIPMENT TO COMMIT OR FACILITATE CRIMINAL ACTS

The Enforcement Bureau (Bureau) of the Federal Communications Commission issues this Enforcement Advisory to remind licensees in the Amateur Radio Service, as well as licensees and operators in the Personal Radio Services, that the Commission prohibits the use of radios in those services to commit or facilitate criminal acts.

The Bureau has become aware of discussions on social media platforms suggesting that certain radio services regulated by the Commission may be an alternative to social media platforms for groups to communicate and coordinate future activities. The Bureau recognizes that these services can be used for a wide range of permitted purposes, including speech that is protected under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. **Amateur and Personal Radio Services, however, may not be used to commit or facilitate crimes.**

Specifically, the Bureau reminds amateur licensees that they are prohibited from transmitting “communications intended to facilitate a criminal act” or “messages encoded for the purpose of obscuring their meaning.” 47 CFR § 97.113(a)(4).

Likewise, individuals operating radios in the Personal Radio Services, a category that includes Citizens Band radios, Family Radio Service walkie-talkies, and General Mobile Radio Service, are prohibited from using those radios “in connection with any activity which is against Federal, State or local law.” 47 CFR § 95.333(a).

Individuals using radios in the Amateur or Personal Radio Services in this manner may be subject to severe penalties, including significant fines, seizure of the offending equipment, and, in some cases, criminal prosecution. 47 U.S.C. §§ 401, 501, 503, 510.

Media inquiries should be directed to 202-418-0500 or MediaRelations@fcc.gov.

To file a complaint with the FCC, visit <https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov> or call 1-888-CALL-FCC. To report a crime, contact your local law enforcement office or the FBI.”

CLUB NEWS

Repeater Report January 2021-N2MKT

146.685-getting some static on RX side, could be either a dissimilar connector or a loose connection on antenna, or coax issue. Seems to be more prevalent this time of year...

146.745- fixed the autopatch function, this has been a long standing issue ..increased heater temp..

444.750- no report

224.900- working, Stu asked about linking it to other repeaters....

443.250- Amp was reinstalled and working . DMR set to upstate NY and NY, and Illinois TG.

January 16th is the VHF Contest starting at 2pm on Sat... Please get on and give out points or work the contest...Many Rovers expected to be out... just give out your callsign and gridsquare- aka FN13.. 146.55, 52.525, 446.00, 223.500 FM or 144.174,50.313, FT8 CW,SSB, no repeater contacts.. TNX, Jeff. And speaking of Jeff!



YES! That is Jeff N2MKT's car with his "ham" plate at last year's VHF Contest on the 2021 January QST cover. The picture if you look carefully has a bunch of antennas on Jeff's back hitch! How about 6m-10GHz!!!! Yea! Here is Jeff experimenting with that 10GHz dish in a warmer season from his QRZ.com., I think.



Jeff's caption for this summer picture is titled "RainScatter." I wonder if the picture on the January QST is "SnowScatter?" Hi hi. Sorry, I couldn't resist that, Jeff. For sure, you are the brave op to do the winter VHF Contest. I did seven winter Boy Scout campouts in my youth. (How long ago was that, 3/4 century Dave? Hi hi.) My days are over although for winter outings.



I will admit I wait many times in fall, winter and spring in the car when the XYL is shopping. Covid has said "kaput" to the shopping right now. Hopefully Jeff will have a nice report showing how the Rochester VHF Club did. Please, Jeff.

Jeff is, as everyone of us "hams"are, very interesting. Warning, Jeff, I might start you as the first club member to be featured in February's

"Drumlins Rumblins." (Remember, my daughter says we're all geeks. Hi hi.) You get sick of just me talking! Hi hi. I'm having no takers on articles so I am "volunteering" Army style first with Jeff.

Please, help this editor! You got into this "hobby" for some reason. We all have an interest in it. So give me your answers, a little biography and pictures are always welcome. Or it is KB2KBY time again-bla, bla, bla.



RACES-ARES JANUARY 2021

Dear DARC-RACES/ARES Members,

Happy New Year!, from me too. Yep, "gin martini, up with two big olives, please. My XYL's Dad got me use to them. It took me a long time. I thought his martini was "kerosene" at first but I came around. I have his martini on occasion to salute Dad. He was a WWII vet drafted before Pearl Harbor, my 7th grade history teacher and a good guy.



Because of Covid "we" were not much in demand in 2020 but for helping out with the State and FEMA exercises. With the FEMA exercise last year, this 2021 should mean only a State Ginna graded exercise. Usually this is the norm for Ginna drills, State every year and FEMA every other year. We'll see what Covid brings for sure.

FEBRUARY 23-27 is the Department of Defense and MARS COMEX 21-1. There are four of these COMMunication EXercises each year. Last COMEX

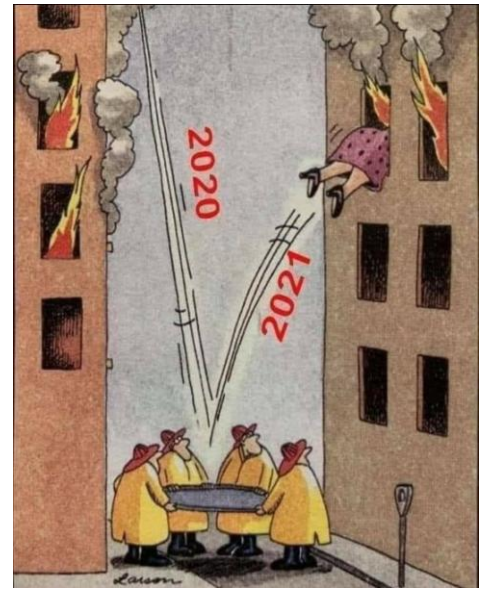
hams were asked to monitor WWV/WWVH and fill out a report on the Army MARS site. The 60m ham band was used for ham contacts and you radioed replied info. I heard two QSOs with the MARS op last time when I was on the 60m. I even reported in with my MARS call. They heard me with my 25 watts SSB and my MLA! So I know you ops with nice long wire antennas would have no problem being heard. As more information comes my way or with N2IZV, Rus, we'll email you via the DARC Google email to get more for you and get you involved. Look with Covid what else can you do? My XYL is going crazy not shopping or driving the car. The KB2KBY "uber" service is still on for another two months. Her foot is not quite healed. Us hams! We're lucky! We have our "radio" to get "out of the house." The COMEX is another chance.

Please note at the very beginning of this month's newsletter, there are no RACES nets for Ontario and Wayne County February 7th and 14th which are Super Bowl Sunday and Valentine's Day Sundays. Remember those two yearly events?

See you next month. 73, Dave

FINAL HAPPY funny NOTE!

Let's hope this does not come true for the whole year! Be patient!



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



My "Super Bowl"!



Don't forget!