

"DRUMLINS RUMBLINS"-OCTOBER 2022

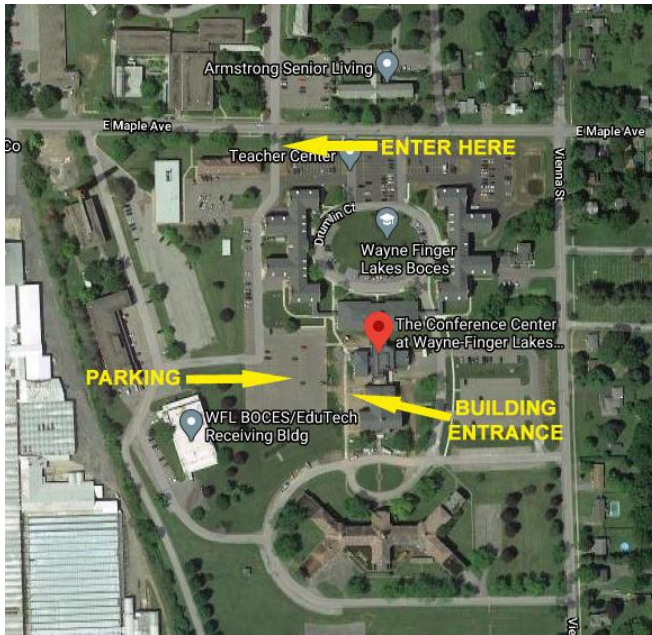
WE'RE meeting at the **CONFERENCE CENTER at WAYNE FINGER LAKES**

131 DRUMLIN COURT

NEWARK NY 14513

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19th MEETING START 7:30PM

GALA OR EMPIRE ROOM



OUR LAST TIME HERE!

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 NOT REQUIRED.



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

PRESIDENT'S KORNER

Welcome to Real Fall...seems like the day after the Equinox our temperatures dropped into Fall weather. I hope that means we can have a long Fall and short Winter...right.

The Board met this week and made several decisions:

1. We will reinstate the \$10 yearly dues for regular membership. Lifetime memberships are available for a one time only charge of \$100. The Club has not charged membership dues for the past two years but its time to resume some normality. Many clubs have higher dues so Drumlins is still a bargain. Your due's help support the club maintenance of the repeaters and equipment.

2. We will have the October meeting on October 19 at our usual 7 pm at the Newark BOCES Conference Center. However, due to staffing issues there, we may resume meeting at the EMO beginning in November. Stay tuned for more information. November we will be going to the Wayne County EMO for meetings.

3. Wayne County EMO had ordered a repeater to replace the 146.685 which is getting to 20 years old. It's still functional but will need replacement sooner than later. Due to an unfortunate mixup, we received a repeater than can be used but does not have the functionality of our current repeater. WE will be able to keep the repeater to be used as a mobile repeater in the trailer or elsewhere and as a backup in case of a failure of the 685 repeater. Jeff Jensen, Repeater Chairman, has provide the EMO with the corrected specifications and they will re-order the correct repeater possibly this year or next year depending on funding. We are also looking at replacing the antenna at Brantling at the same time, which the EMO is going to purchase. We are the backup communication system for Wayne County which is why the EMO is so helpful with this equipment. The equipment Wayne County purchases remains their property, we keep it under our watchful eyes.

4. Dave Taylor, RACES/ARES Chairman for many years has agreed to step up into the President position. I appreciate Dave taking on this position. He has many years with Drumlins and will provide excellent leadership for our Club.

5. The October meeting will be Club elections. The Club will provide the following: David Taylor, President; Richard Hamill, Vice President; Rob Schutt, Secretary, Steve Verzulli, Treasurer, Andre Meyer Director, Russ Harris, Director. We have an opening for Program Chairman still which is a very necessary function. At the October meeting, anyone can put themselves forward for office, or nominate someone else for any office. The slate the Board puts forward is advisory only.

I look forward to a good attendance to help determine the future direction of Drumlins.

