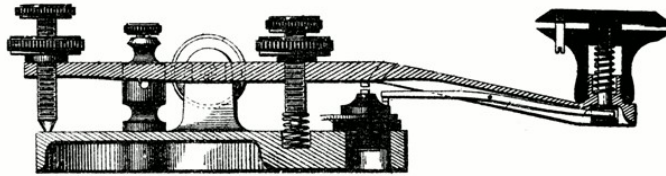


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Februrary 2018 ***Drumlins' Rumblins*** Volume 8, Issue 2

Thank you for reading my first venture into creating the Drumlins' Rumblins newsletter! Before I introduce myself, I would like to give our thanks to **Walter, W2WBD** for his years of blood, sweat and tears producing such a prestigious document as this. It takes a lot of work to produce but it is a labor of love for the club. (*I know Walter feels this way, too!*)

My name, for those who do not know me, is Lew Ellwanger, WE2LEW. I am a general licensee and I have been a Ham since 2002. I have been a member of the DARC for just over a year now. I am the Membership Chairman as well as the newly ordained Club Public Relations Chairman. Keep an eye out for information in future newsletters explaining my duties. If you have any ideas or items for the newsletter, please email them to we2lewradio@gmail.com or drumlinsarc@gmail.com. So, without further ado, I give you the new (*notice I didn't say improved*) Drumlins' Rumblins newsletter! 73!

**THE PRESIDENT'S
CORNER**

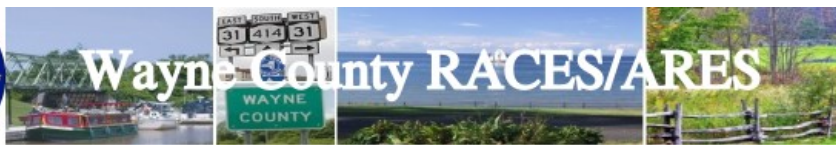
Our President is currently sipping a Foo Foo Umbrella drink on a 2 week cruise! His corner will resume next month! (Here is a little peak into how he is doing!) Actually I just noticed he is back now!



Bill Tegtmeier

02/11/2018 11:27am (9 hrs) · 🧑🏻

Lunch in St Lucia listening to the steel drum.. Life is good. No email. No internet. No Facebook.. It's wonderful. The weather has been a little rainy but it's 80 degrees everyday! New back in touch in a well... Love y'all but don't miss Rochester right now





Happy February!, I guess? That “Punxsutawney Phil” predicted six more weeks of winter! It sure looks like it as I type this month's article. Hi. And, unfortunately, even “Wiarton Willie” in Wiarton, Ontario, Canada agrees with “Phil;” six more weeks of winter. BUT, there is not total agreement on this issue as “Shubenacadia Sam” near Halifax, Nova Scotia; and, Staten Island's “Chuck” didn't see their shadows!, so winter is shorter. Who are you to believe? By the way there are number of states that also have their furry predictors of that German tradition: GA, WI, NE, OH, WV, LA, NC and TN! If you don't believe me, check this site:<https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/customer-support/education-resources/groundhog-day>.

It is fun to say the least with Groundhog Day. I can remember our daughter, Megan, at a very early age being angry that “Phil” predicted winter would be six

more weeks seeing his shadow. She was really ticked off when we pointed out to her it really didn't matter if "Phil" saw his shadow or not. The first day of spring, the spring equinox, was on the calendar exactly six weeks away officially from February 2nd. She stomped away out of the family room! The end of innocence! We have all been there and some of us, like me, are still pretty gullible as adults. Hi. We just take that "leg pulling" with a smile.

February means the first COMEX 18-1, one of four Communications Exercises for 2018, is coming up soon. This first COMEX is February 21-23 but will be done a little differently. Since the long term breakdown of electricity and communications in Porto Rico with this past hurricane season, this exercise's format will simulate the same conditions in four days. The first day will be for MARS operators that have emergency power only as computer internet will be down as well in this simulation and only stand alone computers can be used. Plus, to help accommodate daytime MARS workers, the majority of the COMEX will be at evening-night hours. County status report will once again be asked of amateurs in all the counties NYS after the 'power is restored' time period comes into play in the exercise. CW nets will once again be used as well. So watch for emails in the near future which I'll send when I too am informed.

