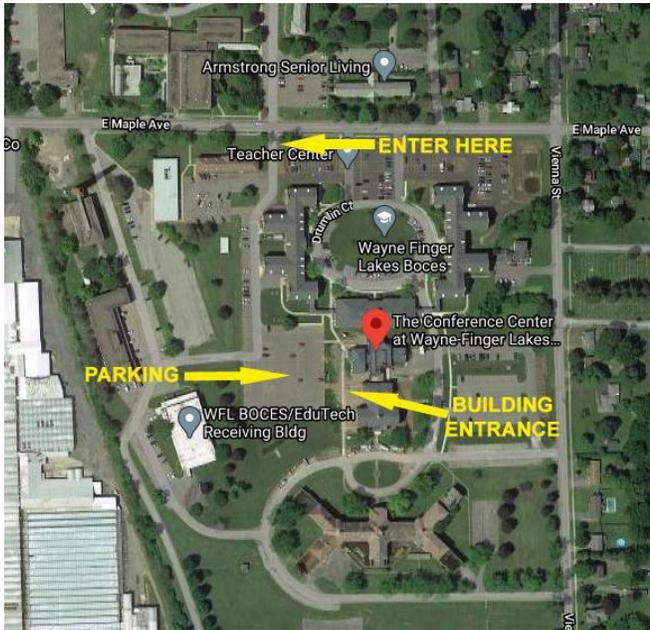


"DRUMLINS RUMBLINS"-DECEMBER 2021

WE'RE meeting at the **CONFERENCE CENTER** at **WAYNE FINGER LAKES**
131 DRUMLIN COURT
NEWARK NY 14513
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 15th 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. **MASKS ARE REQUIRED** as we are guests of their

facility. Once seated you may take off your masks. TNX.



Remember we have coffee, soda and Trista's "super" goodies to eat!



PRESIDENT'S KORNER

Welcome to the Holiday Season. I hope everyone enjoys their special days.

A reminder to keep your membership current with Drumlins. Go to www.DrumlinsARC.us and renew your membership. There are NO dues again for 2022 but you need to register.

Drumlins has been unable to sponsored VE Testing for some time but our friends at SIARC along with Drumlins member Russ N2IZV still offer testing. Here is the upcoming information: The next VE Session is scheduled for January 12, 2022 at 6:30. The testing will be held at the Safety Training Center, 2914 CR 48, Canandaigua. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Contact Russ N2IZV at n2izv@outlook.com if you would like to be on his list of examinees. He will also need VEs. Thanks to Russ N2IZV and his team for keeping this worthwhile project up.

Our next meeting is Wed Dec 15 at BOCES Conference Center on Newark, doors open at 7pm and the meeting starts at 7:30 pm.. Masking is required. I hope to see everyone attend.

I would urge everyone to consider giving a helping hand to someone on your community in the holiday spirit. A contribution to a worthy charity, or the Food Bank, perhaps buying some gifts from a locally owned business (gifts certificates from a local restaurant??), helping a neighbor in need.. Pick something that will give you some Joy.

Dave KB2KBY will present a historical talk. Steve KA1CNF and Rich KC2TNJ are bringing some books on various Ham radio stuff for giveaway drawing.

Come enjoy some friendly Amateur Radio discussion, maybe meet sooner new folks, and buy one of Trista's Delicious Scones and a drink and help support the club

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Joyous Kwanzaa, Happy Holidays to all...And a Happy 73,
Bill Tegtmeyer KD2DNO

President

Drumlins Amateur Radio Club of Wayne County NY

HONORING W2EVU-WALT!



KA1CNF, Steve, heard of an idea of honoring amateur ops who are SK. Hopefully between Steve and Rich, KC2TNJ, we can show this idea at the meeting and organize a tribute to Walt sometime in the

New Year. We can contact a time with a family Zoom, possibly, at the same time and they could see this honor as it is going on. It involves using a radio net "round robin" type scheme to honor a SK. TNX, Steve, for researching this all. Bill, KD2DNO, has sent a sympathy card to Walt's family and a contribution was sent at the Sodus Point Fire Department. We thank Bill, KD2DNO, for doing that for the club membership.

KB2FSB IS AT IT AGAIN!



It was **SKYWARN Recognition Day** once again! Here is KB2FSB's email results:

"Hi Dave,
HR is my stats on Skywarn 2021 3-4 Dec2021
Total States = 21
Total Stations = 107
Total Skywarn Participants = 21
Total NWS stations worked = 4
Picture as requested
Note: TS520SE was not used."

Lloyd is a man of few words as you can read. Hi hi. TNX, Lloyd. If Lloyd can, thru coercion (As you can see by the "...as requested."), send me something for the club newsletter, YOU CAN! Pictures always say more too. Lloyd's XYL took the picture. TNX, Joanie, and we're still sending "good signals" your

way for your continued improvement!!!! 88s, Joanie!!!!



(Notice the radio "tower.")



RACES-ARES DECEMBER 2021



With the Christmas and New Year season and family time vacations, there will be no Ontario County and WARECS RACES nets for the Sundays of December 26th and January 2nd.



I apologize that the last COMEX 21-4 was a real bust this year. With my hospital "visit" and recovery at home, I asked to be relieved of my Army MARS duties temporarily. I sent a message at the end of November to be put me back on the duty list as of December 1st. The COMEX 22-1 will be near the end of February. We'll see what the New Year brings. So keep in touch.

