



## Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, Ltd.

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Thank you all for the compliments on the new format of the newsletter. It can still be improved upon and I am diligently exploring the use of the new editor to produce it!

We are getting Busy...Busy...Busy!

- The Hamfest is coming up! Please see the article in this newsletter from Rich, KC2TNJ, about the help needed!
- We have a new presence on Social Media. We are now on Facebook and Twitter. Click the links at the bottom of the newsletter to check them out!
- Bill, KD2DNO, is back from his Cruise and missed us so much. (Okay, I took a little editorial license with that statement, but I do believe he did miss us! hi.)
- Spring and Summer mean our services are going to be needed which means we are going to need YOU!
- We are in the process of a project to better our community's knowledge of our presence and the services we provide.

That is it from me for now...Sit back and enjoy the March 2018 Drumlins' Rumblins newsletter. 73, Lew Ellwanger, WE2LEW

### THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We will soon be entering the busy season for local Amateur Radio Operators. Drumlins members will be called on to help with our own HamFest, with Tour de Cure, the MS Bikeathon, the Triathlon on Canadaigua, the State Ginna drill and Practice. We will need help with a work day to install some HF antennas at the EMO. need to accomplish this with 34 current members, down from around 65 a year ago. If Drumlins is to survive, we need active members. We need to find ways to interest people in Ham Radio. I urge anyone who hasn't joined Drumlins for 2018 to go to [www.DrumlinsARC.us](http://www.DrumlinsARC.us), click on Join and fill out the application and pay via PayPal. \$10, it's a very small price to support the Club. Anyone having ideas as to how we can increase interest in the club or ways to build up interest in Jan Radio, send me an email or come to a meeting and bring your thoughts and ideas. We NEED YOU.

73, Bill Tegtmeyer. KD2DNO



## RACES-ARES MARCH 2018

When that groundhog on Groundhog Day in February said winter would be six weeks long because he saw his shadow, was he ever right! Hi. Just pulling your leg of course, as I mentioned last month's article, it is six weeks no matter if that beast sees or not his shadow! Hi hi. But it makes for good fun and we have an excuse to grumble about the weather (WX).

If anyone can really grumble about the WX, New England has the privilege. I've never heard of a 'nor-easterner' so much then this year. They sure have been hit! On the 715 repeater 7:30AM weekly net, Doc, AB2F, mentioned his son, David, in New Hampshire had 27" of the "Eskimo dandruff" in the last bomb cyclone. The Eskimo dandruff is Doc's term. Al, K2MPE, mentioned on the net the size of the system and it was massive. Whew! We complained on the net how much 'fun' we have had with the WX here but all agreed very thankfully, "Glad it was New England." No joke on that one. By the way I texted Gene, K2KJI, of KJI Electronics our hamfest vendor from Cedar Grove NJ, to see how he was doing with the storms. Gene said they had 16", lost power for a short time and his son shoveled them out. 16" is pretty good but survival for us Upstate but for NJ? That is a disaster.

I have been in touch with Gene often this past year. Gene's XYL, Mary Ann, is doing fantastic with her post cancer surgery and looking great! Please, see the picture Gene sent me. Gene and Mary Ann are looking forward to our hamfest and celebrating her recovery with DARC!



Spring is just around the corner on the 20<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday. We'll see what Mother Nature has in store for us at the March DARC meeting. Hi. Spring also means our RACES-ARES schedule will be getting busier. George Bastedo, the EMO Director, emailed me he is planning a summer SKYWARN training some evening April 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>. That is either a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evening. April 28<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, the Water Derby in Shortsville is on this year. We have helped our SIARC friends with that event. As more info comes around, I'll pass it on by the DARC email. The State Gina exercise is coming up too. The word from George is they have been given two different dates a month apart for the exercise. Hi. So keep you posted when the State comes through with their final date.

Bill, KD2DNO; Lew, WE2LEW; and I had a meeting with George in early March. Our new vertical HF antenna is in thanks to George. Jeff will need some help putting the new antenna up. One of our big problems with HF communications is our lack of a good HF wire antenna which is off the EMO roof and quieter with QRN. Nothing permanently can be installed off the roof. But, George

agreed to a temporary wire antenna that could be reeled out and back in when needed. So the club is looking at an end fed wire antenna for that purpose where it would best be done.

