

# "DRUMLINS RUMBLINS"- MAY 2023

WE'RE meeting at the **WAYNE COUNTY SECOND FLOOR EOC ROOM**  
Wayne County Public Services Building 7227 Rte 31 Lyons NY 14489

**WEDNESDAY MAY 17th 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.



**\*\*\*\*\*YOU HAVE A LITTLE LEEWAY TO GET IN UNTIL 7:55PM!**



Remember to bring cash for the 50/50 and Tris's home baked **scones** and or goodies!

**Popcorn** will be available for this meeting again!



**DON'T FORGET YOUR "DOGGY BAG" to take some home !!!!** My

XYL is happy as can be when I come home after a meeting. She warms up her score for 5-8 seconds in the microwave. Yummmmmmmmm!, it is like it is right out of the oven.

## PRESIDENT'S KORNER

**LOOK FOR CLUB EMAIL ABOUT A SATURDAY EMO SHACK WORK DAY !!!!!** My planning for this has been on the back burner I am afraid. Army MARS has come up with mini exercises for training for different projects. It is nice in one way as it has eliminated quarterly COMEX exercises. But the last series of mini exercises were over a 5 day period which took some hours out of my usual busy weeks. It is like MARS doesn't think I have a life beyond MARS. With Memorial Day coming up and Mother's Day, it will be June before a work Saturday can be scheduled. Of course, I know all the DARC and RACES members have a life beyond EMCOMM. I apologize for this but it could not be helped. (I got volunteered by the XYL Army style for the 8 day Palmyra Library book sale. Hi hi. I'm retired but finding in retirement for "radio" is not so easy.)



**2023 Tour de Cure: Finger Lakes Region**

[Register Now](#)

Bill, KD2DNO, and Tom, KB2NCI, for DARC and SIARC respectively, have sent out emails for volunteers to help with the Tour de Cure communications. Contact BILL KD2DNO TEGTMEYER [kd2dno@gmail.com](mailto:kd2dno@gmail.com) or TOM KB2NCI SANDERS [kb2nci@arrl.net](mailto:kb2nci@arrl.net) for more info on this, please.

I **apologize** to Bill and Tom ahead of time for the emails they will get. I looked on the Tour de Cure website for an email and/or phone number contact for volunteering for COMMS. Dodo Computer Dave could not see anything. If it was in an email already, I have lost it. (I had a "sync" problem with my devices which deleted all my emails and all the darn things. (I thank Sabrina, WD2STK and Jay, KC2TCM for helping me with my computer problems. I should volunteer as a computer tester. I keep being told, you can't hurt anything but this kid sure seems to get into problems. Hi hi.)

We have a slight problem with the **DARC trailer inspection**. Rus, N2IZV, is trying to work thru the "failed inspection" issue to have the inspection pass since the club trailer is needed to help with communications. Keep your fingers crossed!!!!!! Rus, thank you for your patience and persistence with the trailer.



We had a communication with **Constellation Energy**. Constellation is the present company that owns Ginna. They are trying to get paperwork approved to send the Drumlins ARC a donation once again. It seems there is a problem with the wrong number on the W-9 IRS form for DARC being a non-for-profit organization. Steve, KA1CNF, is working thru that hurdle. So, Steve, thank you for your patience and persistence helping the club, as well.

Your Board of Directors and club members do a lot of work unseen and unheard. If you see these individuals along with Bill, KD2DNO, and Tom, KB2NCI, give them some recognition, a little thank you. I sure thank them here!

The Field Day is coming up the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in June. Please, read the newsletter article about it below when I stop talking here. Hi hi.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR “HELPERS” FOR A SUCCESSFUL DARC HAMFEST! Come to the meeting and see how we did!**

Our hamfest helps with the maintaining of our repeaters, RACES and ARES functions and shack purchases. Yes, we are lucky that Constellation and the Wayne County EMO help us, too. Before George Bastedo came along we had really hard times with help. Believe me, I know! But it is good we continue to contribute to finds as well. You know the members in the pictures! Thank them, too! (You know them even by their backsides too. Hi hi.)



