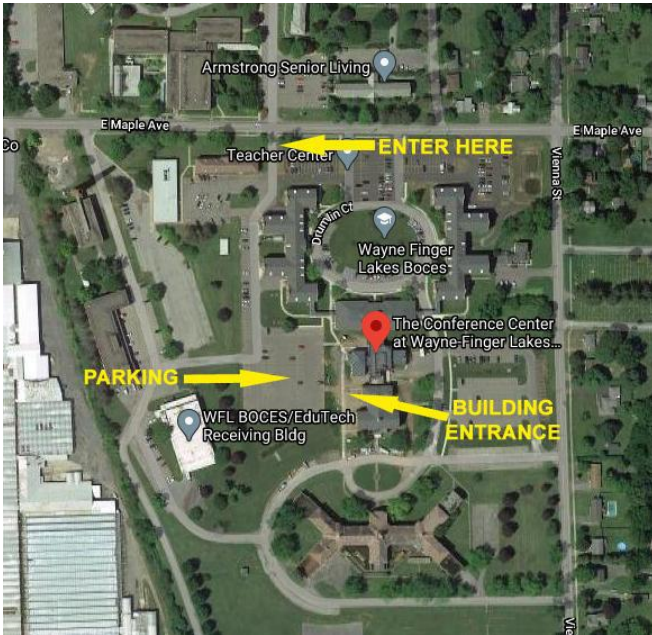


"DRUMLINS RUMBLINS"-FEBRUARY 2022

WE'RE meeting at the **CONFERENCE CENTER** at **WAYNE FINGER LAKES**
131 DRUMLIN COURT
NEWARK NY 14513

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 16th MEETING START 7:30PM
GALA OR EMPIRE ROOM



YEAR of the TIGER

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. **MASKS ARE REQUIRED** as we are guests of their facility. Once seated you may take off your masks. TNX.



Remember we have coffee, soda and Trista's "super" goodies to eat!





PRESIDENT'S KORNER

Happy Second Snow Storm of the Season!! I read that Rochester is the #1 among large cities for snowfall in February. Wow, what did we do to deserve that??

In response to the cold and snow, I, Fearful Leader, am abandoning the Empire State for the warmth of the Caribbean and New Orleans for next 3 weeks. Your extremely able and capable Vice President Rich KC2TNJ will manage club affairs and the Feb meeting.

I feel horrible about leaving y'all with this snow but...life's tough hi hi.

We've purchased a new amplifier for the 224.900 repeater. This is a very underutilized repeater and this new amp should increase its footprint so hopefully once it's installed, we can get more 220 folks on board. We'll let you know when it's installed and up and running.

I must apologize to those who showed up for the January meeting to find BOCES locked up. The next day, BOCES emailed me and apologized. Covid is affecting everyone and apparently they were short staffed and the person who normally is at the Conference Center wasn't there. Quick thinking Ham's (which is what Ham's do..improvise) quickly moved to the EMO. Hopefully that won't be the case for the Feb 16 meeting which is still scheduled for BOCES in Newark. Watch Facebook our website www.drumlinsarc.us and listen to 146.685 for any changes, especially weather cancellations prior to the meeting.

Rob K2VPE is a fairly new member, recently retired and experienced with website. He has been reviewing our current website and has done some nice changes to the look. Check it out at www.drumlinsarc.us. Let us know how you like it and any features or changes you might like. No promises but Rob will see what he can do. Currently, you can print up your current membership card but not all the information is on it. Many thanks to Rob for his help.

I'd like to start featuring a member or two each month so we can get to know more about each other. Perhaps one long standing member (I don't want to say "old" member hi hi), and one newer member. After I get home, I'll see who's interested in helping post a little bio. If you are interested, send me an email... kd2dno@gmail.com .

Adios, Au Revoir...I'll check in with you in March. Please stay safe and sane and get on the air this month.





RACES-ARES FEBRUARY 2022



Yes, Dave, missed the WARECS net Sunday January? Gosh, which Sunday night was that? Oh ya, January 23rd! Naughty naughty! But I tried! I really did! Hi hi.

The XYL and I were invited to dinner party that evening for our 'god son' that evening. His Mom taught just one room from my XYL's second grade room at the Brooks Hills School in Fairport and the XYL's best teaching friend. When her teacher friend had kids we were honored to be Jeff's "god parents." We are called pseudo "aunt" and "uncle" and same for XYL's friend.

