

Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, Ltd.

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Drumlins' Rumblings

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THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

KD2DNO

We are getting ready to exit Fall and headed toward my least favorite time of the year. At least I'm going to exit for Southern exposures for awhile this winter, going on a Panama Canal cruise.

Our RACES/ARES activities have cosed up for another season. We had a great response to all our activities and hopefully we can come up with some new opportunities next year. If anyone has contact with any of the local festivals that occur around the County, please check with them or let me know who to talk to so we can set up opportunities to spread the word about Drumlins and Amateur Radio.

Our guardian angel, aka George Bastedo Director of Emergency Management, has helped us acquire a new amp, tuner and power supply for the HF radio at the shack. These improvements should help us increase our range. It might be fun to do some HF nets or activities at the shack. We'll need a small work party soon to get everything set up and rearranged as they are also due to set up new shelving in the shack.

Our new Board will take office in January. The changes include Nila Ellwanger beginning Secretary and Lew Ellwanger becoming a Director among with his duties handing membership and communications. Some of our local media had an article about our participation in Pumpkin Patrol thanks to Lew puting out a news release. My little Cube setting along a State Police SUV made it look like the State Police car had given birth to a baby SUV.

At November's regular meeting I will be reviewing some basic CPR and First Aid guides that we all should know. I also urge everyone to take a CPR and /or First Aid course. At the December regular meeting, Greg De Wolfe, Director of Wayne County 911 will put on a presentation of the updated 911 Center followed by a tour of the facility. It should be very interesting. I hope we can get a good turnout to meet Greg.

Some recognition as we start to wind down 2018 include our deepest thanks and gratitude to our retiring Secretary Sabrina Hamill who has carried out those duties for many years. Fortunately, Sabrina will remain as a Club Repeater Trustee and as an active member.

We also offer our thanks and gratitude to Justin Toarmino for his service as a Director for 3 years and his continued invaluable service on the Repeater committee. We are very fortunate to have valued members that also include Jeff Jensen who spends endless hours keeping our Repeaters working, and David Taylor who is our RACE /ARES Director and keeps track of all the hours the Club spends volunteering our time for so many events. There are many others I will recognize in future Korner reports. Let these folks know their efforts to support Drumlins and our Amateur Radio hobby are very appreciated. 73 until next month.. Bill KD2DNO

Editors Note: Sorry the newsletter is late! The time crept up on me. There have been construction guys in my house doing a bathroom renovation and I was concentrated on making sure the end result was in line with our wishes. (It was!) The November meeting has been cancelled due to weather and the holiday being the next day. Hopefully, things will return to normal now at my QTH! See you next month and thank you for your understanding! I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving full of Family, Friends and Food! -Lew (WE2LEW)



RACES-ARES NOVEMBER 2018

November!, already! As I type we have a little coating of that white stuff on the ground this morning with the grass peeking through. It will come to a time the peeking through will not be happening, so let's enjoy it when we can. (Gives you an idea when I was typing this article too for Lew. Hi.)

Since this is the time of the year we are thankful and gives thanks for the goodness of last year, let me start with the Pumpkin Patrol. Many thanks to both the DARC and SIARC volunteers for your time taken in any capacity: bridge sitters, NCS, substitutes, emergency rover. Yes, we did have a rover handy if there was a real emergency which the NCS each knew about. It is a long time to sit for the bridge sitters and NCS especially. Been there and done that. I've sat in every spot at one time or another at every bridge in all kinds of WX and NCS mostly at the Ontario County EOC RACES position so I can speak with authority. Hi. Boring? Yes. Long time to sit? Yes. Hoping "mother nature" cooperates more than one way for the night? Big YES! Hi. But believe me, I get a very personal email from my Troop T Pumpkin Patrol contact in which always he is very very thankful and indebted to our volunteering our time those two nights of Halloween. Those two nights for Troop T are the quietest two nights of the whole year along the entire Thomas E. Dewey Thruway system. That is a fact and no joke. You ARE appreciated for volunteering your precious time!

TNX and FB to:KA2HOZ, KB2NCI, KA1CNF, KC2TNJ, KB2FSB, KD2LGE, N0EK, WD2STK, KC2TCM, KD2LBM, WB2VMR, N2IZV, W2WES, W2WBD, KD2DNO, N2DIT, KD2FCX, KD2AVK, WE2LEW and his XYL, Nila, KC2RZM, N2MKT and W2ODD. Whew! Lots of callsigns there for my poor typing hands. Hi. The only ops who did two nights volunteered to do so to escape the 'trick or treat-ers' at their QTHs. Can't blame them for that. I got three new volunteers to add to my list for next year. Doing the setup stuff for the Pumpkin Patrol has been easier for me too with the emailing of everything which I will do in the future as well. Guess you can teach an old horse new tricks after all. Hi. All mentioned should get a nice mailed certificate from the Thruway Authority as an appreciation for volunteering in whatever capacity.