I have to be sneaky with the pics.



Without all the help this would not have happened:



It is not magic. Next year it would be nice to see more members helping and younger ones as well. I'm just about worthless other than taking pictures of the hamfest with members who don't like having their picture taken. Hi hi, it is true. Hopefully I got every- body? Rich, KC2TNJ, has the FULL LIST and we'll have a drawing of those helpers for the \$25 ARRL prize kept for this purpose. Rich has the prize winner's names too. (My copy, Rich? My usual organization mess- "nada," "nyet" I can't find it. ) **Kudos** especially for KC2TNJ, Rich, for super organization heading the hamfest!!



**Thank you, you "faithful" members for all your help!!!!**

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

**NOTE:** Notice in the one larger picture how Syracuse RAGS has dedicated their hamfest to "ROGER'S RAGS SYRACUSE HAMFEST." A little history about Roger for those who are newer DARC members: As long as I can remember doing the DARC hamfests, Roger, WA2AEW, was one of the first to reserve 2 tables for the RAGS Hamfest. At the VFW he was stationed with club members at the left double doors. Always a smile, easy to talk to and grateful for being at our hamfest. Last year I didn't know what happened to Roger. As you can see he was SK just a few weeks before our fest.

**CNY Hams lost a dear friend this weekend! Roger Hamilton WA2AEW - SK (02APR2022)**



Roger **was** the RAGS Hamfest! I love their fest is now his namesake! **FB!!!!!!**

**P.S.: E-MAILS POST HAMFEST:**

On Sat, Apr 23 2023 3:16PM: I would add my thanks to those who came and worked at the hamfest. It wasn't the largest crowd but I think we did ok, somewhere around 200 in attendance. There folks I talked with enjoyed themselves and seemed pleased with the selections. I personally heard no complaints, and I usually do great what people are saying being at the door. Thank you to everyone who participated.

**Bill KD2DNO**

On Sat, Apr 22, 2023, 4:17 PM: I just wanted to send out a special thanks to **Rich KC2TNJ**, and his wife **Trish** for all their hard work. Without them we wouldn't have had a hamfest and the many benefits that come from this gathering. Rich is lucky he even got 3 hrs of sleep between the wedding party and the hamfest. Spent the day working in the kitchen and I hope he's grabbing some much needed ZZZZ's now..

Thanks Rich for all you do and to all that helped out today... Me and the misses had fun and I hope all who attended did as well!!

I hope next year more club members can step up and help the club out, aka help Rich out as well!! Hint hint.

Till next year,

**Jeffrey Jensen -N2MKT**



**DON'T FOGET MEMORIAL DAY** !!! , this month. At least take a moment

To remember at 11:00AM, even if you are not at a Memorial Day ceremony. Just a few seconds to reflect is honor enough. You have at least remembered. I will admit, the list of family members, friends, friends' family members, etc., gets longer with time. But we try our best to remember all. The heavens know what we're thinking anyway if we don't



remember.

And this is the truth! We gab a short time, reminisce or at a distance salute each other. Especially, at least, say, "Welcome home." (Doc, AB2F, just a note for you. Willow, the trumpeter, has been asked to play "Taps" in Scottsville by her band director. Proud moment! Her "Bompa" did the same for Pal-Mac 60 years ago.)



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## MAY PROGRAM



I thank the club members that attended the **April** meeting for listening to the presentation with KB2KBY on “Grab and Poppy.”

If you remember, last year in one of our monthly meeting presentations, I talked about my pre-ham days being a HF radio Soviet Ciphered Teletype Interceptor on the Island of Shemya 20 miles from the end of the Aleutian Chain of islands. The only way I knew of the full story I did and what NSA, the “guys” we were doing the intercept for, did with the electronic intelligence was when the Top Secret classifications were declassified and open to the public. This would be the early 1990s.