This friendship was long before the XYL and I were even married so she was an XL as "Miss Manske." Yea, this was ancient history even before kids, I was just out of the Army, going to college on the GI Bill and the XYL starting her teaching career right out of Geneseo. Manske was a good German name. It was suppose to have the German "oom-low" (sp?), over the "e" but of course our American-English alphabet had no such thing. So it came to be pronounced as "Man-ski." I thought this nice sweet smiled and blue-eyed blonde I had noticed many years earlier was at first Polish. Hi hi. Not that it mattered as the XYL's parents were here in the late 1800s and were Americans, period. But my Dad, who was a naturalized citizen from England and later Canada, loved to tease my XYL and nicknamed her the "German Monster Teacher." Not that she was the monster but the school kids were that she taught were "monsters." My XYL thought Dad meant she was the monster. Hi hi.

Usually we saw our god son with his mom and sister more than once in two years. Of course Covid prevented a lot of gatherings, as we all know. After trying to get together before Christmas, it happened that January 23rd was the easiest time we all could get together. There was a Bills football game going the same Sunday. What was to be a 3:00PM get together to start ended up being a 5:30PM start. The other couple attending the dinner were running late as well.

I knew I would not get back in time for the either the Ontario or Wayne RACES nets. So I contacted N2IZV, Rus, for taking NCS and KB2FSB, Lloyd, for ANCS. All was arranged. And I did not until after the nets. I didn't know N2IZV had radio problems (Those darn "electronic gods!"), and Rus called KB2NCI, Tom, to be NCS at the last minute.

I don't know all the time frame of these happenings but it has proved one sure thing. The WARECS net needs more help with NCS especially so someone other than this "voice" is not heard all the time!

Times like this shows members must step up. If it came to be called out for an emergency others may have to "take the ball." All RACES members should have the SOP and be able to do the NCS and ANCS positions. As I have been saying, heck, you can't make any more mistakes than I have or goofed things up either. You just do it. Hi hi. I have always told you of my XYL's saying, "You got 'radio' tonight?" There are times that "radio" connotation does slide a little to the negative side doing the nets every Sunday. So, I keep mentioning this has

to be done and kept the suggestions going out to the membership. According to Tom's email I read the next morning, things on the net were a little confusing, late getting started and late being done even with just a voice message. Need I say any more? Please, think seriously to volunteer. You don't have to be gabber like me to do it. We are all in this together to help the public so it is a team effort. Each just by our self we are no help at all.



My thanks to Tom and Lloyd, KB2NCI and KB2FSB, for stepping up to the plate and taking over the WARECS net!

73 & 88, Dave, KB2KBY

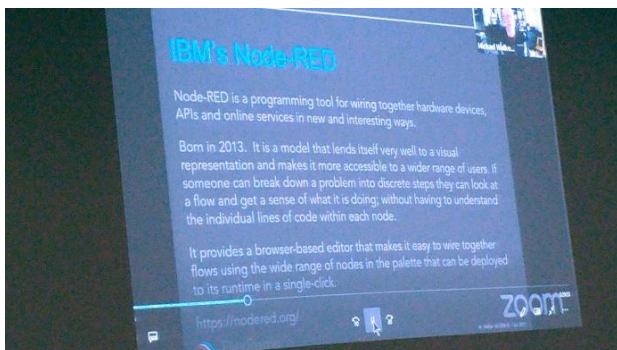


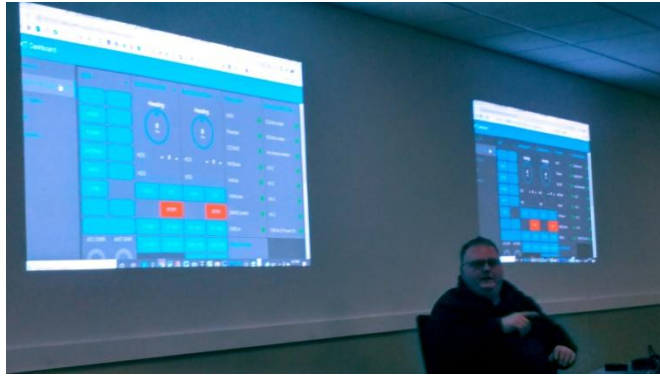
P.S. Hope you enjoyed the Super Bowl time off. I know I did! Hi hi. I sure did! The son was disappointed his Bengals didn't win. It was a nice close game. My XYL was yelling like crazy! Hi hi. She is always rooting for the "underdog." One of her lovely quirks that are endearing.