What about the results of the COMEX 18-1? Well, "Region 2 performance achieved 100% reporting of the 83 counties. This is the third COMEX in a row to do so.... Region 2 places high priority on CW amateur nets and CW MARS nets for collection and processing of county data. This strategy has been extremely successful, particularly in collecting source data for "hard-to-get counties." One suggestion, "With the remarkable success of CW nets as described above, it is suggested that HQ post a reference to the COMEX CW nets on the USARMYMARS web site about them. As a result, amateur participation would greatly increase with County Status and other critical areas, indeed, expand the region new member base." I also suggested that a schedule be posted for nets on the 60mb interoperability frequency for voice county information. I haven't seen anything on that. Lloyd, KB2FSB, and I successfully make CW contacts on the 80mb frequency and Lloyd as well on the 40mb frequency. Me, with a MLA, magnetic loop antenna, with just 25 watts to Hicksville NY on 80m! That is about 175 miles away. I am just amazed! Voice? No way!

That is about it for March. I have to get this article off to Lew ASAP. I am late. But, got my 2017 taxes done. Hi. Spring? Come on! Truly get here. Hi. See you 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.***

### ***Drumlins 2018 Hamfest Volunteers Needed***

It's that time again when I start asking for volunteers for the **Drumlins Hamfest on April 21th**. Here is a list of the positions that need to be filled. Please let me know if you can help again this year. I think we'll need four volunteers working the parking lot and tailgate parking.

**I have listed the volunteers from last year. let me know if you're able to do the same assignment again.**

**Please email or call me at:** [tinker@rochester.rr.com](mailto:tinker@rochester.rr.com) or 315-986-8589 with your availability.

**Kitchen:** Trista & Rich Hamill (coordinators), Al K2MPE, Brenda, Cheryl KD2HRY

**Setup & Take Down help:** Many hands needed for table and vendor setup Friday April 20 - 5pm , and take down on Saturday after the Hamfest. (Pizza & pop provided Friday after setup)

**Security:** KC2TCM – Jay & WD2STK – Sabrina & Glen KC2YGH (11PM to Open)

**Parking lot & tailgate area:** (4 Needed) Llyod KB2FSB, Glen KC2YGH, Budd

**Ticket Sales table at entrance:** Bill KD2DNO

**50/50 Tickets:** Jim Parks KC2EGP, Jesse KC2KYC

**Vendor Table Assignment & Tickets:** Walter W2WBD & Jay KC2TCM

**Vendor table sign-up:** Rich KC2TNJ

**Talk-in: Parking Lot monitors**

**Speaker system:** VFW's

**Club Table:** John Greco KD2GTA, Lew Ellwanger W2LEW, Nila DeLeo-Ellwanger

**Mic table announcements, ticket cage:** Dave KB2KBY

**VE Testing:** WD2STK – Sabrina (coordinator)... Need minimum of 4 VE's. Please contact Sabrina.

**"A" Frame Sign setup:** Rich KC2TNJ

**Flyer created and on webpage:** KC2TNJ - Rich Hamill

**Ticket Printing:** KC2TNJ - Rich Hamill

## **Repeater Report March 2018**



**146.685-** Have been contacted by Mike Moore regarding using the Repeater for Tour de Cure....Sabrina has been notified ...Haven't heard any complaints...

**146.745-** Hamfest announcements have been added.. Still have to change the light bulbs in shed... Been trucking along..

**444.750-** Still need to fix the allstar pi before the Tour de cure.... Haven't had a chance to check if the Wire-X has been doing? New computer was installed about a month ago.. Maybe we can get some feedback?

**224.900-**Steve KA1CNF has been working on adding a URI to repeater... He has received the URI and is in the process of integrating it. Many thanks to Steve for taking this on...

Keep in mind March is typically our worse weather related month for weather events... Ice storms , high winds etc.

Jeff, M2MKT

# OUR PROGRAMS

March 2018

Wayne County Enhances 9-1-1 Services and Emergency Notifications with Smart911 and SOS Beacon  
Public Safety Officials Encourage Residents to Sign Up For Free Service That Sends Emergency Notifications  
and Provides Emergency Responders with Key Information

George Bastedo, Director, Office of Disaster Preparedness Wayne County Emergency Management will be our guest to explain this new program to us. You can get a head start by creating a safety profile at [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com)

If you have a Smart Phone, download the free SOS Beacon (by RapidSOS, inc.) It works in the background if you call 911 and transmits precise GPS location info to the 911 Center instead of cell tower triangulation – which can be off by 1500’.

Come and learn how the program works! It just may save your or a loved ones life one day!