73,

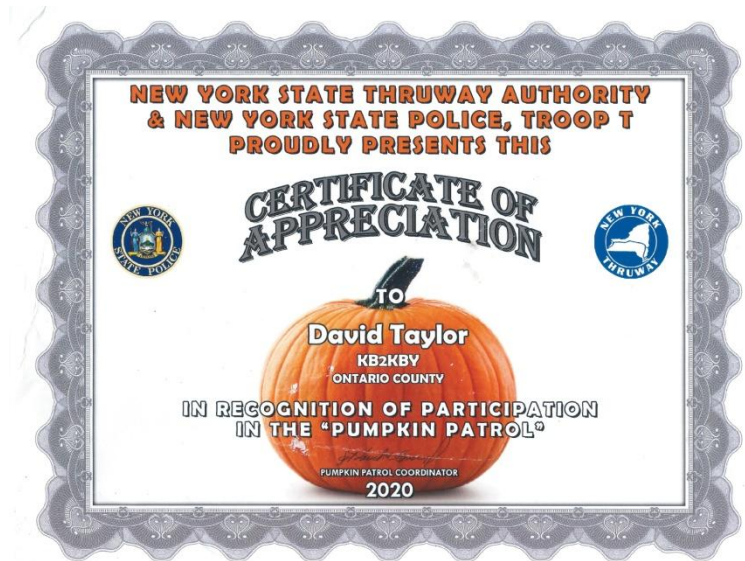
Bill Tegtmeyer, Almost Not President



STARTING WITH NOVEMBER'S MEETING WE WILL BE BACK AT THE WAYNE COUNTY EMO FOR OUR MEETINGS! Watch for emails and the next Drumlins Rumblins for info.



RACES-ARES OCTOBER 2022



OCTOBER IS PUMPKIN PATROL TIME ONCE AGAIN! I just recieved the Troop T digital copies of all the materials all the amateur ops will need for their 2022 duties. KC2TNJ is using his magic to format the Troop T dash placard so it will print orange for you.

As soon as I get the redo on the placard I will send out all needed materials for you to print off. That will comprise of three different Troop T attachments. Also, I will email added info for ops from me. Those of you who have volunteered before, it will all look very familiar. Our new volunteers, if you have questions, just email me. If a call is still needed we can arrange a time.

At the time of the editor's newsletter draft, there are still volunteers needed. Sunday, 30th, I need the second rover. Monday, 31st, there is the need of two (2), rovers and three (3), bridgesto be covered. I am hoping for more one-night volunteers before I call up my reserves. Please contact me if you can help.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY RO/EC kb2kby@rochester.rr.com cell: 315-871-8767 -I text

P.S. Once again this last COMEX 22-4 for this calendar year I am totally confused. With Rus's, N2IZV, article in the September newsletter, I thought amateur participation would be asked for by Army and Air Force MARS for sure. I still have not figured out how it was to play out. Once again I do not literally see it being done. My apologies! I honestly can't even see if it is something I have missed or what.

DARC PROGRAM

Radio amateurs during WWII were very influential. One of the best kept secrets and probably more important than the atomic bomb project was the invention of the proximity fuse for artillery shells. The influence of this scientific breakthrough was life saving each day in the Pacific Theater of the war at first and then the European Theater later. The proximity fuse was a radio transmitter and receiver in the day when the technology was still tubes. Come and see how the Allies made this possible when the "bad guys" could only think about it.

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. When we are in our October meeting, it will be the **658** net. "FB," Tom! Tom does have some helpers at times but Tom has done 95% of the nets. I try to get in at least a night or two each week. Give it a try yourself.

PUMPKIN PATROL QSO PARTY

EV7UPIS, W2EV

Sunday, October 30 @ 9-10PM on 146.52, .55, .58 SIMPLEX
Monday, October 31 @ 9-10PM on 146.52, .55, .58 SIMPLEX

In "days gone by", hardly a year would go by without hearing reports of pumpkins being dropped from bridges onto the roads below, resulting in significant safety concerns.

Amateur Radio's Public Service "DNA" came to the rescue with: The Pumpkin Patrol. Each year, volunteer Amateur Radio operators donate time on each of two nights to oversee strategic bridges. The result? To the delight of law enforcement agencies, there have been significantly fewer "bridge-based shenanigans".

Amateur radio volunteers begin their bridge-shifts after nightfall and stay alert deep into the night, checking-in to a repeater "net control" periodically and are empowered to report any abnormal activity immediately to 911.

