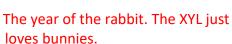
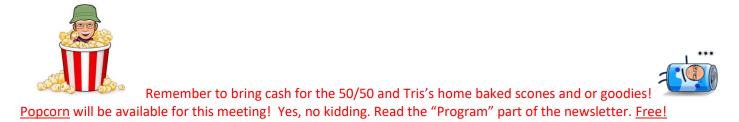
"DRUMLINS RUMBLINS"-FEBRUARY 2023

WE'RE meeting at the WAYNE COUNTY <u>SECOND FLOOR EOC</u> ROOM Wayne County Public Services Building 7227 Rte 31 Lyons NY 14489 <u>WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15th</u> MEETING START 7:30PM REMEMBER: The front door and the EMO entrance will be unlocked from 6:30-7:30pm. So arrive in this time period for an easy entry.









FYI- N2IXD-SK

Via email KB2NCI. Sad news:

FYI

From: Ralph Dutcher <dutchr@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:25 PM
To: Michael Sayers <msayers@monroecounty.gov>; Thomas Sanders <sanders5@frontiernet.net>
Subject: Sad news

Silent Key notification

FYI

Subject: [MonroeCountyEmcomm] SK

CAUTION - EXTERNAL:

SK: I regret to announce the passing of longtime friend, RARA and ARES member, Jim DiTucci - N2IXD. More info to follow.

Best regards,

Ralph DUTCHER

KD2BDZ

Waxhaw, NC

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

Editor's note: I knew Jim when teaching in Fairport. Jim was the head of the Fairport Village Police Department which he started from the bottom up, I believe. Jim, once he saw my KB2KBY plate on my car in the Fairport Minerva Deland School parking lot, would come by on a patrol around the village and check on my car. I knew him thru the Monroe County RACES-ARES as well. He was a representative on the NY State UNYREPCO organization.



PRESIDENT'S KORNER

February already! I keep asking for someone to slow time down. Another month has "gone and went" my Dad use to say. Even though it was an old expression and the grammar is as bad as my usual, it is too true. Time flies as I seem to be doing this newsletter earlier and earlier each month, so it feels. Hi hi.

George Bastedo was kind to tell the building "authorities" to clock an "unlock time" for the main Public Services Building, which normally is a key card entry after hours. George's help makes it easier for us slower and older club members can get to the meetings on time. There is a little more leeway each side of the above times but do try to get there during the time printed. Tris and Rich can setup the goodies early, too. So our thanks to George for doing this for us and having the EOC big communication room for our meetings. We have the big room signed up thru August for now but we can extend that naturally if need be.

Pay attention to the RACES-ARES part of the newsletter as we know the time of the State Ginna drill. Since this is the off year for the FEMA, the State drill will be the only one.

KB2KBY, me, won the 50/50 for January. Big surprise! And hopefully a good omen for my start as club President. I took the money! Hi hi. KD2DNO, Bill, donated his 50/50 at the January meeting which was a nice omen for him to relax in his DARC non-"president-ship." Hi hi. The XYL was happy with the winnings for it paid her breakfast out Sunday after church. Whether you wish to keep or donate your 50/50 winnings is up to the winner. The 50/50 does well regardless and the 50/50 fund is able to find our August DARC picnic at the Palmyra VFW even if you take your \$\$\$\$

Right now, we are in the slow "long winter's night" for RACES and ARES. But going over the SIARC newsletter, I stole KB2NCI, Tom's idea of putting upcoming "public events" in the newsletter. Tom does a good job keeping track of everything and DARC members help out with local events with SIARC members. I know. I've helped out when possible and of course we have many members who belong to both clubs anyway. I included. We help each other when needed.



Don't forget this meeting day is a day before <u>Valentine's Day</u>! Man, for heaven's sake and your sake remember! A happy XYL, OM, YL or YM makes a happy life. (You remember those Morse code abbreviations. Right? Hi hi.) It's like if I forget Tris's scones for the XYL after a meeting, yikes, I don't know what would happen. I haven't forgotten yet. Whew! ("She who must be obeyed" just looked over my shoulder typing. "You mean I would like disown



you for no scones!" This is the truth. and packed away until next year. (Sni did give a kiss on my cheek. The Christmas tree is down ighted valentine hearts Valentine tree.