Please note further in this newsletter the SIARC "welfare and health" net. I find the nets, in this Covid and hard times, are a comfort and reassurance all the checkins are doing well. Just to hear their voices on the net is a good feeling. Look at this t-shirt picture sent to me in an email. I don't know if it is a real site to be able to purchase or not, but it sure says something even I haven't considered at all.



Hi hi! Isn't this great! We all didn't know "social distancing" is something we have been doing for years. Hi hi! (If anyone can research and find if this T-shirt is "buyable," please, let us know.)

Many Thanks!



Since the next Sunday, December 19th, is the last WARECS net for 2021, I would like to thank those DARC members that volunteered for the RACES nets this past year. Thanks too, to those who volunteered thier "mug shots" for Wayne County EMO RACES badges when our "numbers" have dwindled with health, age and SKs. Even us "retirees" are busy and those who are still working luckily you have gumption. Hi hi. Of course, the Pumpkin Patrol "bridge sitters" who thankfully filled my vacant posts. With my "hospital visit" recently, those days of "bridge sitting" are loooooooooooooooooooooooooong gone for sure. I know we had volunteers helping our Ontario County RACES friends with "radio" helpers for many events which I did not even keep track of. (Sorry, Tom, KB2NCI. You can only do so much.) And speaking of our Ontario County RACES friends, thanks for checking into our WARECS nets! It is the commeraderie of the amateur community that sure saves us in emergencies and helping the public in general. In between we have fun. FB! Kudos to you all!



Hi hi! Last gasp of pumpkins.

DARC PROGRAM

POST ENIGMA TWO ! We ran out of time with the November program with "talks too much-Dave" but I think you will find the program interesting once again. Better than a soap opera. Hi hi.



KC2TNJ, you better get the screen and video setup ready for me.



Hi hi!

73, Dave KB2KBY

KB2NCI SIARC "HEALTH and WELFARE" NET



Believe it or not, but KB2NCI, Tom, is still NCS for the weekday nights health and welfare nets at 8:00PM (2000hrs), on the 146.820 repeater (110.9 input). Only the SIARC meeting night the second Wednesday is the exception. Tom will ask for Ontario County areas first and then ask for checkins outside of Ontario County. Last time I checked which was December 13, Tom was at **446** nets. "FB," Tom!

REPEATER REPORT DECEMBER 2021

146.685- Tested Autopatch, Allstar functions –working on Supermon functions ,assisted Dave KB2KBYso he could remote into repeater for nets. Network switch at my residence failed,, had some cat6 issues... and now having issues with Echolink on the Allstar server #\$\$%^&* might have to flash a new SD card

146.745-Replaced UPS battery for repeater, removed a few connectors and tested RX side of repeater, reduced loss by .5-.6db, tested DTMF decode of Allstar, tested autopatch, worked on misc Allstar functions ,fixed weather script, adjusted time for DST,.....

224.900- added wx and temp on the hour ? working

444.750-I bet Wires-X needs to be rebooted after network switch fail?

443.250-no changes

[**EDITOR'S NOTE:** KUDOS to Jeff, N2MKT, for all his time defeating the "electronic gods" for DARC which plague our repeaters ! This is N2MKT's email with his report at 5:55pm and I just saw this at 8:55pm after I send the club Google email!!!! Hi hi! TNX, Jeff.]

FINAL HAPPY NOTES



(Emailed tonight also. Hi hi. TNX, Stu.)

CONGRATS TO: The "Clyde-ham- Gang" of Michelle, KD2YBV, who passed her General "ticket" at the November SIARC VE testing session and Stu ("OM" of Michelle), KC2KJO, on the right, showing his upgrad to Extra "ticket" at the same VE session. Remember Sean, KD2UBD, in the middle, got his Tech "ticket" in 2020. Wonderful to see a whole family of hams. (Yes, I am a little jealous. Who wouldn't be. Hi hi. Jealous too as the math questions and Smith Charts "killed" this kid getting Extra, twice. Hi hi. Too right brained? Hi hi. Even the XYL was not sure if I got the right side of the brain. Yes, you all think of "no brain" which is not far off either. Hi hi.)

Many thanks, especially, to our Rus, N2IZV, who is our Laurel VE "Master" giving his time to both SIARC and DARC VE organizing the testing sessions. Rus is a far better man than I finding time in his

very very schedule to organizing the testing for both clubs! Bless you, Rus.



Testing?



MERRY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

KA2CNF, Steve, will be raffling off an ARRL "GROUNDING and BONDING" book at the December meeting. TNX, Steve. KC2TNJ, Rich, will be bringing some donated books given for the Drumlins' hamfest this past year that will be raffled off as well. So come to meeting and see what your "luck"

can reward you with! Hi hi. Hey, who knows, right!



Hi hi. Come join the fun!



Even Army MARS is getting into the Holiday Spirit asking members to send a special radiogram which an example you see. Rus, N2IVZ, may have to help me on my radiogram. [Editor's note: This time 56 years I was on my Shemya which you have been told all about. Believe me! No family, friends and loved ones around for this time of year-really sucks.]



Whew! Done for this year.



SEE YOU....



STAY HEALTHY BE SAFE!