Mrs. Iris McConnell, one of the two people I worked with at NSA in 1966-68 when in the Army, sent me a big package this past month in the mail. In the mailing was a bunch of material which now declassified, told me the parts of my “mission” unknown until now-58 years later. The Top Secret material was declassified in 2004. Remember, in the intelligence community you are only trained enough to do your job.” There was much going on but you are restricted by



“do you have the need know.”

Now, that “need to know” was answered by Iris’s material. During the Cold War period 1948 to in the 1960s, intelligence gathering was done by ship, planes and bases of allies on the perimeter of Russia. To get intelligence inside Russia, it required high flying reconnaissance aircraft. One of most famous was U-2 built by Lockheed’s “Skunk Works” in California. (The SR-71 Black Bird was also a Skunk Works invention.) Remember the 1960 U-2 with Francis Gary Powers shot down over Russia by a SAM 2 antiaircraft missile?

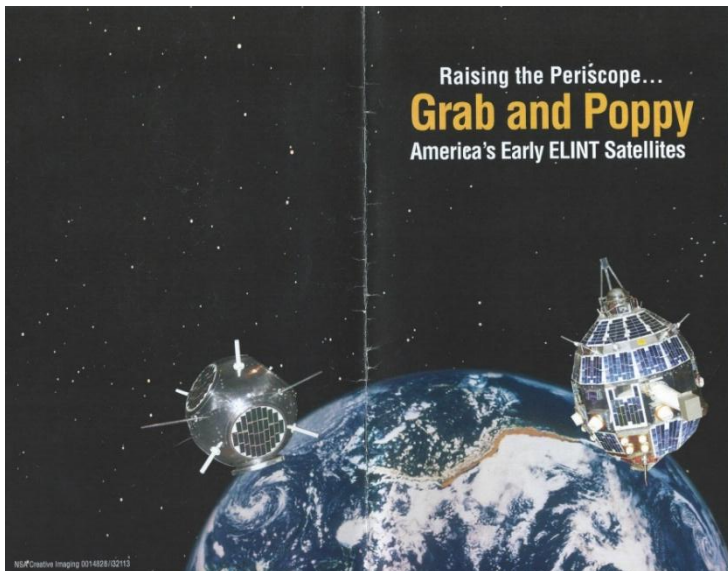


Johnson, Powers U2. He invented over 40 aircraft. He did not have a pilot license.

## Soviets charge U-2 pilot with espionage, July 8, 1960



The charred wreckage of U.S. pilot Francis Gary Powers' U-2 spy plane is on display at the Central Armed Forces Museum in Moscow on April 30, 2010. | Alexander Zemlianichenko/AP Photo



Well, Grab and Poppy were the first intelligence satellites launched for NSA. Grab was launched after the Russian Sputnik and before Powers was shot down. Poppy 1 was launched in 1962, Poppy 2 in 1965 and in 1967, Poppy 3 was launched. Well, there I was in this K-Section 1966-68. Poppy 2 and 3 were the satellites that I was looking over the IBM computer readouts those two years. True, I was not even given the Top Secret codenames "Grab" and "Poppy" at that

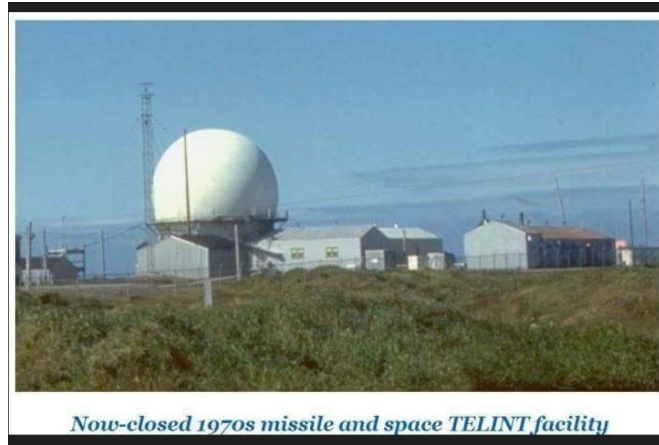


time. I didn't "need to know."