That groundhog saw his shadow too. So, that "long winter's night" is six more weeks until spring gets here. When our Megan was around 12 years old, she was mad the rodent saw his shadow. But we explained it didn't matter if he saw its shadow or not and winter would still be six weeks long anyway, she was even "madder." Hi hi. (Heck who wasn't

confused as a kid. I was too.) "Stupid groundhog!" KB2NCI reminded me of the old saying along the same lines, "The medicine will get you well in seven days or a week." Remember that one? Groundhog Day is just a good day of fun.

You "gotta" have some fun and a sense of humor. <u>Fun we will have at this month's meeting</u>. We're going to have a <u>popcorn party</u> during our program this month. Free!: White Cheddar and Regular "Skinny Pop" popcorn, low salt, 100



prickly my XYL says, with my historical

calories/bag, no artificial additives. I know I can be a pain

stuff for programs. (My father-in-law, actually my XLY and my 7th grade teacher, called it "hysterical." He was a good dad and Dad to both of us.) A lot of innovations, at many times in our history in contemporary times, were invented by hams. And I believe in showing an overall picture of the goings on at the time. Events occur together and not alone. So come and enjoy Part 2 of "Greyhound, "relax and enjoy. It is entertaining but as Jay, KC2TCM, said to me, he like movies where the facts are historically accurate.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

P.S. REMINDER: My cell 1-315-871-8767. If you have worked the Pumpkin Patrol, I have all your info contact. Any others, send me an email with all your contact info, please. (My regular "twisted pair" is 1-315-597-4293 and you can leave a message.)



<u>GINNA STATE DRILL AUGUST 1st</u>, Tuesday! Mark it on your calendar, please.

There is no FEMA drill this year. FEMA only grades every other year. The State drill is a good time for "newbies" to be there and partner with a RACES member who has been there and done it. The FEMA drill does not allow this Elmering. If John O'Toole has a before practice with his Dose van crews, we will schedule a training with them as well. Sometimes these are on Saturdays but a weekday can be the only time the Sheriff Department Dose members may have free. The practice training is done right at the EMO grounds. There is no driving around and all training is in-house. I'll keep you posted.

I know there are DARC members out there who have the time and could volunteer. Please, consider to volunteer your time. Those who have been on one portion of drill can get experience on another "position:" DOSE 1, DOSE 2 RACES, BLUE VAN and RED VAN. (MARS also has a position in the shack, too.) John, the EMO Dose Officer, furnishes some food too. Hi hi. Of course Abby, the "chief bottle washer of the EMO," makes sure at the drill(s) breakfast and dinner is well stocked with food. The camaraderie at these events and training have a nice plus side. You get to see the big picture of the happenings of a State or FEMA graded exercise. Us hams alone are nothing by ourselves. Sorry, but the fact is we are needed only as an important part of the whole scheme working with all those people behind those name plates you see on the computers in the big EOC communications room: Red Cross, State Police, CAP, Sheriff, fire, EMS, etc. In the Dose Room there is the Ginna crew and the Dose Coordinator, etc., with our DOSE 1 communications position.

We ARE important in this overall context, only. Believe me, George and John are very appreciative of our volunteering and time and expertise as communicators. We HAVE expertise! Read the email George sent via the DARC Google to me down the page. If you think you have no use in RACES, you are wrong! Just the shire fact you are a FCC licensed amateur, a.k.a. ham, you are part of a group who has expertise up the "gazelle." Sure some of us have more expertise. Like I've said many times, I am a good "op." You've got to know how to use the equipment- that is why you are licensed- you have that "ticket." Others have expertise beyond just being an "op." That is just fine. Thank heavens! We need those hams too. Every ONE ham has something to contribute. YOU ARE VALUABLE! You fence sitters, please, volunteer.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY



RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) and ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) (Yes, I stole this from KB2NCI. TNX, Tom.) Public Service Events for 2023 include: Wild Water Derby, Shortsville, April 29 Tour De Cure, Webster—June 10 Shortsville Fire Department Parade, June 16 Musselman Ironman, Geneva and Seneca County, July 9

Ginna State drill, August 1

Phelps Sauerkraut Festival Krauter, August 5. Pumpkin Patrol, NYS Thruway overpasses, October 30 and 31 Mark your calendars to help out.