Since Thanksgiving is just after our November meeting, this is a good time for DARC to be thankful in our RACES-ARES duty. Please see the attached headline article taken from the Adirondack newspaper clipping describing the installation of the "...new communications tower." I have met all three (3), yes, three of the amateurs of Hamilton County in my visits to ADK Country who helped with this project. The project is to help with emergency comms for the northern Hamilton and Herkimer Counties and the eastern part of Lewis County.

For those locations McCauley Mountain is the highest point and has had a communications tower. However RACES-ARES shared the tower with 911, emergencies services, and all three police agencies: police, sheriff, troopers. Yes, you bet!, intermod city! Too many antennae, too close together and a big problem if used at the same time on the one only tower. (Although all the antennas of our Wayne County EMO are spaced better, this could be a problem for agencies using the roof antennas all at once as well.) Since the three northern counties have no nuclear plant in their boundary, they have no effective EMO, no communications director and therefore no funding.

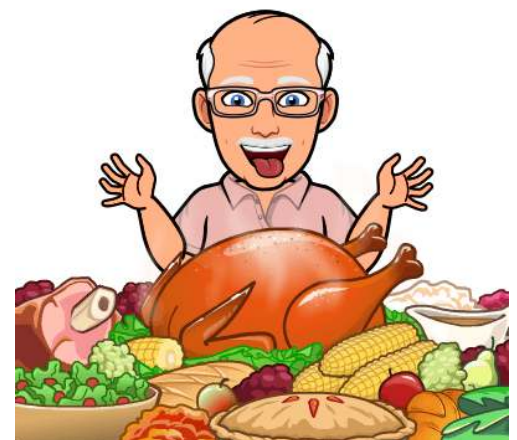
As you know the XYL and I love this part of the ADK and it is where we escape to when we want to “get out of Dodge.” Camping up there with my family since 1983 and us two lovebirds have continued camping until “Arthur” got me and now we “camp” in Thendera in at our favorite motel. Us “flatlanders” must be thankful to then Governor “Teddie” Roosevelt for his foresight preserving the land in many of our State conservation parks for us common folk. As Vice President, North Creek got on the map trying to find Teddie on a hunting trip when President McKinley was shot in 1901. There is a nice exhibit in North Creek Railroad Depot Museum, train and all, if you get a chance to be there where you can see that chapter of US History. Of course, it is Teddie as President who is instrumental in the National Park System being created. Somewhere on my Mother's side of the family there is a “connection” with Teddie and FDR through the Walker family lineage. Let's say it is very minute at best and I've never been invited to Teddie's brownstone in NYC or FDR's Hyde Park on the Hudson River. I can say I waved at Hyde Park while on the train to NYC once. You can just barely see it if it is winter and all the leaves are gone off the trees. Hi. Oooops!, I better get away from the history lesson and stop the “bird walking.” (Doc's harmonic, David, I found out one time likes reading my “hysterical” lessons, as Jan's Dad called history lessons. Dad was our 7th grade social studies teacher in junior high. It was Dad who probably influenced most my becoming a social studies teacher as well. Dad a great sense of humor. He had a comment on Jan's handwritten report card, back in 'ancient times' when that was done, of “Poor sloppy student, ECM” (a.k.a. Ernest C. Manske). Of course, Jan, my XYL, was nothing near a sloppy student and knew it was a joke she still revels in to this day. So, David, I hope you paying attention to this all! Hi. At least I know Doc and David read my columns. Hi.)

I have seen the three hams mentioned selling 50/50 prize tickets at events to fund this new tower. It took six years to do it! I've contributed some "bucks" myself. To see this accomplishment achieved getting the necessary funds and the tower completed, wow!, we better be thankful at this time of the year for our George Bastedo! We're having an EMO work day in the future for the HF amp George helped us with and finally getting shelving in the electrical room, a.k.a. Shack. That is the most recent help thanks to George. Our RACES support in the past has been minimal or almost nonexistent, so for this month with Thanksgiving Day, we as a club and RACES-ARES supporters, you better give thanks to George. George's Dad, who was a ham, has been a big influence on George I am sure with his trust in what we do. Thanks, George!, for your support.

Yes!, be thankful, DARC members. We are appreciated for our volunteering and, please continue to be faithful in the future. Happy Thanksgiving to you, your families and friends.