I often wondered why NSA needed a Soviet Ciphred Teletype Interceptor. Sure, I intercepted telemetry but not from satellites but Soviet HF transmissions from the ground going to Moscow. Researching Grab and Poppy, I found my Shemya did download the intelligence from Grab and Poppy in the big “bubble” inside the **AAFJOG** compound. I guess NSA figured since we all had the same Top Secret Crypto NSA clearances, I knew what the compound was doing. Hi hi! Surprise! I DO NOW!



DoD ANDERS Station logo



*Now-closed 1970s missile and space TELINT facility*

on Shemya

Remember the **A**rmey **A**ir **F**orce **J**oint **O**perations **G**roup building from my first presentation? ELINT, my HF intercept is **E**lectronic **I**ntelligence. TELINT is **T**elemetry **I**ntelligence.

So, it is only 58 years later, KB2KBY finally knows the “whole picture” of what my Army Security Agency and the Air Force Security Service were doing for NSA. (Always the teacher, I know.)



Hi hi. That is exactly what I told my XYL too! This is no joke but the real truth.

**MAY PROGRAM?** Well, I was looking up some things and have several options. KC2TNJ, Rich, was kind to convert my You Tubes for the meeting. I think you’ll find it interesting.

**P.S.** Over the Memorial Day weekend the XYL’s younger brother and his XYL are visiting their daughter, our niece, in the Ft. Meade MD area. She is a social studies teacher too. They invited me and my XYL to join them on the trip. The XYL’s younger brother I have known since he was 9 years old when Jan and I were dating in our senior year. He is a “brother” as far as I am concerned. We are going to the NSA Cryptology Museum at Ft. Meade with the niece! Everything I have talked and shown pictures of are there! And, I am hoping to see my Iris McConnell as well. Iris will be 93 this September. She is still doing well.

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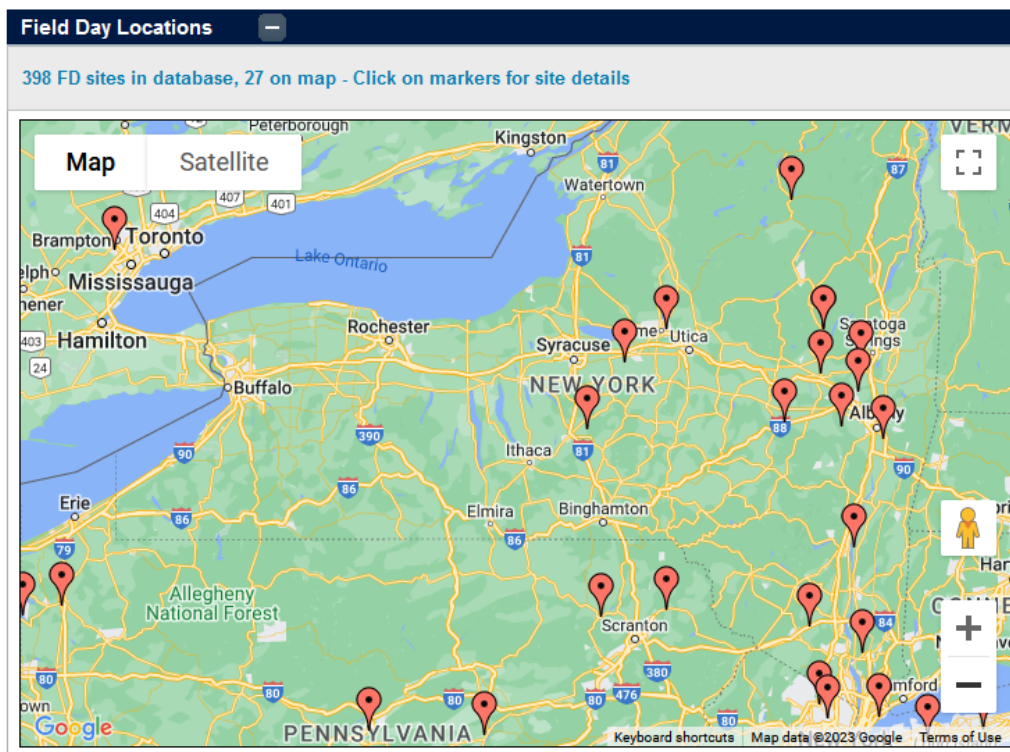




