

## Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, Ltd.

October 2018

**Drumlins' Rumblins**

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### THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

## *KD2DNO*

Fall has arrived, like it or not. Here are our October activities :

Mon Oct 8. Board Meeting. 6pm at Tom Wahl's, Newark

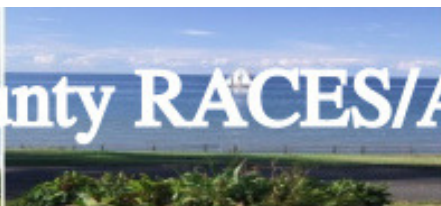
Sat Oct 13. Drumlins Radio Club Demonstration, 11 am-3pm at WalMart, Newark. If you can help, email [KD2DNO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KD2DNO@GMAIL.COM).

Wed Oct 17. Club meeting at EMO. Doors open 7pm, meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Annual elections plus first aid demonstration.

Sat Oct 20. JOTA-Amateur Radio Demonstration with Scouts. 10am-2pm at Williamson Public Library. WE NEED HELP, please email [KD2DNO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KD2DNO@GMAIL.COM) if you can please help.

Tue & Wed Oct 30 & 31. Pumpkin Patrol 8 pm-Midnight. In conjunction with SIARC and NY State Police, monitoring bridges over the NYS Thruway to prevent vandalism. If you can cover either of both nights, email [kb2kby@rochester.rr.com](mailto:kb2kby@rochester.rr.com). Best coverage is with a mobile radio because of the spread out distance.

I look forward to seeing you at some, if not all of these club activities.  
73, Bill Tegtmeyer KD2DNO



## RACES-ARES OCTOBER 2018

Autumn is upon us! There hasn't been much change to tell Autumn has arrived here. But, the daughter and 'son' tell me things are hanging in their Southern-Tier camp. That area of our state is usually a month ahead of us for the fall with their higher elevation. The nights are cooler-thank heavens-but the day go up and down with the temperatures but all feel more bearable than the summer heat and humidity. Can you tell Autumn and the fall are favored my me? Yes, you are right. Spring too! I am sorry both fall and spring are not longer for us.

I will say with the hot summer this year, Mimi and Bompa, the XYL and I respectively to the grandkids, had a great time swimming in our kids' pools. It has probably been the best summer swimming since the XYL and I had to stop camping. Old "Arthur" hit me the same time in age as my Dad, who I inherited the arthritis from. Thinking back to his time it hit, it was this kid that that drove the camper and set it up for Mom and Dad and my kids to camp whatever NYS campground we were at. The XYL and I did all the work camping and Mom and Dad sat back and relaxed and paid for everything. It was a good deal since with nearly newly married, with new home for us, and kids, we would not have been able to camp. Good memories! Good times!

The fall Autumn season means things will slow down for RACES-ARES too!

Well, the tail end of our communications duties will be done until the next season of good weather. By the time you read this month's article, the Pumpkin Patrol help with the NYS Thruway and Troop T should be nearly completed with just, hopefully, just a few shirt tails to tuck in to look sharp and neatly done for the final inspection. Whew. The XYL will be glad as I have heard "...more radio stuff...", quite a few times lately and I know it is wearing on the her. Between Army MARS and RACES-ARES, it does seem I am in the shack on the big rigs, talking with an HT at the son's QTH and even the mobile rig in the car doing "radio." Hi.

Hopefully, the cooler weather coming and Mother Nature slowing the growing season down, there may be more time for DARC members to check into the WARECS nets. Our nets have been down a wee bit. Ironically Ontario County's nets have been better as a lot of our WARECS checkins have checked into their net before ours. I thank our members for helping out our Ontario County friends!

“FB,” well done! There is life beyond radio, so keep it balanced.

