

"DRUMLINS RUMBLINS"-MARCH 2021

7:30PM-146.685 REPEATER RADIO CHECKIN!

SEE HOW EVERYONE IS DOING



Only in America can we all be Irish for one day. Right? Hi hi! Enjoy the day!

PRESIDENT'S KORNER

Can March please go in and out like a lamb? We all need a break, hi hi.



(Maybe not this lamb. Hi hi! I couldn't resist.)

The Board will be offering an update to our bylaws at the April meeting. The changes are to allow us to vote and meet via online programs and will clarify our Board of Directors positions will be 3 Directors serving one year terms with no term limits. The changes will be sent out to the Club.

We will not hold a meeting on Wed March 17 but we will have a very brief check in at 7:30 pm on 146.685. Enjoy some good Irish food for St Patrick's Day. We will restart in- person meetings in April at the BOCES conference center. Masks and Social Distancing will still be required.

Discussion as to what Field Days may look like occurred at the Match Board meeting. Possible ideas were using Ontario EMO, Jeff offered space at his property near Sodus, or setting up on a public place to help introduce Ham to new comers. Members ideas are greatly appreciated. (We will contact SIARC to see what they are doing.)

We are making plans for Hamfest on Saturday Oct 2, 2021. It's preliminary, pending what rules may be in effect. We are considering proof of mandatory vaccination for entry. This is in early discussion and Club input is appreciated.

Anyone with thoughts or suggestions please reply to this email or contact any board member. I want to thank the Drumblins Board for taking time to meet and help the club functioning as an organization.

Bill Tegtmeyer KD2DNO

President

Drumblins Amateur Radio Club of Wayne County NY

SIARC HEALTH & WELFARE NET

Tom, KB2NCI, is continuing his "health and welfare net" on the 146.820 repeater (tone 110.9), every weekday night at 8:00PM (2000Lhrs). All hams are welcome! Tom does a checkin of Ontario County by sections first. Then he will call for checkins outside Ontario County. Tom asks outside Ontario County give their QTH and County after your call. Remember this is a "net" and Tom is the NCS so use your good net protocol. As goofy as it sounds you really get close to these voices on the other end and look forward to "see" them on the net.



RACES-ARES MARCH 2021

Dear DARC-RACES/ARES Members,

Well, are you over the time change to daylight savings time yet? I remember the kids at school it would take to Wednesday before they were alive from the time change. Of course it was 56 years ago, I "sprang" ahead but never got that hour back! AK to this day doesn't do the spring ahead or fall behind. I never got that hour back on Shemya. That is my excuse for being so goofy. Hi hi.

MARS COMEX 21-1 "came and went." I apologize with the lack of communication in what was expected for the amateur involvement for this exercise. Some of you sent emails to me about the COMEX and either I had "Covid brain" or misread the MARS emails. I was surprised of the lack of amateur help in the COMEX. I had no HF capability. Maybe that lack of an hour 56 years back? Whatever, I sure missed something. Sorry about that. There will be COMEX 21-2 and then I will do better.

The "electronic gods" have been messing me over too. Even before the COMEX 21-1, I lost all my HF with my antenna "farm" and I lost all digital modes with my one laptop. As you know my "farm" is anything but a farm as I have no outside antennas. Found one problem with a connector on my antenna/radio switch solved with a quarter turn twist of the connection. Got my MLA to tune on everything HF but my small vertical I still am at a loss. The FIDigi on my RACES laptop? "Nyet!" I had to unearth one of the two of my oldest laptops and both those worked! Go figure. Ready for the RACES nets? Cross your fingers! Hi hi.

How about this coax problem!



This is a cable of the maritime radio KPH at the Point Reyes National Seashore of the National Park Service in Inverness CA now being preserved by the Maritime Radio Historical Society.



KPH was closed down of course in the 1997. If interested this site check out:
<http://www.radiomarine.org/>

I get their newsletters all the time. These were the Morse code marine stations that kept contact with ships at sea and passed messages and monitored for distress signal 24/7. You know me, Morse code is still my favored mode of communications. There is no cost to get the emailed newsletters. Give it a try.



They actually have schedules when they transmit for special events. I hope you find it as interesting as I do. Of course I am jealous of their "ops" with their Morse key/bug sending speeds. Not me. Hi hi.



I can't get an inside vertical antenna to work. How many kilowatts of RF power went through this cable? I'm having problems with 10-25 watts. Hi hi.

See you next month. 73, Dave

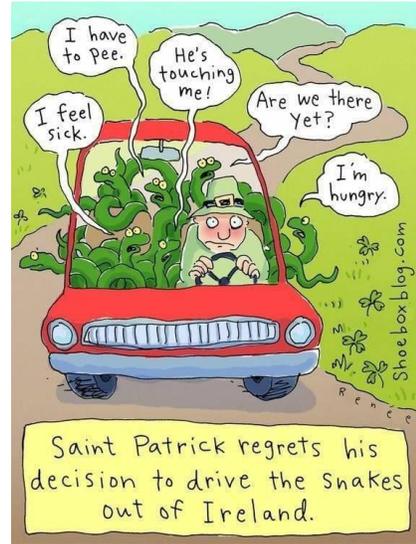
**APRIL 24th DARC MEETING
WILL BE BACK AT BOCES !!!**



**HAPPY SPRING TO YOU ALL, TOO, ON MARCH
21st SUNDAY!!!!!!**

FINAL HAPPY funny NOTE!

"Perseverance???"



(Sounds like our Megan and Chris in the car. Hi hi.)

How about a shamrock shake?????



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



The Drumlins ARC expresses its sympathy to our long time member Walt, W2EVU, on the passing of his beloved XYL, "Pat," in February. This picture shows Pat grabbing some food on the bottom-left at a DARC picnic a few years ago. (Sorry, Walt, it is the best I could find.) Like all us "hams" our XYLs/YLs tolerate our avocation in this amateur radio. Yes, Pat kept Walt out of a lot of trouble for 68 years. That is a wonderful long time! Unfortunately, Walt will be moving to his birth state of PA at some time in the future. The family in PA has a place for Walt to move into close to them. A few club members have known Walt longer than my 31 years. It has been an honor to gab with Walt on the weekday 7:30AM 715-repeater nets and any time for that amttter. It is like I said earlier in this newsletter, you really get to "see" on these radio nets. Walt, I speak for all of us, you will be missed! Somehow with our communications skills, we are going to keep in touch! GB, 73, Dave



an avid gardener. She is survived by her husband Walter J. whom she married on July 21, 1953 and her daughter Sandra (Ronald Moore) Shaw; her grandchildren Henry (Edith) McNutt and Lyanne (Christopher) Sproat.

Six Great Grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Condolences may be express at www.HSNORTON.com ("Wayne Times" Feb. 20, 2021)

SODUS POINT: Patricia J. Stauffer, 86, passed away, Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse NY. As Per Patricia's wishes, there will be no immediate calling hours. A memorial service will be held at a later date and time, to be announced. Patricia's family request memorial contributions be directed to the Sodus Point Fire Department, 8364 Bay St., Sodus Point, NY14555. Patricia was born in Natrona Heights, PA on July 14, 1934, the daughter of the late John and Edith Grimm Christie. She was employed by Xerox, Rochester, NY as a Data Processor. She was a member of the United States Power Squadrons and