

# DRUMLINS RUMBLINS **APRIL 2024**

**APRIL 17<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY**

**7:30PM**

WE'RE meeting at the **WAYNE COUNTY SECOND FLOOR EOC ROOM**

Wayne County **Public Services Building** 7227 Rte 31 Lyons NY 14489

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.



Meeting: Hamfest, Field Day info & t-shirts, video, are on the agenda. CU.



**\*\*\*\*\*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! Yes, no kidding. Coffee Soda.

**PRESIDENT'S KORNER**



**April** showers bring May flowers? What crazy month are we in anyway? Talk about this is the goofiest spring I can remember just like the rest of this winter. Hi hi. But one good thing, the weather was great for our March meeting and the “spring” forward change in time brought more DARC members out. (“Doc,” **AB2F**, it was nice seeing you out.) George Bastedo’s presentation, on the just done eclipse on April 8<sup>th</sup>, was enlightening.

**Welcome to our guests** who responded to George’s help and attended the meeting: Ryan **KE2AHU**, Mark **KD2NKS**, John **KC2VPM** and **XYL**, Rich **KD2YGU**, Gil **W5GIL**, Ryan **KD2JFU**, Brandon **KD2UCX** and Don **N2NNF**. John **KC2VPM**, it has been so long since I saw you last, I didn’t even recognize who you right off the bat. Welcome back, Wayne, **N9SBY**, as well. You at least I recognized. Hi hi.

I hope all of you “hams,” that returned your eclipse cards to George’s mailing, you enjoyed this April “Drumlins Rumblins” that was emailed to you. DARC members on George’s list you got a second copy. I figured “Dodo Computer Dave” would mess something up trying to tke the DARC members off.. No joke. You know my computer skills. Those of you that are “re-up” members or new members on George’s list, you got two copies. too.



**Thank you all for attending the March meeting, answering George’s mailing and helping with the eclipse COMMS.**

## **SURPRISE DARC PRESENTATION FOR GEORGE BASTEDO**

April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Monday, the Drumlins ARC presented to George Bastedo, the Wayne County EMO Director, a special plaque before the Eclipse EOC Level II exercise started. Jeff, **N2MKT**, our RACES and DARC “tech guru,” came up with the idea to the Board of Directors (BOD), to do something to show DARC’s appreciation for George. Here is **N2MKT**’s statement for the project and his submission for a possible “QST” magazine article:

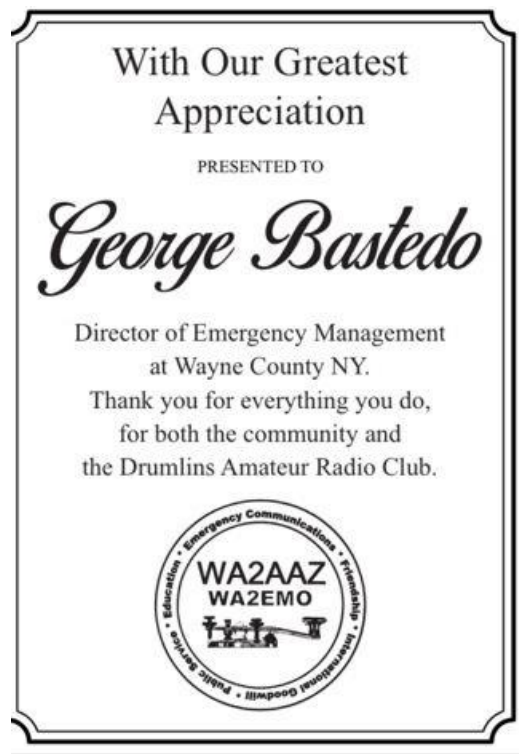
“On April 8th, Wayne County, NY, found itself in the crosshairs of something it never thought imaginable: the Eclipse of 2024. Now, you might think, 'Yeah, 30 seconds of darkness.' I didn’t think much of it until our Emergency Management Director, George Bastedo, advised our radio group (Drumlins Amateur Radio Club) of all the issues he had forecasted for the area. Wayne County, with only 90k residents, was expecting over 50k tourists for the event. Problems included cell coverage, the mass traffic load, and a strain on EMS personnel, just to name a few. Prior to the event, George had sent out a mailer to all the hams in the county to ask for their help. Let me say, this was one of the biggest showings at our club meeting in a long time. George had accomplished something amazing; he was able to rekindle some interest back into ham radio. In his speech, he told us how his father was a ham radio operator and how dearly important we are to this community.