We had that treat of severe T-storms and wind to come through our area awhile ago. Remember? It was a Thursday after a Tuesday DARC net. I was on the DARC net but this dodo didn't even think of monitoring the 745 repeater with the weather threat that Thursday. Hi. Yes, it was a dumb thing to do. KD2DNO had eight checkins. So I must remind myself and I am reminding those of you in the same “forgetful boat” when the weather may be bad, keep an HT on monitoring the 745 repeater and see if there is a net. Don't ask me why I didn't even think of it. For this is the reason the DARC net was set up for the Tuesday evenings at 7:00PM

to make sure all our equipment is in working order just in case. I certainly had enough HTs sitting around. Hi. Bad weather!, think about the DARC net! With the real nasty cold and blowing weather comes, it will be more important. By the way, my ole island of Shemya

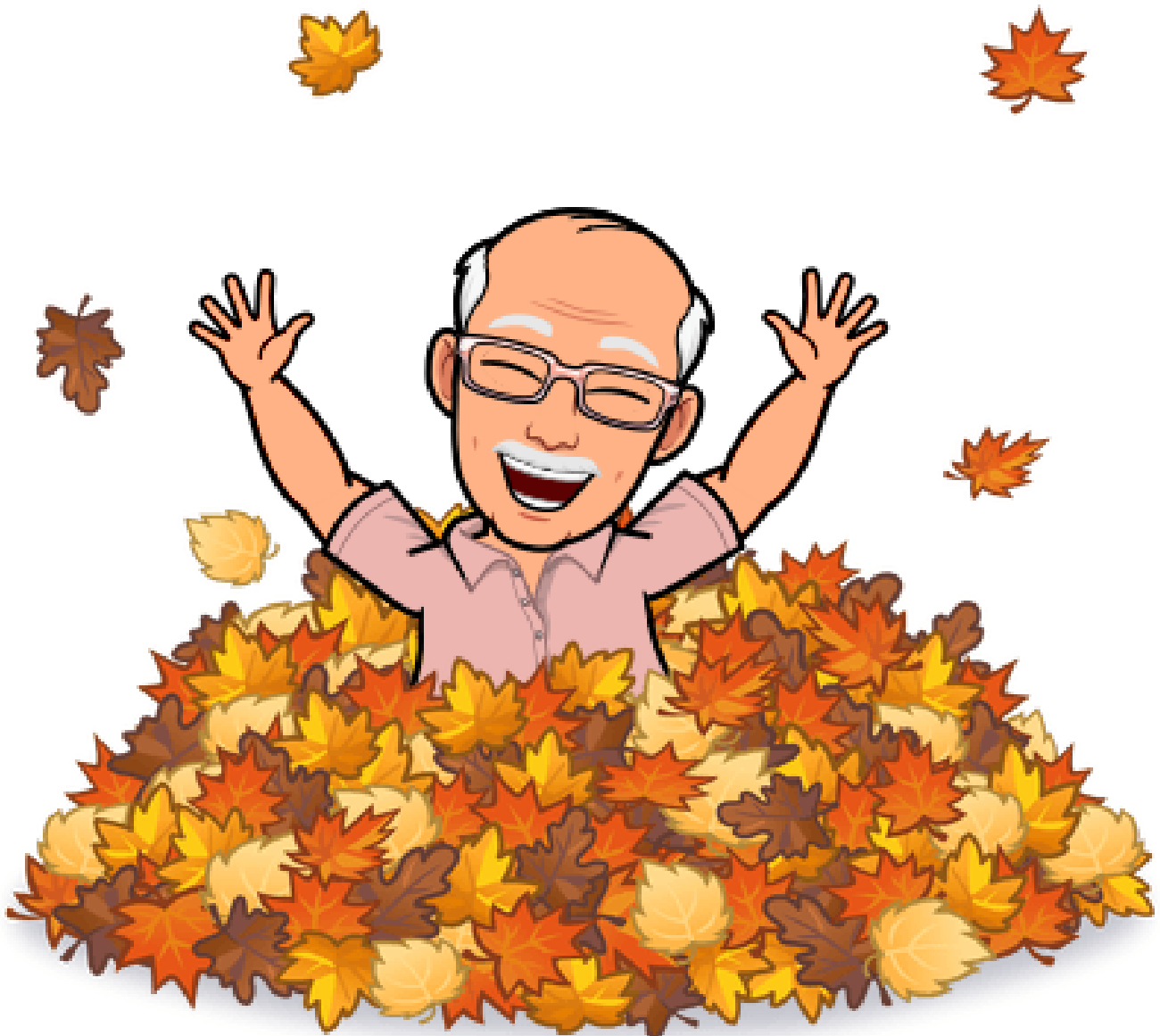
had high wind warnings of 65-mph steady and 75-mph gusts on my cell phone weather bug. Yes, that stuff is coming our way. I saw my first flakes after Labor Day 52 years ago on the “GI resort island.” (The goose bumps just rose on my arms. Hi.)