Bird walking once again, I do remember Groundhog Day, as the birthday of a good friend now SK many years ago. Bill Kight was one of the civilian NSA-ers I worked with when I was at Ft. Meade MD in 1966-1968 and he had his ham ticket. I have mentioned Bill before. Bill was a WWII vet from Manhattan, NY, and went to Syracuse University before being drafted prior to Pearl Harbor. He first ended up in Iceland in a AAA (Anti-Aircraft-Artillery), unit to relieve the British troops there so they could fight in Africa. He was back in SC when the war broke out here on the east coast with a heavy coastal artillery unit as a radio op. He heard almost nightly the German U-boats sinking US merchant ships off the SC coast and the ships frantically calling for help on the radio, which there was none to give. He said they fired their big guns just to make noise and at least make the civilians think they were doing something. Radar directed artillery was not invented yet but would sure soon be.

Bill was at D-Day plus 1 with his AAA 40mm Bofors (Bofors was the name of the Swedish company the gun was patented after.), gun carriage, coming ashore "dry as a bone" as he rode on top in the gunner seat. The rest of the gun

crew got wet, Bill was proud to say with a smile. Hi. Bill got caught up in the Battle of the Bulge and was very angered when the German shelling kept blowing up this units phone line communication between batteries and he had to go out and slice the wires together with the shells exploding around him. It was the worst he ever cussed in his life, he said. Hi. Bill was a quiet, gentle man and I never heard a bad word out of him those two years or any time we got together after.

Bill was a BIG influence on me finally getting my "ticket." We tried connecting SSB after I passed the General exam but the distance and our antennas plus propagation made it impossible. Bill didn't hear well either. He couldn't hear the CW with all the QRM and/or QRN, either. Those years of being in the artillery did a number with him and he wore hearing aids in each ear. I sent him a MFJ code reader but it was unless you had a perfectly clear strong signal like the ARRL's CW practice nets.

Some of you may have heard all this before. I only mention it now as Bill's XYL, we think, has passed away. Bill has been gone a good 15 years. Kathleen's, Bill's XYL, Christmas card was sent back undelivered this past Christmas. Old address books when Bill and Kathleen lived with one of their twin sons are gone. There is no way I can confirm her passing by connecting with her kids. Kathleen and Bill met at Arlington Hall, the predecessor of NSA after WWII. She was a 'hillbilly' from the Appalachian Mountains of WV. With the war, like many, Kathleen did her part for the war effort. A lot of talent came out of Appalachia. Even my generation 20 years later benefited with Appalachia, like Frank, who served with me on Shemya. He drove a hot rod car with his grandmother's home made "white lightning" in a special tank under the back seat. His first shoes were the dress Army black Class A shoes. He was a sharp guy. My Army Security Agency, ASA, was the top 6% of the Army at that time as far as education. I was one of the few in the ASA that had no college degree or some college before hand and I was 5-6 years younger than most I served with. I was the skinny (Hard to believe now. Hi.), 'four-eyes,' 18 year old, snot-nosed kid right out of high school. Of course the ASA sparked my ham radio side. I look at my ASA "weapon," the Collins R-390A/URR receiver, in my shack as I type and think back how blessed I was.

It is for me an end of an era. After getting discharged in August 1968, I kept

writing and sending cards to Bill and Kathleen especially at Christmas and Groundhog's Day for Bill's birthday. Holidays and birthdays were a good excuse to take time to get a letter off to Virginia even after Bill was SK, I kept it up. This is the first time in 49 years I didn't communicate at this time in February. I hope Kathleen is with Bill at Arlington National Cemetery. They usually let a spouse join their husband in those small drawer type vaults. This will be the last time I'll be able to mention the Kights, as I said, an end to an era.

Thanks for the reminiscing once again. Take the time with those that have been a big influence with yourself. Even our own Drumlins in blessed with many. You know who I am talking about. CU next month.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

A reminder that dues for 2018 are due. Please go online to our website or check with W2WBD Walter to pay. Online is preferred. Dues remain a very reasonable \$10 for a full member, plus \$2 for immediate family. Lifetime memberships are still available for \$100.

Repeaters



Repeater Report Feb 2018

146.685- The repeater is sounding good as I can tell- Echolink was down for a week due to internet link-Bad Ethernet cable at N2MKT QTH.... Thanks to Russ for supplying a new one!!! Need to look at the status screen re-implementation to help know when the internet is down. (Justin)

146.745- Seems to be trucking along-- Had to reboot Linux server do to dropped echolink in the software- this is an ongoing issue with the old ACID version of allstar... Need to replace blown light bulbs in shed....

444.750- New Wires-x radio(ftm-100) has come in with a dummy load- We borrowed RACES 4 laptop and we will be putting all this equipment in the UHF cabinet- Justin will install the Wires-X software and config it... This will allow us to have a reliable wires-x connection on our network.