Additionally, a week prior, George had climbers scheduled to replace 2 repeater antennas that we would be using for the Eclipse Event. Net control was called up a few hours before the event, and 65+ active hams were the eyes and ears to report any issues back to the EMO. No major issues were reported.

As a direct result of George Bastedo's leadership and commitment not only to DARC but to the whole community, Drumlins presented George with a plaque as a salute to his dedication on April xx, 2024. George has been pivotal in keeping ham radio alive and well in Wayne County, NY!

George has stated that as soon as he retires, he wants to get his ticket, so we presented him with a Tech manual as well. We sincerely hope he does and can't thank George enough!!"

(Thanks to Abby Wahl for the pictures.)



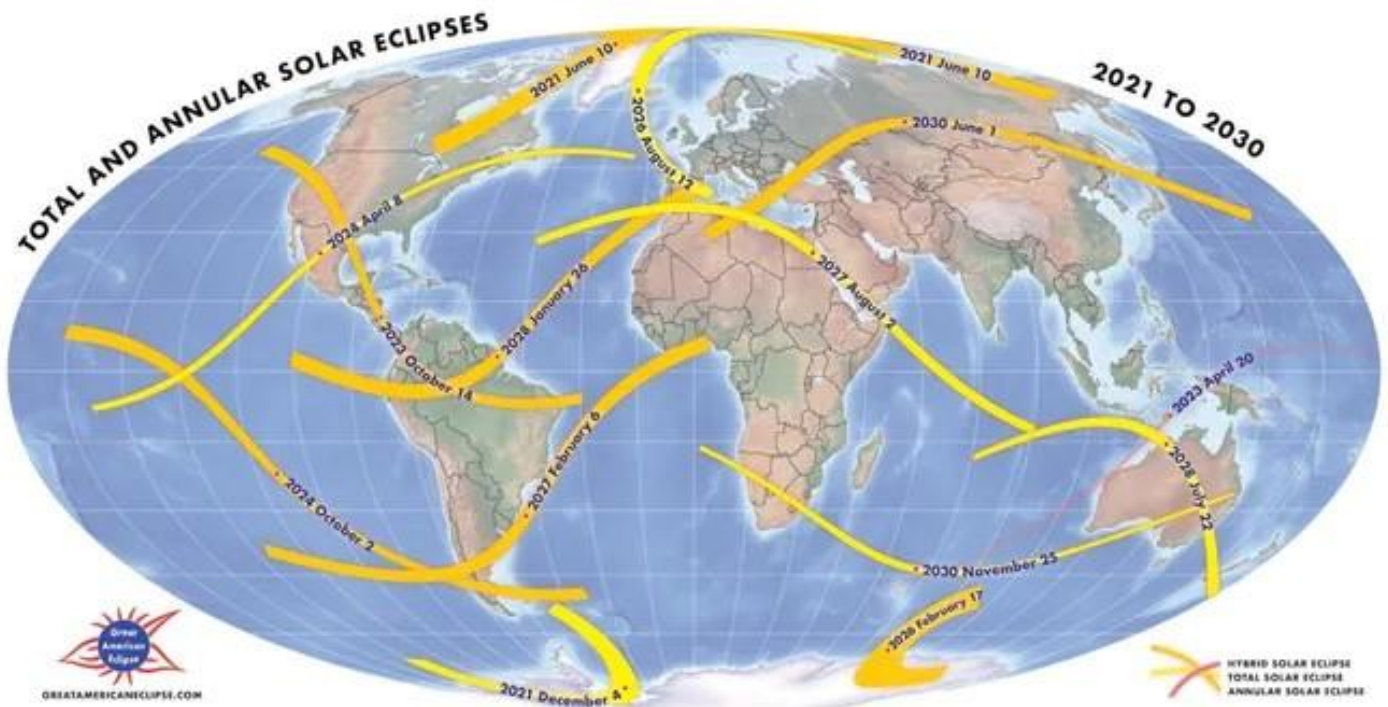
Plaque statement on the back and read to those gathered:

“April 8, 2024: The membership of the Drumlins Amateur Radio Club (DARC) is privileged to present this plaque to George Bastedo, Director of Emergency Management in Wayne County NY, for his faithful support of Wayne RACES and protecting the public in emergency communications. “FB,” (Fine Business), George, is the highest honor in amateur radio expressing a job well done. DARC and RACES thanks you. 73, David Taylor KB2KBY President of DARC & RACES RO”



**SURPRISE, GEORGE!** YOU REALLY DESERVE THIS!!!! (George, other than reading and presenting the plaque, I had nothing to do with anything else. It was **totally** the club’s action and appreciation.)

## **SPEAKING OF THE ECLIPSE**



How about what it looks like from the past, this year and to 2030! Hi hi.

**Many thanks** to all you Wayne County “hams” who gave up their time helping RACES and the EOC: Steve KA1CNF, Andrew KD2SWZ, Larry, KD2LGX, Harold W2HJC, Jim W2RA, Jim KD2SZS, Wayne N9SBY, Mike KA2AFE, Ed KC2BEO, Dave KD2VNV, Stu KC2KJO, Richard KD2YGU, Lloyd KB2FSB, Mark KC2NKS, Cory KC2GQK, Bob KD2VFE, Dave KD2DMV, Rob KD2VPE, Charlie KB2SOZ, Gilbert KD2KHH, Brandon KD2CUX, Winston KD2EJ, Al K2MPE, Troy KE2BIZ, Jay KC2TCM. Don N2NNF, Dean KC2RKG and Rus N2IZV. (I apologize for messing up so many ham calls. The old saying, “you can’t see the tree for the forest.,” was true to the saying.)



You think it was easy????????? As a NCS this was the most checkins I have ever done! Hi hi. Thank heavens for the help of my ANCS ops Doc, AB2F and Ed N0EK. Without them I would have been totally confused. Hi hi. No joke.



TNX Doc & Ed!



Dressed to "T"

We sure appreciate how Tom KB2NCI makes all the roll call for checkins on his Health Welfare net look so easy. We do have a much better idea how to improve the SOP. Nothing like learning by doing, right. Hi hi. Now the eclipse may have been a dud with the cloudy weather. You didn't need your special eclipse glasses. As a result the post traffic jam which could have happened did not materialize. No emergencies. No EMS or fire trucks were needed? Yes, there was a car on fire on Rte 104 in Ontario near the Wayne County border. It was put out quickly. Boring you say? Yes, boring means all went well and everyone was safe. But here is the EOC room in action and the screens were active with changing zooms of information, pictures, drones views and road maps. This was an EOC Level II activation.



During a Ginna exercise RACES is so busy we do not see what is going on in the EOC. This was enlightening to see it in action. This was only a Level II activation with about 30 positions being manned. Level IV, this would be very crowded. The exercise had a nice benefit-food. Hi hi. (There is an advantage to be at the EMO shack. Hi hi.) We have fun, too.

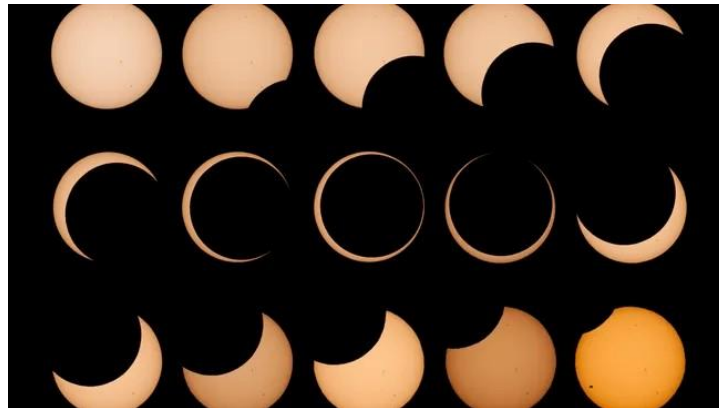


Ed's eclipse cookie!



Isn't this cute! Hi hi.