Still, it isn't always easy to remain alert through this entire period. That's where the rest of us can help!

Introducing: the 3rd running of the Pumpkin Patrol QSO Party (PPQP); a 1-hour on-the-air activity designed for fun with the purpose of helping these volunteers stay as alert as possible. Others can even participate from the comfort of our own homes!

On both Saturday, October 30 and Sunday, October 31 from 9PM until 10PM, activate on 146.52, .55 and/or 146.58 SIMPLEX (not a repeater) and make contact with as many "Bridgies" as you can. Home stations supply their callsign and Grid4 and ask for the "Bridgies" Callsign, county and bridge number. Example:

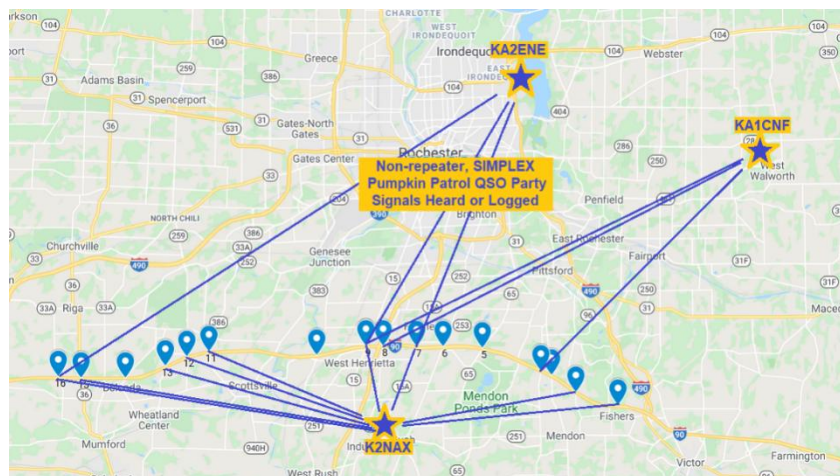
Home Station: *CQ PPQP, this is W2EV.*

Bridgie: *W2EV, this is W1YX. I'm on Ontario #3.*

Home Station: *Roger, W1YX this is W2EV. I'm in FN03.*

It's just that easy!

SIMPLEX results from previous years (where only Monroe County participated) were astounding. Here are three home-stations and who they contacted:



This is not a contest. The only guidelines are: (1) only QSO's with bridge-deployed amateur radio licensed volunteers count and (2) QSO's can be repeated each night (the contacts that you make on the first night be re-contacted on the second, even if it is the same call sign at the bridge).

Home stations are encouraged to keep a log and to send it to W2EV@yahoo. If I receive enough logs, results will be tabulated for a future RARA Rag.

Let's all show support for the Pumpkin Patrol volunteers on October 30 and 31! Join the PPQP at 9 PM each night.



Enjoy your Pumpkin Patrol entertainment with the PPQP!

FINAL HAPPY NOTES

Look what Jay, KC2TCM, managed to come across on the internet! A "REAL" Radio Shack store in PA-land!