88 & 73, Dave KB2KBY

P.S. I am sorry, but I will not be at the November meeting. (I'm staying away from the SIARC meeting as well.) I am staying home at the Q'TH away from the public until I have my cataract surgery the Monday before the meeting. I'm staying away from those "germans," as I pull the leg of my mostly German XYL, referring to those public germs. My Dad, who also had a good sense of humor, called Jan "the german monster teacher" when she started out teaching second grade in 1968. She was not the monster but the kids by the way. Hi. When dads kid their kids, you know you're loved. I am not taking any chances with getting an infection in my compromised body.





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

December Program

December- 911 Center program and Tour.

NOTES:

- 1). If winter weather requires cancelation of a meeting, the afternoon of the meeting we will make announcements via Facebook, Twitter and our Drumlines website. We will also make intermittent announcements on 146.685 and possibly on 146.745.
- 2). The Board has decided to meet only every other month unless there is a need to conduct business. We will not have A December Board meeting, and starting in January the Board will meet every other month on the Monday of the week preceeding the Club Wednesday meeting. Contact any member of the Board for more information or if you have business the Board needs to consider.
- 3). Starting probably with the February club meeting, we will be meeting at the EMO but on the second floor in the large Command Center room (where the Radio Shack is located). There will be construction requiring the County to use the first floor meeting room for offices for about one year. The downstairs door will be unlocked until 8pm. If you come late (after 8pm)you may not be able to get in the building.
- 4) The Radio Shack has been reorganized with new shelving and our new amplifier, Auto tuner and power supply. Remember, anyone removing any equipment for any reason must sign it out and sign back in using the clipboard on the storage cabinet

Repeaters

Repeater Report November 2018

Club Machines

146.685-(analog/allstar/echolink) Bill and George are working to get a replacement repeater.. Even though it has been working fine it is 13 years old and it would be nice to have a spare in case it suddenly failed... George has been great supporting us!! Been working great as far as I can tell.. Autopatch tested!

146.745-(analog/allstar/YSF/echolink) Replaced a couple nickel connectors to silver ones to try and eliminate any potential desense issues....Seemed to work fine for Pumpkin Patrol.. Sandy and Tom did very good job as NCS.. Need to check on heaters in shed before the white stuff falls.... Autopatch tested!

444.750-(analog/allstar/wires-x/Dstar/YSF) Nothing new to report... haven't heard a lot of Digital traffic but have heard some using analog users...

224.900- (analog/allstar)Nothing to report..

Affiliated Machines

443.250-(analog/DMR/YSF/Dstar)- Improved coverage ..

927.2125 TX /902.2125 RX—Report of great coverage from Lodi to auburn etc You can get Motorola radios off from Ebay and the seller will program to freq for you before they ship it . Note the 25mhz split pl is 82.5
STU KC2KJO is looking for a cheap dualband mobile if anyone has one please get with him..Thanks

*****Need to schedule work party for New HF amp at the EMO and to have a quick Repeater committee meeting at the same time perhaps!!! If anyone wants to play with any features our repeaters can do and not sure how to do it let me know!!! WE have a lot of toys that's can be used!!**

Board of Directors

BOARD MINUTES

10/17/18

Attendees: KC2TNJ, Trista Hamill, N2DIT, ABB2F, KD2DNO, NoEK, KC2TCM, WD2STK, KB2FSB, N2MKT, K2MPE, Brenda Cook, W2WBD, KC2KJO

The nominations for the positions for the board were approved by

Motioned by KC2TNJ 2nd by: K2MPE

The slate was approved by KC2TNJ and 2nd by NoEK Approved Unanimously.

11/12/18 18:30

Attendees: KC2TCM, WD2DTK, KD2DNO, W2WBD, KC2TNJ, K2MPE, Brenda Cook, Trista Hamill

Registration on trailer has been renewed. Jeff is to be repaid for the coordination fee for the repeater. Motioned by K2MPE and 2nd by KC2TNJ

Hamfest flier is ready, we need to get ahold of Gene and Rich with the dates. We also have that date and flier ready so comes Jan. Field Day 2019 location is still TBD. Spring fling will still need to be determined.

Meeting Program:

Nov 2018 - CPR/First Aid Program

Dec 2018 - 911 Dispatch Meeting

Jan 2019 – TBD

Testing is not until December. N2IZV and W2WBD will be doing classes at the library but we need to pull together more information.

For the board meeting, there is an intention to have a meeting every other month. The odd months, next meeting will be January.

There will be a work day on Wednesday to get things organized over at the EMO.

The 685 repeater, we will be looking for a backup repeater. We should talk to Ginna to see if they can be of assistance.

No December Board Of Directors Meeting

Adjournment @ 19:14 Motioned by: KC2TNJ 2nd by: K2MPE

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Storm Spotter

 A US National Weather Service and Amateur Radio Volunteer Program



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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