## FIELD DAY JUNE SIARC and DARC

Once gain FD 2023 DARC members fill be joining our SIARC friends! This has been a gradation for quite some time. Why? Both clubs do not exactly what you would call members plentiful in “young ages.” I have recounted many times in the newsletters and at DARC meetings, our daughter, Megan, perusing over a QST or CQ magazine has notes, “Dad, all these men in the pictures look like you, old.” Hi hi, that is sure the truth. Sorry to say and she always says everyone looks as “herdy” you too. How to get smacked twice with the truth! Hi hi.

An email from Eric, W2EEH, wondered why our FD location was not registered on the ARRL FD site.



And he is right! In fact Field Day locations seem to be lacking in our area all together. I explained to Eric, I didn't even know there was a “locator.” Yea, Dodo Dave again relies too much on others in the FD committee.

But, you could put some input to the FD arrangement. SIARC is having one of their quarterly breakfasts at the “THE VILLAGER” restaurant in Canandaigua this coming Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:00AM and any “ham” is welcome.



245 S Main Street Canandaigua NY

If you plan to attend the breakfast and have not notified KB2NCI, Tom, please, email him: [kb2nci@arrl.org](mailto:kb2nci@arrl.org). The Villager likes to know the number to have the tables and chairs ready for the group.

The FD will be the topic after breakfast and “fibs” told in our “ham” stories. (Just little fibs. Hi hi.) One thing to discuss is the FD location! It has been, for convenience of us old people, at the Ontario Safety Center on Rte 48 in Hopewell.



SIARC has their shack there in the Ontario County EOC's office.