DARC PROGRAM

The program Wednesday will be the final chapter of the "Enigma" historical discussion from other meetings. The breaking of the Enigma "machine" is really only part of a bigger story. So you have to see things in context. Sorry, it is the history teacher in me. Hi hi. Hopefully a little surprise for KC2TNJ, Rich, too. "Talks too much Dave" might be quieter after this program. Hi hi.

We thank Jeff, N2MKT, for his program on the Node-RED remote program. Thank heavens with our adaptability using radio communication, as everyone coming to the meeting managed to hear the change of the meeting place, as KD2DNO, Bill mentioned in his "President's Korner."





Jeff is amazing with all this remote stuff he does. He is amazing, period! How he has time for all this "radio" is also amazing. I had to giggle a little as as I have said Morse code is a miracle to me. But the idea an "apartment" dweller like me has a chance to get out more sure would be a blessing. I do thank Jeff for taking the time out of his busy "sked" to finally get my RS-BA1 Icom programmed for my IC7300. Jeff is a good "elmer" and I will admit the remote programming is sure not as easy as the "directions" say. Without Jeff I would not have a prayer. Hi hi. Jeff, thanks! Like Doc, AB2F, I guess this "new" ham stuff is just out of this world to me like him. This mean we're getting older? Hi hi.

KB2NCI SIARC "HEALTH and WELFARE" NET

Believe it or not, but KB2NCI, Tom, is still NCS for the weekday nights health and welfare nets at 8:00PM (2000hrs), on the 146.820 repeater (110.9 input). Only the SIARC meeting night the second Wednesday is the exception. Tom will ask for Ontario County areas first and then ask for checkins outside of Ontario County.
GIVE THE NET A TRY. IT IS FUN.

FINAL NOTES

KC2TNJ gave me this article from the League about FD2022:



Some New Rules Going into Effect this Year for ARRL Field Day

02/09/2022

After taking a few detours over the past couple of years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, [ARRL Field Day](#) rules are being updated on a permanent basis starting this summer. ARRL conducted a Field Day community survey with invitations propagated far and wide, and direct emails sent to more than 15,000 individuals and ARRL-affiliated clubs. After sorting through, reviewing, and discussing the survey results, the ARRL Programs and Services Committee recommended a number of rule changes for ARRL Field Day, which will take place this year over the June 25 – 26 weekend.

Starting this year, the maximum PEP output for a transmitter used by anyone submitting a Field Day log will be 100 W. The power multiplier of 2 will remain in place, and the high-power category will be removed from the rules. Until this year, the maximum low-power limit had been 150 W for most ARRL-sponsored operating events. The power multiplier will remain at 5 for QRP participants running a maximum of 5 W or less. As previously announced, 100 W is now the low-power category limit for all ARRL and IARU HF Contests, effective January 1, 2022.

A couple of changes instituted initially as accommodations for the COVID-19 pandemic will remain. Class D (Home) stations will continue to be able to earn points for contacts with other Class D stations. The club aggregate scoring change initiated in 2020 as a temporary measure will become part of the permanent rules. In the aggregate scoring plan, the scores of individual stations are combined under the score of a single club.

Another change, involving Rule 7.3.2 Media Publicity, has been modified. Rules to date have offered 100 bonus points for attempting to obtain publicity and demonstrating same. With the ease of posting via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and various other media websites, Field Day participants will now be required to obtain publicity, not just try to do so. Any combination of bona fide media hits would qualify for the bonus points. For example, posting the details of your upcoming or ongoing Field Day activity, or your Field Day results, on a club or news media site, on Facebook, or via Twitter and Instagram would meet the bonus criteria. Photos and videos are encouraged as part of media posts.



Okay! That groundhog saw his shadow February 2nd! So guess what? Yes, 9 more weeks of winter before spring. Hi hi. Our four stick characters of Santa, Christmas tree, snowman and penguin are still buried in the snow even after our days of temps above freezing. Poor guys. The Christmas tree star was showing but the 4" of fluff that came today just covered the star up, again. Funny as the snow on the ground melted but the snow that goes up the wall here still seems to escape the thawing. But as the saying goes on the morning weekday 715-repeater net at



7:30AM, "...it is a day closer to spring."
used quickly:

Hi hi. Guess this "guy" will have to be put where it can be



Hi hi. No joke. (Jeff N2MKT's invention? Where's the UUUUHF antenna?)



I should get a pair for my XYL! Hi hi.