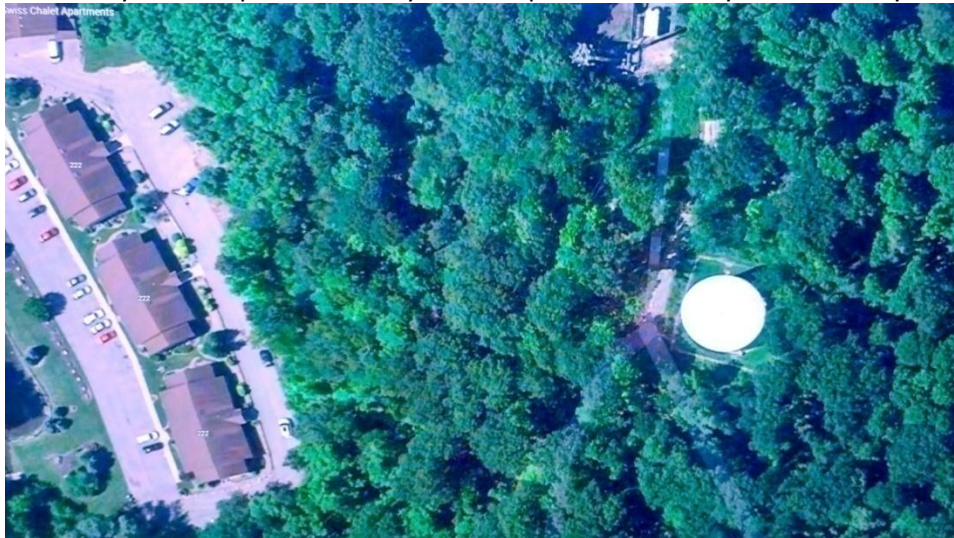


Jay said it was in Kane, PA. But I did Google "RatShacks" in PA and found quite a few in the state. Ohio too. There are Three in NY that are independently owned, Gowanda, Whitney Point, and Walton.



KB2KBY's QTH PROBLEMS

Anyone who has been on either the Ontario County RACES net and/or our WARECS net on Sunday evening knows of my VHF FM problems. Maybe these pictures will tell you a little why. Hi hi.



First, let's look at my location in Palmyra. I am the last building in the complex and the last of three newer built ones. My apartment is on the bottom floor and in the NE portion of the building 7. (There are 4 older buildings and three new buildings.) On the ends of the building you will see a smaller roof line sticking out. My shack is on the north right side roof of the last building. It is the bigger bedroom of the unit thanks to my XYL letting me have it for my shack. To the far right you see a BIG WHITE circle. That is the village water tower on top of the 125' high Prospect Hill. To the north of the water tower is a cell tower crammed with many many cell antennas and village buildings. Notice both right above or nearly right above my shack. Prospect Hill, a drumlin, runs the entire length of all the seven buildings. It sure is no far west flatlands.

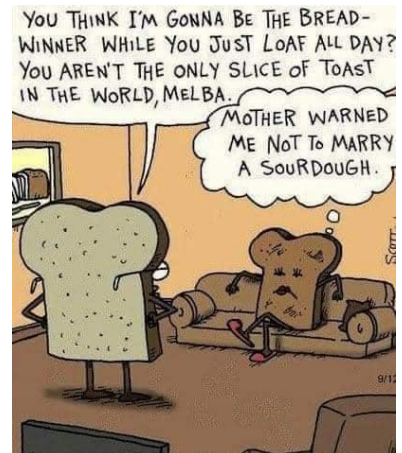
Here comes the second bunch of factors bothering my QTH.



The left picture shows the overhang big bedrooms which there are four, two on the first floor and two on the second floor. Visually divide the lower first level in half and my shack is the left side. Notice the height of the from lower windows on the front side. On the backside where my two shack windows are, the the lawn earth is three inches below my window sill. See the window drop in the front? Ain't me. That gray stone you see is a solid wall for the road in back of the new complexes. In the background you see some of Prospect Hill. My shack is buried on the east side and my ceiling is maybe 6' above the ground.

The right picture shows all the gas meters and electrical meters for all the eight apartments of my building. All that piping, conduit and meters and metal is the width of the north wall of my shack. One reason why my north wall 2/440 in the corner will not hit the 685 repeater is all the junk in the way. I have two 450-ohm ladderline 2/440 antennas. One on the NW corner of my shack and one on the east side of the shack bedroom on the Prospect Hill side. AND last, outside antennas are "verbotten." It is a miracle my two ladderline 2/440 antennas even get around and over Prospect Hill. HF? I have the same problem. The air conditioning compressors sitting on the ground near by? Heaven only knows. Hi hi. Oh, my west shack wall is entirely covered with two sets of closets, double wide, with aluminum doors. The apartment next to me has the same set of closets and aluminum doors. Nice way of blocking signals to my west wouldn't you say?

Interference? Holy crow! On my WiFi computer/cell connections I see 20 routers coming up. NSA would love the "electronic" snooping I could do. Hi hi. You getting the "picture" of why the "electronic gods" are out for me? Hi hi. No joke! I feel like I am a WWII allied "spy" radio station in occupied enemy territory. Hi hi.



See you next month!

Please, remember, you can contribute to the newsletter too. It just doesn't have to be "talks-to-much Dave."