The XYL and I finally cleaned out our storage locker we were renting these past three years with our quick move to the apartment QTH. The old homestead QTH was sold this past March. The “son” got all the heavy junk out of the locker we could not handle this August. That left the light junk to sort and we were at it this past month of September. Now the containers with the important stuff need to be emptied and as a result the shack is a mess again. This last vestige of junk meant some revamping of the shack as well and moving “radio” stuff. This past Sunday's WARECS net my F1Digi MT63-2000L would not transmit with the shuffle. As of this typing, it still puzzles what the heck is going on with such a little change. I can hear “...more radio...” ringing in my ears right now. Hi. Those electronic gods sure like to keep my dander up! With almost no hair how can that be? Hi. This is another reason for the Tuesday DARC net to check and see if our equipment is working properly.

Enough rambling for this month. Enjoy the beautiful fall. Let's hope mother nature keeps the colors around as long as possible to enjoy and you can get out to enjoy the season too. With the daughter and "son's" camp in the Southern-Tier, I can feel like I am fall camping and enjoy the colors there and again as they creep north up our way. W2EVU has the benefit of seeing the last of the color change happening being right on Lake Ontario. Yes, that is true. Unfortunately a wedding kept the XYL and I from seeing the Adirondack colors this year.

Enjoy! Keep that "radio" balanced.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY  
Wayne RO/EC





EVERY TUESDAY 7PM.DARC NET on 146.745 (pl 71.9)  
repeater. Friendly rag chew and weather reporting.

EVERY SUNDAY 8:35 pm. WAREC RACES NET 146.685

EVERY SUNDAY 8pm SIARC NET 145.450

The New York QSO Party (NYQP) will be held on October 20 and  
details can be found at [www.nyqp.org](http://www.nyqp.org)

Jamboree on the Air is also held October 20 and 21 and there is always  
a contingent of hams that go to Boy Scout Camp Babcock Hovey in  
Ovid that weekend to operate at an annual camporee. Details can be  
found at <https://www.scouting.org/jota/>

October 30 and 31st. Pumpkin Patrol. Our annual protection of NY  
State Thruway overpasses to keep the spooks and goblins away.  
Contact Dave at [kb2kby@rochester.rr.com](mailto:kb2kby@rochester.rr.com) if you can help.

## October Program

Bill will be doing the October program on CPR/First Aid.

December- 911 Center program and Tour.

# Repeaters

Repeater Report October 2018

**146.685-** (Brantling) Pi image got scrambled trying to fix the autopatch feature. Signed up to VOIP.ms for BYOD service. There were many security issues in getting the service started. This service (VOIP.ms) has many cool options that we could use if we choose to? New image has AUTOSKY wx feature, which talks to National Weather Service to get alerts... Copied images for easy future backup/restore turn around.. Walter procured 2 new pi`s to help with these developments. Let me know if the audio levels are ok, and or any other quirks!

**146.745-** (Newark) Still suffers from interment interference, may need to work as a group to resolve the issue, figure out location of interference.. Will work up on backup image/pi in near future in case old PC Acid version fails. Will need to turn AC off and heaters on near end of the month. In spring we need to talk about replacing or sheeting over the shed floor!!  
(140 dollars)

**224.900-** (Newark) Little has been done recently with this machine; not sure if it's being linked on Friday nights...

**444.750-** (Brantling) Justin fixed Wires-X laptop, it was shutting off, probably due to Windows updates?

**443.250-** (Newark) Have spent much time improving RX on this machine, am able to hit it with 2 watts at my house and had cans looked at by Dave W2ACC (Thanks Dave).. Coverage will improve as the leaves come off, DMR, DStar, YSF, and analog working good... Use the dashboard to see what it's doing.. If you have any questions with it let me know.. Its capable of P25 but don't have it turned on as I don't have a P25 radio.. yet?

