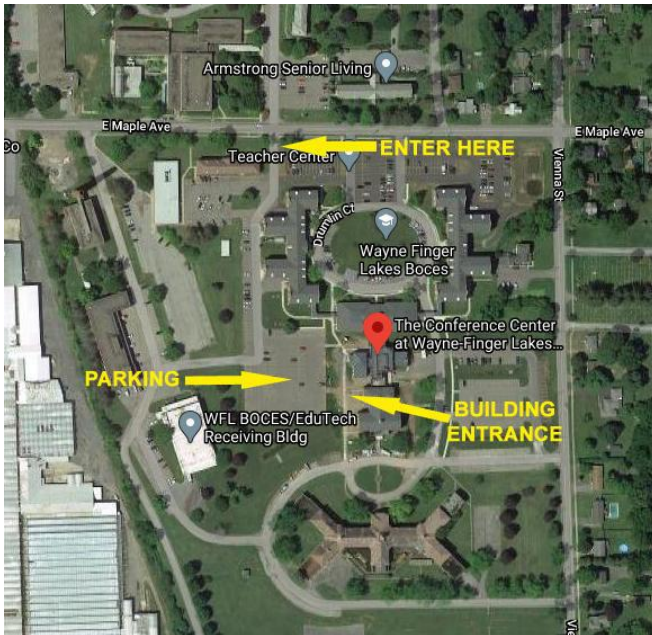


# "DRUMLINS RUMBLINS"-MAY 2021

We're back meeting at the **CONFERENCE CENTER** at **WAYNE FINGER LAKES**  
131 DRUMLIN COURT  
NEWARK NY 14513  
**WEDNESDAY MAY 19th 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.



**Remember to bring some cash for your coffee and Trista's "super good" goodies to eat!**



## PRESIDENT'S KORNER

We survived April showers, now bring on the flowers.

We are still planning Hamfest for Oct 2. Please set some time aside to help the club with this great event. We usually have around 300 visitors. We still have to keep our fingers crossed as to what the rules will be but it would appear now things are opening up more and more. Keep that date along with the possibility of Ginna drills on July 27 and August 24. I hope we can find some activities to get us together. We still are planning on the summer picnic on August.

Club meeting will be at the BOCES Conference Center in Newark of Wed May 19. Vice President Rick Hamill will chair the meeting. My big move into Rochester will be on May 18 so I'll be a little tied up. Rich heads up and manages many of our club activities and Trish supplies the delicious scones at our meetings. Masks are required by BOCES.

He's also working on Field Day with SIARC. Check with him to get a Field Day T Shirt. The club is subsidizing \$5 toward the price.

My time is winding down. Club elections come up in October. We need folks to step up to fill Board and Club positions. I will be ending my three terms as President so consider stepping up into one of the leadership roles in the club. Contact myself or any board member for more information.

Stay safe.

Bill Tegtmeyer KD2DNO

President, Drumlins Amateur Radio Club of Wayne County NY

## Field Day 2021 Update

SIARC & DARC members,

We had a Field Day planning meeting Saturday morning May 8th. The Ontario Fire Training center where SIARC has their meetings will be the location. Masks, temperature testing and social distancing will be observed.

In order to figure out the size of the layout (number of stations, antennas) and (type and amount of food) we'd like to get a pretty firm count on the number of members that plan to attend Field Day in person, either Saturday or Sunday or both.

Since we won't have the availability of a kitchen, dining room and very limited refrigerator space we're planning on scaling down the food. The clubs will purchase the food, snacks, drinks and split the cost.

**Please reply to this email by June 1st if you plan on attending Field Day in person....**

Remember the same rules will be in effect like last year where you can operate from home and submit your log as part of the clubs total. Looking forward the Field Day 2021.

73, Rich KC2TNJ and Tom KB2NCI



## RACES-ARES MAY 2021

I apologize once again for the confusion with the COMEX 21-2! I was hoping there would be more participation reaching out to the ham community this time for sure. BUT-it sure didn't happen. :-{( I'm getting scared of "crying wolf" so much I will be ignored when the real "wolf," a.k.a. COMEX comms, comes around. I sure am getting a little peeved as well. MARS sent all this "stuff" for the new 60m sked I put in the April newsletter's RACES-AREAS column thinking it was a for sure thing this time. +^!>\*%#@\$@=[!!! By the time COMEX got done with the voice portion of the exercise I think comms with hams was out of the question. As far as I know there were no Thursday, Friday or Saturday 60m nets. (Right, N2IZV?)