**COME ENJOY THE BREAKFAST and STAY IF YOU WISH FOR THE FD COMMITTEE.** All are welcome.



**RACES-ARES May 2023**

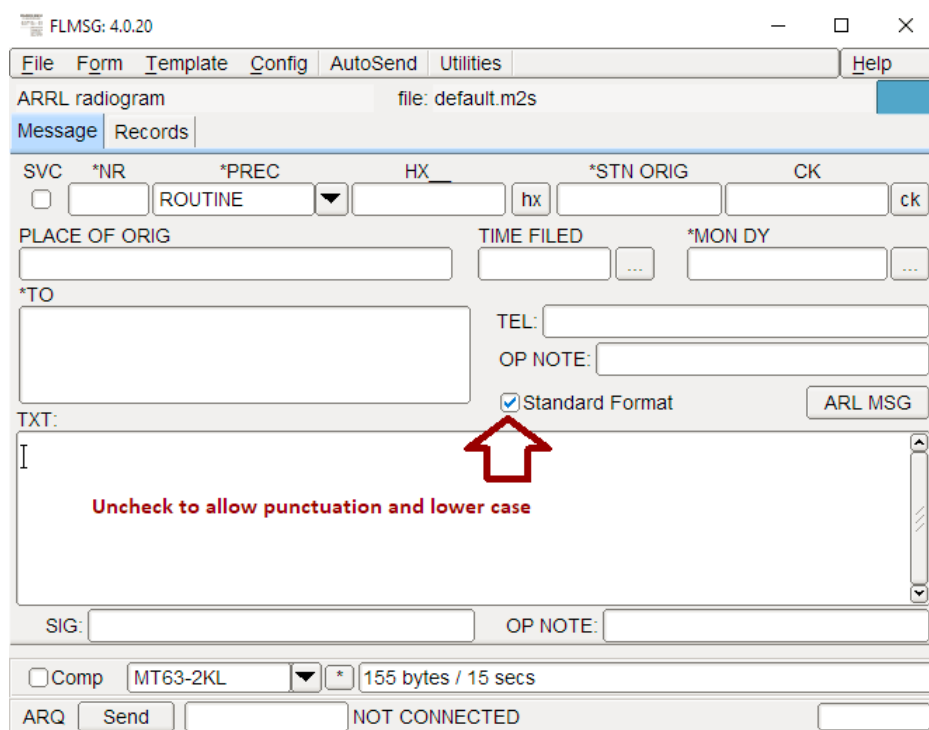


**GINNA STATE DRILL AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday!** Mark it on your calendar, please. **RACES still needs more volunteers!!!!!!**

**NO WARECS NET FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND SUNDAY NIGHT.** Enjoy the time off with family and friends.

**SOMETHING I LEARNED WITH THE FLDIGI**

After one of our Sunday WARECS nets a few weeks ago, I got an interesting email from Paul, KD2DO. We had an ARRL message form message with a “decimal point” as a figure. This NCS read the decimal figure “R” or ROMEO. (ex:146R685) That was the way in which the FIDigi FLMSG program does a decimal. Paul sent me this screenshot! The standard message in the program is usually checked in the box STANDARD FORMAT. But if you UNcheck the box, the box, it will allow punctuation and lower case letters. Of course you could still use caps and have the box unchecked and have the real decimal point. TNX, Paul! I did not know that. Hi hi. Paul by the way is an Air Force MARS member.



FLMSG: 4.0.20

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ARRL radiogram file: default.m2s

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ARQ Send NOT CONNECTED

Don't we learn something new every day? Hi hi. I sure still do. It is a reason we all should pay more attention to DARC and RACES and ARES.



Hint, hint! Oh, yes, I know we all have a life beyond “radio.” Of course we do. If you can participate, you are very welcome. The invitation is always there. Heck, in retirement the “frig” calendar is full with something written in every day. (Doctor appointments, we call “hot dates” at our QTH. Hi hi. I try to take naps for KC2TNJ, Rich. Hi hi. He does so much, it tires me out.) It has been nice to see new faces and younger faces at the DARC meetings.

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

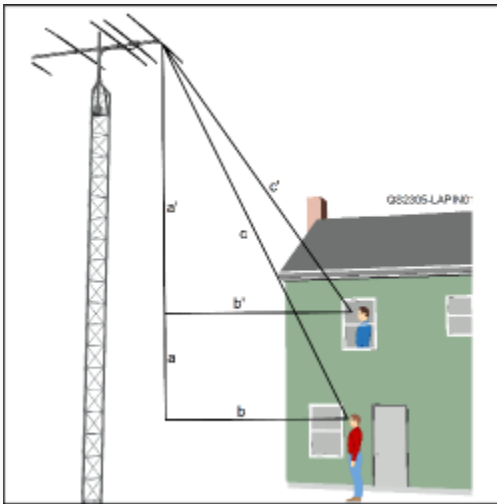
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### REPEATER REPORT

No report thus month. N2MKT, Jeff, must be tired with all the “repeater” stuff he does. (I try to take naps for him too. Hi hi.) Good he gets a break too!

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## FCC Exposure Rules Soon to Affect Every US Radio Amateur

Gregory Lapin, PhD, PE, N9GL

Beginning May 3, all ham radio transmitters operating in the US will be expected to comply with new FCC rules governing RF exposure limits. These new rules, which went into effect in May 2021, raised many questions in the ham radio community. Gregory Lapin's, N9GL, article, "FCC Exposure Rules Soon to Affect Every US Radio Amateur," is a plain-language explanation of the FCC's expectations including information about how to perform the necessary assessments of your station. [Pages-64-65 in the May 2023 QST.](#)

<https://www.arrl.org/fcc-rf-exposure-regulations-the-station-evaluation> (ARRL website for more info!)