Dashboard URL

<http://wa2aaz.drumlinsarc.us:8191/>

**Misc:** Will need to re-new dues to UNYREPCO in my name, in December, cost is 20 dollars. I paid for it the past couple years. Always looking for people who would like to help out with the Repeaters!!!



# Board of Directors

# BOARD MINUTES

10/8/18 Call to Order 18:17

Attendees: KC2TCM, WD2STK, KD2DNO, KC2TNJ, K2MPE, Trista Hamill, Brenda Cook, WE2LEW, Nila Ellwanger, N2IZV, W2WBD

Treasurer: We are in good shape; we have had more income than expenses.

VE Team: Testing session is in October currently no individuals have registered.

Hamfest Committee: April 27, 2019 is the hamfest. August 17, 2019 will be the Drumlins Picnic. Field Day 2019 we are hoping to have a different location than the past couple years possibly Watkins Lodge again.

Program Committee: This month will be a meeting presentation by Bill. November is to be determined. December will be a 911 Presentation then there will be a tour of the 911 center.

ARES/RACES – Pumpkin patrol is coming up. Dave is in the process of finalizing the list. SET Drill will any weekend this month. SIARC was going to do one but were unable to do so,

Repeaters: We are working on getting a new amp, tuner and power supply. Repeater is also important, but George will work on whatever he can obtain.

We were asked if we want a Fusion Repeater, we will be asking for more information.

In the North Country, they are encountering a similar issue we encounter sometimes and it is believed to be an issue with desensing. Walt will be in contact with Jeff in regards to this.

Membership and Public Relations: CQ Magazine had some tips that may be helpful. The libraries would be receiving pamphlets and we have two individuals that have become members.

## ARES/RACES:

We will have a display from the Walmart in Newark from 11a -3p this Saturday.

The following Saturday at the Williamson library in conjunction with JOTA Bill will be presenting, any other help would be appreciated.

Pumpkin Patrol is coming up that 30th and 31st of October - Tuesday and Wednesday.

Old business: Jeff and Walt need to confer to get the trailer over to Jeff's house. The items are still inside the trailer, not certain if needs to be emptied.

N2IZV and W2WBD need to work together to determine a time and place to have the classes. Russ is thinking January/February period to start classes. Hopefully comes Apr they will be able to test.

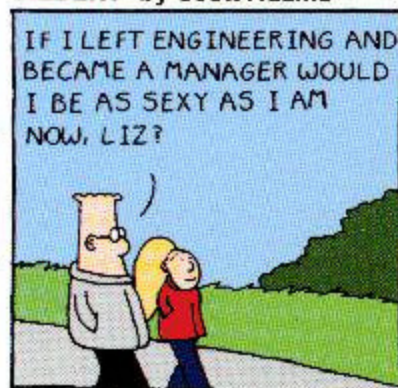
Thanks for the help with the Canaltown Parade. There were issues that need to be addressed it did not run as smoothly as expected in some situations other things were good. First time new coordinator, we will see what comes of communications with Dave and others.

New Business: NTR

Adjournment: 18:55

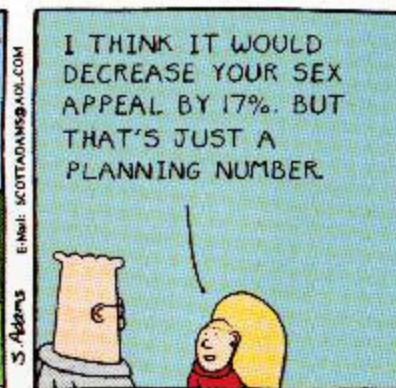
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"You never heard of a ham operator before?"





New Business: The October meeting is election  
of officers.

The following members have volunteered  
for positions  
for 2019. If you are interested in any  
of these positions  
please let Bill Tegtmeyer know.

Nominations will be accepted  
from the floor at the October meeting.

Bill Tegtmeyer KD2DNO President  
Rich Hamill KC2TNJ Vice President  
Nila Ellwanger Secretary  
Walter Dutcher N2ZVP Treasurer  
Jay Hamill KC2TCM Program Director  
Russell Harris W2JPT 1 yr Director  
Al Cook K2MPE 2 yr Director  
Lew Ellwanger WE2LEW 3 yr Director

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### 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