GEORGE'S EMAIL to me

Hi Dave,

If you give me the meeting dates for 2023, I will have Public Works unlock the front door and the door to the EOC - unless meeting downstairs is more convenient for you, then I'll just unlock the front door. Let me know when you would want them unlocked and then locked back up. If you are headed back to Newark for your meetings, that's fine too.

The date of the next Ginna drill is August 1, 2023. Only one drill this year. NYS evaluated.

Interesting note, a few months ago, the NYS Radio guys were here to do some work in the bunker (they still have active stuff down there). They had a new guy or two and stopped by to introduce themselves and also see the EOC and your shack up here. Out of all the things they saw, they were most excited about this – apparently they had the same challenge with their vehicles – fiberglass, no effective way to mount antennas – took some pictures and asked me to email them the source for the suction cups. Told them I would the next day:

I told them I would get the source for the suction cup. Emailed them the next day with it, they said thanks, but they had already found it and ordered some.

No greater compliment than an idea stolen, I guess. My compliments to the guys that can always figure out a way to get the job done! [Amen! Editor's note. TNX, George.]

Regards,

George Bastedo, CEM

Director, Office of Disaster Preparedness



Picture taken by the NYS RACES "guys" sent to George. Yes, this is our "big whigs": Gil, N2PJB and Joe, KC2DKP in Albany.

P.S. [Editor's note]This is proof of all my chatter about all of us hams having something to contribute to <u>help the public</u> which is one of parts of the Amateur Radio Creed: PATRIOTIC...His/[Her] station and skills are always ready for service to country and community. I know Jeff N2MKT and Steve KA1CNF had something to do with this ingenuity! TNX, guys. And if there are others, please, let me know.

KB2NCI and the SIARC "HEALTH and WELFARE NET"

Tom, KB2NCI, is still doing the "health and welfare" nets on weekday nights at 8:00pm on the 146.820 repeater in 2023.



Tom is starting out the 2023 year with net #706 plus. Kudos, Tom! <u>Get</u> aquanited with some of our SIARC friends and the surrounding counties. Steve, WB2VMR, was NCS Tuesday night as I write and he commented there have been so many nets he could not remember, "In the 600s.," he said.

Tom's SIARC health and welfare net is open to all hams that can hit the 146.820 repeater (tone 110.9), either mobile or from your QTH. Just listen to Tom's or the NCS's instructions always given first as the net starts like we all know as hams and used to a SOP. So listen for the SOP at the beginning of the net. <u>Only the third Wednesday</u> of the month, the SIARC meeting night, is there no net.

SIARC BREAKFAST INVITATION

SIARC has reserved room at the <u>Villager Restaurant</u>, South Main St., Canandaigua, on <u>Saturday, February 18 at 8am</u> for a Ham Radio Breakfast. <u>All are welcome</u> and encouraged to attend. This is the first one we have had since Covid began two years ago. Thanks to Steve WB2VMR for getting this going. (For all hams, YLs and XYLs!)

Email Tom at <u>kb2nci@arrl.org</u> if you wish to join the breakfast so they have an idea of numbers attending. Several DARC members attend.





In some of our club programs, KB2KBY has talked of the electronic innovations in WWII that helped bring the World War II to an end two years earlier if those innovations never happened. The intercepting of HF signals, the breakthrough of tube technology in creating the proximity fuse for example both which hams played a big part in there development. KB2KBY's son managed to find a good blue-ray copy of the

We are showing the second half of Tom Hanks movie "GRAYHOUND" which is about a Fletcher class destroyer fighting the U-boat menace in WWII in the five year plus long "Battle of the Atlantic." It does a great job showing all the inventions talked and shown about in past programs in which the Allies finally got the upper hand. It will run



Part 2 does it just as well. The Part 2 depicts a US Navy "at sea" burial detail done right by the "book" in WWII.

Interesting to see.

This is the best movie I have ever seen that most accurately depicts this time period which the "Battle of the Atlantic" deserves and has long been ignored. This Battle of the Atlantic is the longest battle of WWII.



Bring a friend! You cannot purchase a DVD of this movie in the US. Hey, who can't resist popcorn! Hi hi.