(Don't tell the XYL I had one of the "total" eclipse cookies that were all chocolate and chocolate frosting. I took a second one home so she could have a bite, too. I am still thoughtful. Hi hi.)



**THIS IS WHAT YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN if the WX cooperated !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! HI HI!!!**

**CONTRATS TO KB2NCI-TOM-SIARC "HEALTH and WELFARE NET !!!!**

**1,000<sup>th</sup> NET MARCH 26, 2024!!**

Tom, what an accomplishment for you! Your XYL, Debbie, is a blessing to the "electronic gods." No joke there. Debbie is usually in the basement working and Tom's "shack" is right close, easily in hearing everything. (KB2KBY's shack is in the

back bedroom away from the living room. My XYL hears any "radio" talk or CW in the slightest, I hear, "Shut that door!" No joke here, either.)



Here is a picture of some of the Health and Welfare net members who have faithfully checked in!!!!



**FB! WELL DONE!**

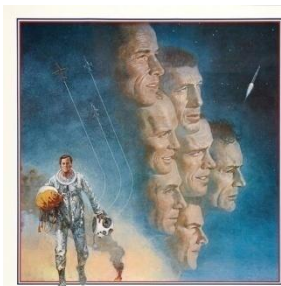


**RACES-ARES APRIL 2024**



**WARECS NETS: ALL NETS WILL BE ON THE WA2AAZ REPEATER ON 146.745 UNTIL ?????**

Okay, the eclipse and all of you that reported into the WA2EMO RACES net probably are saying to yourself at this point, what a waste of my time. **You are wrong!** Period! Dead wrong positively! Let me explain. As with anything you train for like a sport, tearing your car engine apart, building a garage for your home, writing a book, or whatever you want to excel in and to do the right way. You prepare. You train yourself. It is fun you are having, too. Right?



**THE  
RIGHT  
STUFF**

Remember the movie “The Right Stuff” about the US astronauts going to the moon. Okay, RACES may not be as glamorous as the movie but you have to train to be ready to do “the right stuff” when needed. The need for eclipse emergency “comms” was a bust, as I said above. (By the way “comms” is short for communications if you didn’t realize it.) As I get older, I don’t need an exciting life. Boring is good. Nothing new is sometimes good. It is not that all the time getting to where I am now was boring, etc. I had lots of excitement good and bad in my past. It is the bad excitements we seem to overcome more and we got thru it as we had experience coping with it. Preparing for RACES to have the skills to help in EMCOMM, emergency communications, you have to train like anything else. In the last checkin on the RACES eclipse net, I commented, even though we hams were not needed, your time was important and appreciated. The very last op at the end of the list was N2IZV, Rus. Rus said, **“Planning is like insurance for events. It’s better to have a detailed plan and not need it than to encounter chaos because there wasn’t one.”** (TNX, Rus. Well done.)

Of all the 65 hams of Wayne County that responded to help the EMO in this eclipse event, as RACES RO (Radio Officer), I am hoping you will “warm up in the ball pen” and “step up to the plate” eventually to help RACES and the EMO. Practice does not make perfection all the time in real life. Practice can prepare you to adapt and in emergencies in ham radio, us hams are pretty good adapters “going with the flow.”

Each one of us has a “ticket” from the FCC. All the hams in this country, you are 3% of the population. Each one of us has a skill a talent. Collectively together we have a good body of resource in EMCOMM. Our skills are easily carried over in the ARES side helping out the public for COMMS. You have one of the most important skills already and you saw it demonstrated in the RACES eclipse net-order with a SOP and NCS protocol. You are half way there already. You count.



P.S. **WARECS RACES** net Sunday evening 8:35PM (2035L) time on 146.745 (Tone 71.9). The Ontario County **RACES** is 8:00PM (2000L), on the 145.450 (Tone 110.9). Listen in and once you catch on the SOP, join in. Give it a try.

## **SPRING FLING**

Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, the DARC members, XYLs, YLs, friends and families met for the “**Spring Fling**” at the Blue Ribbon Smokehouse & Bakery on Main Street Phelps. DARC had a tradition many years ago to have a membership family outing some time after the Christmas and New Year. As years passed and the DARC memberships got a wee bit older, the weather and the unpredictability of the weather driving on roads to a nice eating place, the time and venue were changed. April seemed the best time usually in the first two weekends of the month. It is spring and the time has sponge ahead by this time making getting to and from a nice dinner out much easier. This April has been a goofy month with the weather but there was a nice gathering as you can see below.