# 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](http://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 \*\*\*\*\*

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**Spring Fling 2018**  
**Saturday April 14, 2018**

Make check payable to: Drumlins ARC

Name / Call: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Hamfests and Conventions

- Hamfest/Convention

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

**Location:** Palmyra, NY  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest  
**Sponsor:** Drumlins Amateur Radio Club  
**Website:** <http://drumlinsarc.us>  
[Learn More](#)

- Hamfest/Convention

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

**Location:** Syracuse, NY  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest  
**Sponsor:** Radio Amateurs of Greater Syracuse  
**Website:** <http://ragsclub.org>  
[Learn More](#)

- Hamfest/Convention

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

**Location:** Trumansburg, NY  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest  
**Sponsor:** Tompkins County Amateur Radio Association  
**Website:** <http://tcara-ny.org>  
[Learn More](#)

- 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>  
[Learn More](#)

**Same Location**

**32<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL  
DRUMLINS  
HAMFEST**

Contact person: Rich Hamill KC2TNJ  
(315) 986-8589

**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

For more info call or email Sabrina  
Tel: 585-727-2091, Email: WD2STK@yahoo.com

**CLUB TRUSTEE**

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**For Tables**  
Rich Hamill, KC2TNJ  
(315)-986-8589  
Email:  
Hamfest@drumlinsarc.us

**VENDORS**

**KJI ELECTRONICS, Cedar Grove, NJ**  
www.kjieletronics.com

**RW Antenna Store**  
www.rwantennastore.com

www.drumlinsarc.us/hamfest.htm



## Drumlins Leaders 2018

President	Bill Tegtmeyer KD2DNO	315-744-0434
Vice President	Rich Hamill KC2TNJ	315-986-8589
Secretary	Sabrina Hamill, WD2STK	315-210-8078
Treasurer	Walter Dutcher II, W2WBD	585-224-5581
Program	Jay Hamill, KC2TCM	315-210-8078
Program Asst	Dave Taylor, KB2KBY	315-597-4293
Director 3 yr	Al Cook K2MPE	315-398-0936
Director 2 yr	Justin Toarmino W2JPT	585-944-8096
Director 1 yr	Russell Harris N2IZV	585-738-0321
Repeater Chair	Jeff Jensen, N2MKT	315-879-1588
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#### **Rochester Radio Repeater Association (RRRA)**

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#### **Rochester VHF Group (RVHFG)**

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#### **XEROX Amateur Radio Club (XARC)**

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#### **Antique Wireless Association (AWA)**

Lynn Bisha, W2BSN      lbisha@rochester.rr.com

#### **Fisherman's Net Amateur Radio Club**

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#### **Genesee Valley Amateur Radio Assn**

Bill Boyd, N3DSP      N3DSP@lafireline.net

# BOARD MINUTES

3/12/18 Call to Order 18:56

Attendees: W2JPT, KD2DNO, N2IZV, KC2TNJ, Trista Hamill, WD2STK, KC2TCM, Brenda Cook, W2WBD, K2MPE

Treasurer: Our net profits are ahead this year.

Repeaters: Steve is working on the All Star configuration. Please use the repeaters and all their capabilities. All this hard work that has been done, we do not want it to go to waste.

VE Team: Next testion session is at the Hamfest. We will need more volunteers for the HamFest.

Help as always will be needed for Hamvention. If you are able to volunteer (and going to Xenia, OH) let WD2STK know. I can get in touch with the proper people for the testing session.

Hamfest Committee: 29 tables are reserved. We believe the club needs more table space. We will accommodate accordingly. Make sure people know its a carry in carryout facility.

We need to determine what prizes for the raffle.

Spring Fling – 15 signed up. George and his wife have been invited and will be coming.

Program Committee: This month will be the Smart 911 Covering by George

Next month will be covering the SWR analyzer.

Races: NTR

Membership: We want to be more active and get more members. One suggestion is at the CanalTown Days parade have a table set up there. County Fairs is another option. We could look to do a Races exercise. A sggestion is we try and go to the schools and show what we are capable of doing with the kids.

Spring Fling is Sat April 14 – It will be \$25 per person. Menu will be the same as last year.

Picnic will be August 11, at the Palmyra VFW.

Field Day has not been publicized on the ARRL website. But we should try and get the second antenna up to see whats missing.

There is antenna work at the Management office to be done. Jeff will look for dates April or May.

Adjournment: 19:45

**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)

**Club Address**

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Ontario, NY 14519

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[Check us out on Facebook and Twitter!](#)



**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.