Editor's note: The Merchant Marine will have the highest civilian losses of WWII in this Battle of the Atlantic. The USAT (United States Army Transport), armed merchant ships were manned by Coast Guard and or Navy personnel. USAT transports were civilian vessels that had added artillery added on in the shipyards for protection. The movie shows this and what could happen with "friendly fire."

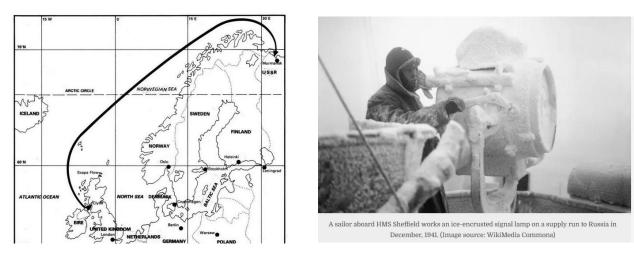


The WWII Merchant Marine medal equivalent to WWII Campaign medal.



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Members of DARC and especially SIARC knew Joe Gambato, WB2CBX, a long time SK now. Joe lived on Latting Rd in Shortsville. Joe was an 18 year old in the Merchant Marine during the Battle of the Atlantic on the Liverpool to Murmansk (Russia), on the Arctic route supplying war materials. The Murmansk "run" was even worse than "The Pit" of the North Atlantic. The route was in range of airplanes of the Luftwaffe in German Nazi occupied Norway yet alone the U-boats and German Navy warships.



The most infamous Arctic convoy was QP17. Out of 35 merchant ships only 11 ships made it safely to Murmansk.

As one of Joe's stories goes, Joe was kidded a lot by his surviving merchant ship crew members at reunions. During one of the attacks by the Luftwaffe, Joe was manning one of the ship's AA (antiaircraft artillery), guns and managed to shoot up his ship's funnel. He was harassed every reunion, that he was more a danger than to their ship than the Luftwaffe. Hi hi. True story. Joe told me one time, when dancing with a Russian Navy gal in Murmansk, she commented to him "One day we will get our own country back [from the Communist]." Joe remembered her 45 years after WWII in 1990 when Soviet Russia fell and Communism was gone. (I am always a good listener with stories. Always the teacher.)





A torpedo explodes in an Arctic convoy in 1942. (Image source: WikiMedia Commons)



Not our movie night! Come join us.

VOTA KB2FSB

Hi Dave!!! [Lloyd participated in the Volunteers On The Air and emailed this info to me. TNX, Lloyd.]

As requested: Feel free to eliminate what you don't need or want. Hi Hi



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Total CW Stations -----22

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As requested N1MM+ screen print: Note: couldn't get all the contacts on screen



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Picture and screen shot of Lloyd's event weekend.

73, Lloyd KB2FSB

P.S. If you are doing a ham event, take pictures and log it and show a screen shot too. Email it all to the editor. This was the same weekend as the Winter Field Day.



But our movie night will be a good party.



(This is a year long event.)

Activator Guide VOTA

Welcome to ARRL's Volunteers On the Air (VOTA) operating event!

As announced in the January 2023 issue of *QST* (see announcement link above), ARRL is celebrating a year-long operating event honoring all ARRL volunteers: Volunteers On the Air.

In similar fashion to the 2014 ARRL Centennial Celebration, and the 2018 International Grid Chase, this event will be exclusively driven only by QSOs uploaded to Logbook of The World (LoTW).

Thank you for agreeing to serve as an activator/operator for the **W1AW/2 NY Portable** station, part of the **2023 Volunteers on the Air** program through the ARRL. Please review the information below to ensure your activation is a success and that all operators from all over the world (including yourself) receive credit for your hard work.

Before Your Activation

Operating time is scheduled in two-hour blocks at **https://w1aw.nnyarrl.org**. Create an account to claim day/band/mode/time slots and to view when others will be on air. Only one operator per band and mode combination should be on the air at one time. However, activations by different operators on *different modes* of the <u>same</u> band is permissible. Questions on scheduling or setting up your activation should be emailed to **vota@nnyarrl.org**.

During Your Activation – "CQ W1AW/2 Portable NY"

Be prepared for a potentially large pile-up when people realize that W1AW is on the air! You are encouraged to self-spot on as many DX clusters and services as possible. You are considered a W1AW portable station, not mobile. Include **/2** and **NY** when calling CQ. There may be another state and/or call area on the air with the W1AW callsign the same week. There is no pre-set exchange, but to ensure the most contacts, brevity may be necessary. Remember that each operator must follow the rules for their license class. Each band/mode combination can be activated simultaneously. Refer to the scheduling site. Operators should refrain from the 12 M, 17 M, 30 M, or 630 M bands.

Logging Requirements

Electronic logging is <u>required</u>, as well as the ability to <u>export</u> logged contacts to an ADIF file. Email logs to **w1aw-logs@nnyarrl.org** to be combined with other W1AW/2 NY operators. You <u>do not</u> need to upload W1AW/2 NY logs or QSOs to any service yourself or combine days. However, logs must be turned in for Week 1 ahead of participating in Week 2 of NY activations.

Further Information

NY Coordination team for W1AW/2





Bulletin from the 4 Chaplains service this past weekend February 5th. If you Google the Four Chaplains,

you'll find the info mentioned in January by KB2KBY.

The best reason to drive a car with a bench seat! Future generations cannot relate.



Watch out for this YL! For those who have met Willow, our oldest grandkid, at a DARC August picnic, you'll "be warned" she has her driver's permit. Hi hi. Right on her 16th birthday she went to the DMV and passed the test with 100%. We are



But she is growing up too fast and a 10th grader now. Only two more

proud of her. years of school!

We joke about the beware. Willow has been driving farm tractors, big big lawn mowers and even knows how to use a stick shift at her "farm" home. (Her Mimi, the XYL, does not know to drive a stick shift. Hi hi.)



The Radio Amateur's Code

The Radio Amateur is

CONSIDERATE...He/[She] never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL...He/[She] offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, the IARU Radio Society in his/[her] country, through which Amateur Radio in his/[her] country is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE...He/[She] keeps his/[her] station up to date. It is well-built and efficient. His/[Her] operating practice is above reproach.

FRIENDLY...He/[She] operates slowly and patiently when requested; offers friendly advice and counsel to beginners; kind assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the marks of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED...Radio is a hobby, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

PATRIOTIC...His/[Her] station and skills are always ready for service to country and community.

- adapted from the original Amateur's Code, written by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA.

I finally did it!

Bought a new pair of shoes with memory foam insoles. No more forgetting why I walked into the kitchen.

Hamfests in the Future: (TNX, Tom.) Drumlins Hamfest, Palmyra VFW, April 22-PUT IT ON YOUR CALEDAR & FRIDAY EVE SETUP AWA Spring Meet and Auction, Bloomfield—May 13 RARA Hamfest, location TBD--June 3 RAGS Hamfest, Camillus—July 8 Batavia Hamfest, Alexander—July 15 Ithaca Hamfest, Trumansburg—August 5 Roc City Hamfest, Macedon—August 26 Lancaster Hamfest, Lancaster—September 9



<u>The Antique Wireless Association</u> is working on a project to bring amateur radio and all of its fun to school age children by constructing a portable station that could be taken to the students. They are looking for any interested parties to help with this project. Below are their goals for the program:

<u>Goal</u>: To introduce and educate children about communication technologies as a component of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) by:

a. Constructing a self-contained, portable amateur radio station transportable in an enclosed cargo trailer for the purpose of educating and demonstrating to children the basics of wireless communications during good times and in emergencies; and

b. Supporting a special effort to reach out to our region's underserved rural communities; and

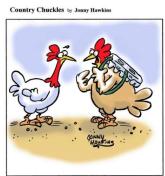
c. Facilitating visits to schools, scouts, libraries, camps, homeschool groups, fairs and public service events; and

d. Supporting AWA's educational outreach efforts, which extend well beyond the AWA campus.

If you are interested, please contact Bob Hobday at president@antiquewireless.org







"And I found this neat infant carrier that seats a family of 12!" © 2017 Jonny Hawkim

Here's the big giggle of the day! Hi hi.



KB2KBY, February 1965, 58 years ago attending his

05K20/059 "Soviet Teletype Cipher Interceptor " school at Ft. Devens MA.