224.900- Still open to anyone who wants to play with integrating it with an SCom controller-we have the controller or could use the third port on 745 controller---- This is a cool project for someone who has some free time to play and learn more about repeater controllers!!!

443.250- Still fighting antenna issues.

I want to thank everyone who lends a hand to the repeater committee. This year may bring some challenges in that responsibilities come before the hobby. Justin will be doing some traveling for his job and I'm in the middle of rehabbing a house. I can tell you that without your help it's very hard to keep all these toys running smoothly... Any Help is appreciated!

Jeff, M2MKT



Drumlins Annual Spring Fling

Saturday April 14, 2018

Phelps Hotel
90 Main Street, Phelps, NY

5PM – Social Time (appetizers) 6PM – Buffet Dinner

\$25 per person

Menu: Two Entrees: Roast Beef w/Burgundy gravy, Chicken French
Sides: Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Ziti with Marinara Sauce,
Hot Fresh Vegetables, Tossed Salad
Roll/butter, coffee/tea, Ice Cream dessert

RSVP MUST BE Received by **WEDNESDAY April 4th**
NO reimbursement is possible after Wednesday, April 11th

Pay by cash or check at the February or March meetings
Signup online using Paypal at Drumlinsarc.us/activities

Mail your reservation by Monday April 2nd

Mail to: Walter Dutcher N2ZVP
144 Berg Road
Ontario, NY 14519

***** Return bottom with mail reservations *****

Spring Fling 2018
Saturday April 14, 2018

Make check payable to: Drumlins ARC

Name / Call: _____

Number attending: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Hamfests and Conventions

- Hamfest/Convention

02/24/2018 | [Winter Hamfest](#)

Location: Big Flats, NY

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: LIM Amateur Radio Group

Website: <http://www.ka2lim.com/7.html>

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- Hamfest/Convention

04/21/2018 | [DRUMLINS ARC HAMFEST](#)

Location: Palmyra, NY

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Drumlins Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://drumlinsarc.us>

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- Hamfest/Convention

07/08/2018 | [RAGS 2018 Hamfest](#)

Location: Syracuse, NY

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Radio Amateurs of Greater Syracuse

Website: <http://ragsclub.org>

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- Hamfest/Convention

08/04/2018 | [Ithaca Hamfest](#)

Location: Trumansburg, NY

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Tompkins County Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://tcara-ny.org>

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- Hamfest/Convention

08/18/2018 | [Annual Keuka Lake ARA Hamfest](#)

Location: Avoca, NY
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Keuka Lake Amateur Radio Association
Website: <http://klara.us>
Learn More

- Hamfest/Convention

08/26/2018 | [Chautauqua AR Service Hamfest](#)

Location: Lakewood, NY
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Chautauqua Amateur Radio Service
Website: <http://www.chautauqua-ars.org>
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Same Location

32nd ANNUAL DRUMLINS HAMFEST

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Palmyra VFW Post 6778
4306 Route 31, Palmyra, NY
3 miles east of Palmyra
5 miles west of Newark

TALK-IN
146.745
PL 71.9



APRIL 21, 2018

Vendors 7am
Public 8am Till 1pm

Electronics – AMATEUR RADIO GEAR – Computers

Breakfast – GRAND PRIZE – Door Prizes
Admission \$5.00
Tables (6 ft.) \$5.00 - Tailgaters \$3.00

**FREE Amateur License Exams will be
held at the Hamfest site**
Registration & Testing 9am - 11am
Walk-ins accepted Test Doors open at 8:45 AM
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www.drumlinsarc.us/hamfest.htm

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We will be starting to include Board Minutes in the newsletter next month!
Keep an eye out for them!

WAYNE COUNTY RACES

VHF NET

TIME-FREQUENCIES

SUNDAY EVENING 8:35PM

PRIMARY:

146.685 (PL 71.9)

WA2EMO REPEATER

Secondary

146.745 (PL 71.9)

WA2AAZ REPEATER

Voice and Digital

FLDIGI MT63-2KL

ONTARIO COUNTY RACES

VHF NET

TIME-FREQUENCIES

SUNDAY EVENING 8:00PM

PRIMARY:

145.450 (PL 110.9)

W2ONT REPEATER

ALSO MONITORED

146.820

(PL 110.9)

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Meetings

Drumlins meetings are held the Third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM at Wayne County EOC, 7336 Rte 31 Lyons. The doors open at 7:00PM for all to come inside to visit before the meeting starts. Meetings are Handicapped accessible.





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