It is a **fun time** and even my XYL loves the meal and the gifty-gab with “radio” nerds and their significant others and family members. So look for a Spring Fling flier from our Rich KC2TNJ after the December seasonal fun in your emails. I know Rich is already planning for next year. We had a slight glitch which night the Spring Fling was this year. Something to do with enough help on the serving

and food side? Luckily there, the change to a Friday from a Saturday dinner still worked out. Sorry with those with the change that could not make it. You can only do what you can do and control. **TNX, Rich, for all your planning and work!**

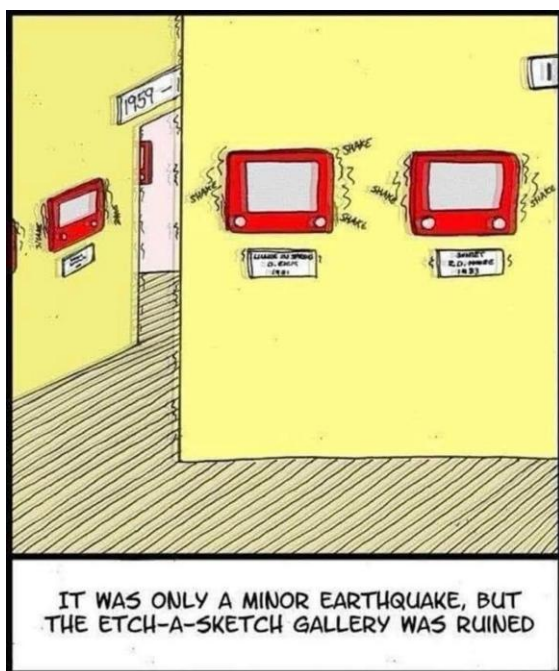
## YOU FEEL THE EARTHQUAKE??????????

4.8! I happened to be texting my Army MARS CW guru, Dick, when it happened. His daughter lives down near New York City and she texted her dad. I looked up where it was centered with a local TV news alert and sent Dick this screenshot from my cell. I didn't feel a thing up here.

Dick Corp, W2WC, is a fascinating CW op. Look him up on QRZ.com. I love CW! It is my favorite ham mode and why I got my "ticket." Dick lives CW! I am not kidding you. Dick was Army Signal Corp. He told me in a military CW net he could keep track of 16-17 ops at one time in his head. 40 mph is his most comfortable. Hi hi. Holy crow! But he says even with my 12 wpm I am a true Morse op. (TNX, Dick.) His brother Pete WA2QEJ was Signal Corp, too. His son Will Jr. is KD2QE. Dick's original call K2POF is the call for the Stone Creek Radio Club. Look it all up. Very interesting reads.



BUT....



(I COULDN'T RESIST ADDING THIS CARTOON TOO. Hi hi.)



# DRUMLINS ARC HAMFEST SATURDAY APRIL 20th 8:00AM-1:00PM \$5.00

Palmyra VFW Post 6778, 4306 Rte 31. Palmyra NY

<b>Same Location</b>	Contact person: Rich Hamill KC2TNJ (315) 986-8589  Palmyra VFW Post 6778 4306 Route 31, Palmyra, NY 3 miles east of Palmyra 5 miles west of Newark
<b>37th ANNUAL DRUMLINS HAMFEST</b>	 <b>TALK-IN</b> 146.745 PL 71.9
<b>NEW DATE</b>	Electronics – AMATEUR RADIO GEAR – Computers
<b>APRIL 20, 2024</b>  Vendors 7am Public 8am Till 1pm	Breakfast – GRAND PRIZE – Door Prizes Admission \$5.00 Indoor Tables (6 ft.) \$5.00 Outdoor Tailgaters FREE
<b>WEBPAGE</b> Drumlinsarc.us	<b>We're looking forward to the April Hamfest this year!</b>
For Tables Rich Hamill, KC2TNJ (315)-986-8589 Email: Hamfest@drumlinsarc.us	<a href="http://drumlinsarc.us/hamfest-info/">http://drumlinsarc.us/hamfest-info/</a>

## World Amateur Radio Day 2024

[World Amateur Radio Day](#) (WARD) is celebrated each year on April 18.