Yes, the COMEX this time, the biggest effort was on voice comms only-meaning-no internet, cell phone and digital communication-zip! On the HF frequencies, it was difficult. Any one of you that has called into the Sunday 9:00AM RACES HF net knows all too well. HF with conditions as they are now is not easy to say the least. The messages were cut to pieces by QSB and mostly read too fast. Things improved as the COMEX went on. It looks like voice will be used more in future COMEXs. It showed a weakness MARS comms. Any of you DARC members that check into the RACES Sunday evening nets knows this is why we always start the net with the basic communication of voice. MARS has gotten out of the habit of voice.

\*\*\*\*\* REMEMBER: The 60m MARS nets on Channel 1 USB at noon, 1200L, on the first Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each month. \*\*\*\*\* Try this net starting in June! NCS will have a AAR2?? call sign. It may be even my MARS CW op, Dick, AAR2BE. He encouraged me to tell you report into the net. The NCS is to report the call-in ops signal strength of all checkins to MARS to get an idea of where and how effective the area coverage is. Please, do check in when you can. I will be.

See you next month. 73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

## DARC PROGRAM

At the April DARC meeting a handout was passed out on the new FCC radiation policy which hams have to coply to by May 3, 2023. Here is a screenshot of the ARRL site on this issue.



Even before the April meeting got started it was determined a club program on the new FCC regulations would be appreciated. Luckily we have Steve, KA1CNF; Jeff, N2MKT and Rich, KC2TNJ on a program for this month's meeting. Our thanks to Steve, Jeff, and Rich!!!!

## **ARMED FORCES CROSS BAND TEST!**

Both Tom, KB2NCI, and myself sent out club emails for the Armed Forces cross band exercise celebrating Armed Forces Day 2021. Lloyd, KB2FSB, was kind enough to email his QSO info and his XYL was kind to take a picture of Lloyd operating as well.



Lloyd's "shack" is sure neater than mine. Hey, look at the TS-520 Lloyd used for the QSO. Here is what Lloyd sent in his email: "Hi Dave. Made 3 QSOs yesterday 08 May 2021 for AFD (Armed Forces Day) picture included as requested. The first was a SSB contact on 60 meters (5.330.500 kHz) with station NSS , Op. Frank (US Naval Academy Annapolis, MD) and again on CW Op. Unknown on (7.533.500 kHz / 7.030.000 kHz) later in the afternoon (He slowed down for me, really great!!!). Then made a SSB contact with station NAF, Op. Dave which was supposed to be the Newport Naval Radio Station Museum in Newport, RI on 40 meters (7.542.000 kHz / 7.275.000kHz), however ended up being in Johnston, RI due to technical problems with the original station. Fun time with new experiences using VFO A/B."



P.S. Poor KB2FSB has to give in to my queries of "You got anything for me for the newsletter?," any time some contest is going on. TNX, Lloyd, for putting up with me. :-{)

## **REPEATER REPORT - APRIL**

My apologies to Jeff, N2MKT, for the late publishing of his April repeater report. With the MARS stuff I had in the April newsletter, I thought I would let his report wait or I forgot. Hi hi, honestly I don't remember. Anyway here is Jeff's report:

[Repeater Report May 2021](#)

146.685-SteveKA1CNF is hosting a feed to Broadcastify for 685 and the other Drumlins Repeaters, thanks Steve for this efforts!

146.745- still have heaters active in shed, did an update to AllStar , had a report from Steve KA1CNF that the WX program was stuck in a loop, but it self-resolved after a while, thanks to Steve for noticing. Andrew noticed that Echolink wasn't working, so I was able to remotely reboot the server..

444.750- Steve Ka1CNF linked the repeater to the "Last Man Standing Finale" special event they were having... Curious who else participated-I believe this was in YSF mode.