**WILD WATER DERBY:** Once again it was a fun time but important time to be at the Wild Water Derby! Last year our DARC hamfest was the same Saturday. I try to help with this event as it is the easiest for me to help without being a burden helping. Unfortunately this is a true statement when your mind thinks 18 but the body is far from that 18 to cooperate. (KD2DNO knows exactly what I mean. Hi hi.) It is nice to be able to help our SIARC friends when we are able. Kudos are in order to Bill, KD2DNO, and Lloyd, KB2FSB for helping out. The WX cooperated for the whole time. No rain! There was some just setting up and sprinkles after. It sure is a lot easier when Mother Nature gives a helping hand. The breakfast camaraderie is always a boost to want you to help. This is the scenery I see from my NCS position:



It is a great spot!



Join me next year.





Me? In the gazebo. Hi hi.

not dumb. I am always dry. Hi hi. Get a free T-shirt or Wild Water Derby hat as in the picture. 73 & 88, Dave

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**RACES** (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) and **ARES** (Amateur Radio Emergency Service)

**Public Service Events for 2023 include:**

Tour De Cure, Webster—June 10-----PAY **ATTENTION TO THE ARTICLE ABOVE**

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.

<https://www.contestcalendar.com/> (Info for latest contests to look at. )

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## **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.



**STILL GOING STRONG!!!!. Kudos, Tom!** Get 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. Only the third Wednesday of the month, the SIARC meeting night, is there no net. (I try to check in once or twice a week.)

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## 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.

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## Hamfests in the Future:

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

**POST SCRIPT: FYI IF YOU DIDN'T SEE THIS IN THE LOCAL NEWS.** (I know the news can be depressing. If it does bother you what goes on, sure limit it or don't watch. As the history teacher I watch balanced information on the news to keep a good perspective of the truth.)

Hawaii is the center for the US Military's Graves Registration. The phrase "We Leave No Men Behind" refers to the continuing work of the Graves Registration Service under the Quartermaster Corp. The name was changed in 1991 to Mortuary Affairs now separate from the military and more civilian operated. Modern technology has given the Mortuary Affairs 100% identification ability making no one left behind. (There are some 70,000 MIAs from WW2 still.)

**JOHN THOMAS OBITUARY** (another one to remember this Memorial Day)





JOHN BLAKESLEE THOMAS, dob 5/20/1920 from North Rose, NY served during WW2 as a pilot of a bomber with rank of 1st Lt., he was assigned to 9th AAF, 34585, 98th BQ, flying a B-24. On August 1, 1943, while attacking the Ploesti Oil Fields, his bomber was shot down by Anti-aircraft fire. His remains were recently recovered at what may have been a former POW camp for air crews in Hungary. In September 2022, these remains were identified as his, and his family was notified.

On Friday, May 12, his remains are to be flown to the Syracuse Airport around 6pm and taken to Farnsworth-Keysor Funeral Home in North Rose. There will be public calling hours from 3pm - 7pm on Friday, May 19. His service will take place on Saturday, May 20, at 11am. Following the service, he will be buried in the Rose cemetery on Route 414 (1.5 miles south of the funeral home). It is expected the public will line Route 414 with flags and honors as the procession goes by. There will be a full military funeral by the US Army at the cemetery. (There will be no public parking at the cemetery.)

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Would you believe these two YLs, 8 and 12 years old respectively, at our hamfest both have extra tickets? What I love of our avocation/hobby.

**THAT'S IT FOR THIS MONTH! SEND ME ARTICLES, PICTURES, STORIES, CARTOONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER!**

This is your newsletter! You must be doing something with ham "radio".

Enjoy your read!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



**At one time in my life, I could  
simultaneously fit my Summer  
and Winter wardrobes in this  
bag... 🤔 🤔**



No joke either!