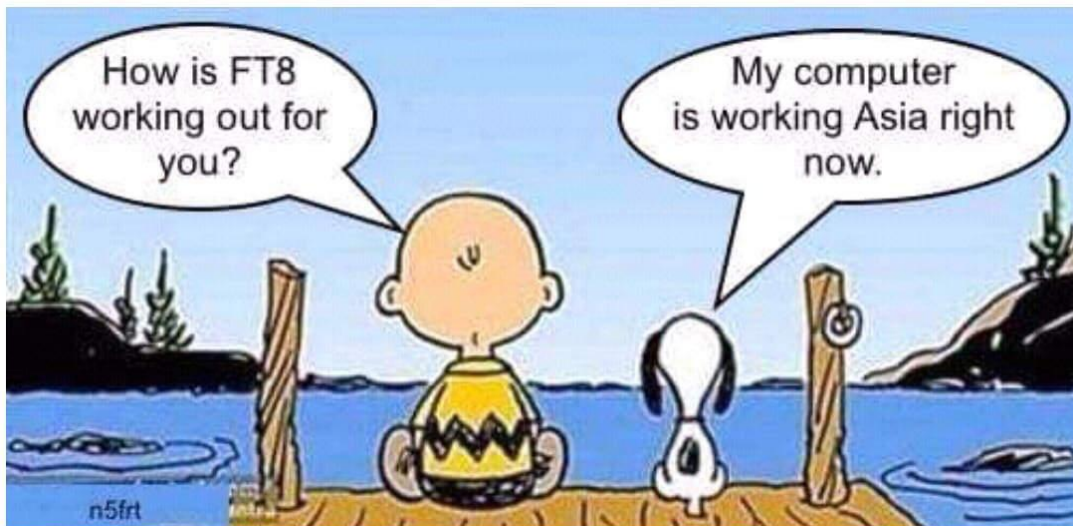
The theme for 2024 is, "A Century of Connections: Celebrating 100 Years of Amateur Radio Innovation, Community, and Advocacy." The global event covers all of the [International Amateur Radio Union](#) (IARU) regions and spans 2 days: Thursday, April 18, 2024, 0000 UTC to Friday, April 19, 2024, 0000 UTC.



On April 18, 1925, the IARU was formed in Paris and will celebrate its centenary in 2025. American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Co-Founder Hiram Percy Maxim was the organization's first president.

All radio amateurs are invited to take to the airwaves to enjoy the global friendship with other amateurs and to show their skills and capabilities to the public. WARD is not a contest but rather an opportunity to talk about the value of amateur radio with the public and fellow amateur colleagues. It is also a great opportunity to talk about local radio clubs and amateur radio in local media as a lead-up to [ARRL Field Day](#), which is held each year during the fourth full weekend in June. You can also promote your personal WARD activities on social media platforms like X and Facebook by using the hashtag **#WorldAmateurRadioDay**.

For more ideas and information, visit [World Amateur Radio Day \(arrl.org\)](http://World Amateur Radio Day (arrl.org))



(My Dick Corp does all the digital stuff. Not just Morse code! He lives and breathes ham radio. He told me he had Puerto Rico (PR) on FT8 the day of the earthquake. Look at the K2POF club site. You'll see Dick helping the Cadets at West Point where he helped up their Army MARS station. I tell him I take naps for him he does so much. Hi hi.)



See! No joke.

**DON'T FORGET! YOU CAN RETURN YOUR ECLIPSE GLASSES TO YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY FOR REUSE OR RECYCLE!!!!!!!!!!**

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FOR THIS MONTH. You, too, can contribute to the Drumlins Rumblins. Anything “radio” interesting to you old, new, unusual, projects, etc., will be interesting to the whole club. Email it to me, please.



DID YOU KNOW THERE IS A STATUE OF SAMUAL MORSE IN NYS'S CENTRAL PARK?

Here it is!