224.900- nothing new

I want to call who notify me when things are not working, I do my best to resolve them, with the time I have available!! This is my "busy" time of year to get my honey-do-lists done. I've been busy re-roofing my residence, between the rain drops, added a new covered front porch, and plan some hardline replacements on my towers... On top of that the wife was T-boned in her new to her Grand Cherokee, so fighting with the insurance company has been stressful! I'm hoping to get caught up so I can relax this summer and enjoy some radio time! 73, Jeff-N2MKT

## For Sale

Yall,  
I'm selling my ft100- HF/VHF/UHF. YAESU 100w on hf, 50w on 2m, 35w on 70cm radio... I've upgraded to an Icom 705 and don't need this radio anymore... I primarily used this radio as an IF radio for my microwave stuff... it comes with service manual and Cat cable... I'm asking 300 for it and I also have a Signalink box for 50 dollars... this would be a great first radio, an all in 1 radio....

Thanks, Jeff-N2MKT 315.879.1588



## FINAL HAPPY NOTE!



**US Strategic Command Releases  
Cryptic Tweet, Turns Out To Be  
Something More Obvious**

[By Jack Dunhill 31 Mar 2021, 14:45](#)

The Twitter account for the US Strategic Command - that is, the governing body in control of the US' nuclear missiles – captured the internet's interest a few days ago after releasing a cryptic Tweet that appeared to be plain gibberish. Given their high status and strategic role in the military, many internet users put on their code-breaking caps and set about postulating about what it could possibly mean.

Hilariously, though, there was a far more harmless explanation – the Twitter account manager's young toddler mashed a bunch of keys and sent the Tweet out accidentally.

The jumbled message was sent out on 28th March, reading just “;l;;gmlxzssaw”. Could it be a secret code, message or set of coordinates? Could it be the result of Command? You can be sure Twitter



was going to find out.

[March 29, 2021](#)

Quickly, users began joking about what the message could possibly be. Some joked it could be the nuclear launch codes, others explained that it [must've been a cat](#); some even joked it was a message from the [late Elvis Presley](#).

Of course, some took it more seriously than others. Twitter user [Alex Kaplan](#) picked up some chatter amongst QAnon influencers, who are followers of a far-right conspiracy theory involving Donald Trump, that the message could in-fact a cryptic code involving the acquittal of 'Q'. These people run the message through a cryptogram identifier, which runs the message through a database of ciphers to try and decode it, although when we tried it, we just got 'unknown format', so we aren't entirely sure how these interpretations were gained.

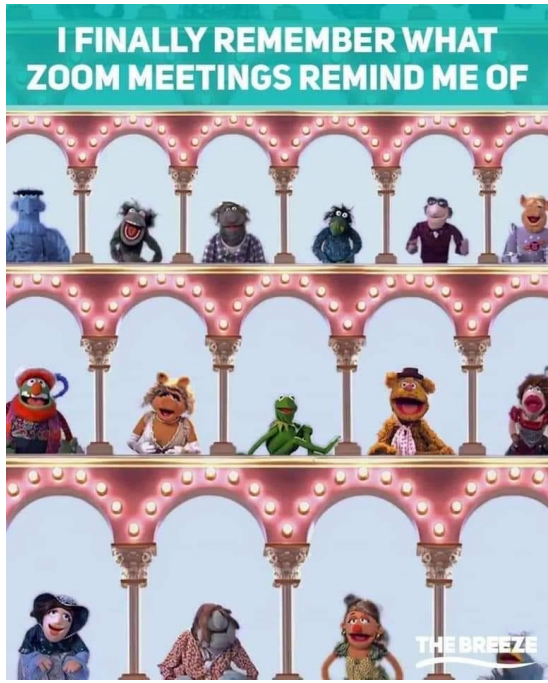
Others questioned whether the US Stratcom account was hacked, which would be quite a serious situation.

“The Command's Twitter manager, while in telework status, momentarily left the Command's Twitter account open and unattended. His very young child took advantage of the situation and started playing with the keys and unfortunately, and unknowingly, posted the tweet. Absolutely nothing nefarious occurred, i.e., no hacking of our Twitter account. The post was discovered and notice to delete it occurred telephonically.” the officer said in a statement to Thalen.

In all fairness, this is clearly a very tech-savvy toddler who follows in their father's footsteps, so credit where credit is due.

[[Editor's note](#): Darn cute! [Watch out for your cat too, K2MPE!](#)]

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How confounded true!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Hi hi!!!!!!!!!!!!!! See you next month. 73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY