

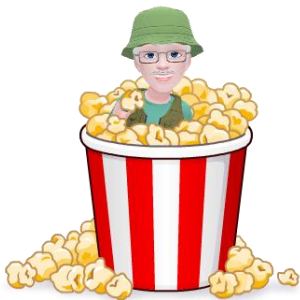
# "DRUMLINS RUMBLINS"- MAY 2025



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

**WEDNESDAY MAY 21<sup>st</sup>** 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.



Bring \$\$\$\$\$ for treats & a 50/50





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

## PRESIDENT'S KORNER

I hope DARC members can come to our May meeting and see the fantastic results of our 2025 Drumlins Hamfest! Our hamfest was a wonderful success! That success is because of the all the DARC members who volunteered their time especially for the Friday setup and the entire time period Saturday! Believe me when I say, most of us DARC members are mostly retired and just so hard to get up soooooooooooooo early! No joke. (I'd hate to think what the medium age is, period. Hi hi.)

All the pics you see are a testament of the work that was done which helped our hamfest to be so successful. We even had some SIARC quests that helped each day as well. You may not realize it but SIARC and DARC really have a long history of cooperating and helping each other. Times like this it quietly shows. It is not just a lot of us are members of both clubs. But you will see helping hams you'll wonder, who are they? Hi hi. That is one positive note of our "hobby," our amateur radio, there is always help for anyone and about anything.

This is what the VFW hall looks like beforehand. All the tables must be switched around and most of the chairs are put away. (You have me only taking pictures as I'm no help at all.)







SLOWLY...What you take away  
arranged!!!!!!!!!!

and moved gets

You can easily count the work force is pretty slim but they well organized into getting all the hamfest setup. **KC2TNJ Rich** is the big organizer that makes this all come together. He makes it look easy which it not. Rich TNX for organization!!!!



The **MC** and **vendor tables** are ready for occupation!



The **club table** and our newly up to date **club banner** are up.

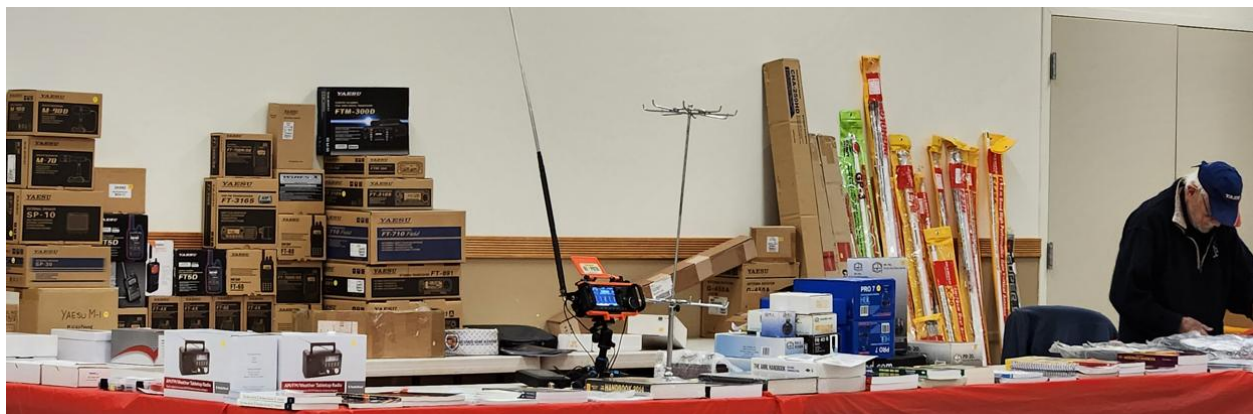
KC2TNJ had our banner updates and changes patched up so all the info is correct and looking good. TNX AGN, Rich.

We cannot forget the kitchen crew who work behind the scene figuratively and realistically! Here is the before pics.



Ray (Fryen), and Rich I could not get pictures of but they were part of the breakfast/lunch crew as well. Special TNX for the Hamill family, including Sabrina and Jay who getting pictures of is hard, to help with too many things to give them credit for. Friday, KA1CNF and KB2FSB, Steve and Lloyd got the parking lot situation all organized too.

Welcome back "KJI ELECTRONICS!" It was nice to see Gene K2KJI and helper Terry KC2MMC return for our hamfest after a few years hepatitis! Gene's XYL and fellow ham Mary Anne both have had medical problems since they were up last a few years ago. Gene and Terry setup real early the morning of the hamfest before the doors were open to the rest.





With all this setup, organizing and volunteering it is the hamfest time and everything starts rolling along. Whew!!!!



N2MKT Jeff and his XYL manned the club table once again. KD2DNO Bill was doing all the entry tickets and money at the front of the VFW hall. KC2TNJ Jay was showing the ham vendors their table. WD2STK Sabrina was roaming around doing the 50/50 raffle tickets. KA1CNF and KB2FSB were getting soaked in the parking lot as mother nature let loose her wet surprise just as the WX forecasters predicted. Oooooops.



Sorry about the rain, Steve and Lloyd. Their organization of an expanded handicapped area and keeping those rows of cars straight-that is no easy task. In the rain didn't make it any easier. I talked with my Harris breakfast crew the Saturday after the hamfest. There was the discussion of having our hamfest later when there are no April showers. I mentioned with other bigger hamfest later and the VFW hall being used for wedding and good weather gatherings, we just have to put up with Mother Nature, period. They were kind to agree. (I bribe my Harris radio guys each year. You come to the hamfest and I'll pay for your breakfast and or lunch. Hi hi. It works. Hee hee.)



The remarks on line were very positive and what a good hamfest it was. AWSEOME IT WAS AND IS!!!! "FB" TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!!!! Proud of you all!

YES! TEAM



You get a lot of hams together, the having a good time is never a problem. Hi hi. The BS-er MC guy is good at throwing things out as well. Hi hi.







"Talks Too Much" Dave can at least BS. Hi hi. I will admit, a week later with a little horse voice, I picked up an "adeno virus." Nasty cold like thing and my doc put me on an inhaler and five day steroid Rx as it got into my bronchial "tubes" and I had a slight wheeze breathing in hard. Luckily an X-ray, it did not go into my lungs. But for the morning 715-repeater nets, I was a quiet boy. (You "Talks Too Much" Dave does talk too much, would be happy. Hi hi. I know. It is hard to quiet an old social studies teacher. No joke.)

DO COME TO THE MEETING AND SEE WHAT THE RESULTS ARE FOR OUR 2025 HAMFEST. ALSO, Gene K2KJI gave us a few "gifts" for the club. Instead of using as prizes for the hamfest, he said we could decide what the club at a meeting could decide by a drawing for hamfest workers at a meeting or keep for the club shack to add to our gear. THESE ARE:



COIL of 75' COAX CABLE RG-58 with CONNECTORS; DIAMOND SP3000W COAX LIGHTNING SURGE PROTECTOR and a COAXIAL CABLE STRIPPER. Gene felt we had enough prizes (Which we do very well for a small club.), and wanted to award us in a different way. TNX, Gene

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**RACES-ARES MAY 2025**

**\*\*\*\*\*STATE FEMA GRADED **GINNA DRILL JUNE 4 WEDNESDAY**\*\*\*\*\***

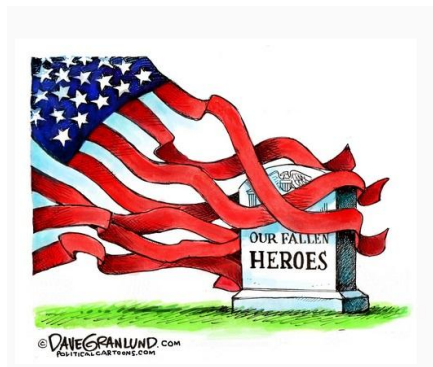


A **PLEA FOR POSSIBLE HELP** WITH THE JUNE GINNA DRILL: IS THERE A CLUB MEMBER WHO COULD HELP WITH THE DRILL? A CLUB MEMBER WITH A BADGE OR WE CAN SIGN IN A "NEWBY" AS GUEST. We have the minimum needed but one extra who could be in the RACES radio shack would be ideal. **ANYONE INTERESTED?** You don't need any experience but a Tech "ticket." The State drill is the best time for training new prospective RACES members. You can get a feel of what is going on and see what we do. Please contact me: Dave KB2KBY [C: 315-871-8767 Just identify who you are when texting me with you callsign.)



**ONTARIO and WAYNE COUNTY RACES NETS MAY 25 SUNDAY !!!**

**Have a safe and fun Memorial Day holiday weekend !**







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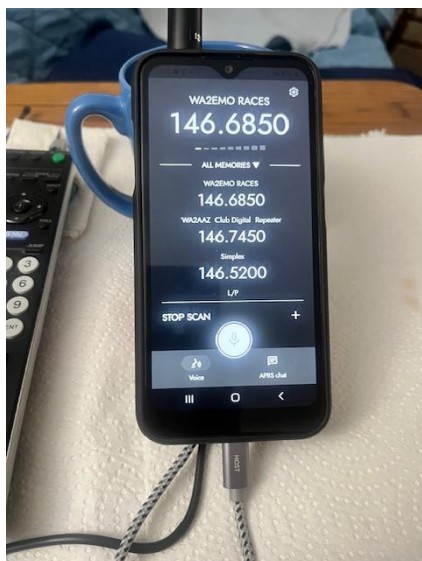
## NOEK'S NEWEST "GADGET" CELL HT

Ed is good example of "tech" guys who are always "teching." H hi. (Yea, I know there is no such word.) With the help of KA1CNF, Steve, who has more nimble fingers for small screws and screwdrivers, Ed had a spare Android cell (Yea, I have two old Android cell phones. They make nifty little tablets.), to experiment with for this neat project.



Of course, Ed is a good solderer, too, and knows how to assemble these little "tech" projects that KB2KBY is envious of. I have a short 6 minute YouTube on the KV4P-HT for the meeting. If you don't make the meeting, here is the website for the You Tube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9eXHgktFD-U>

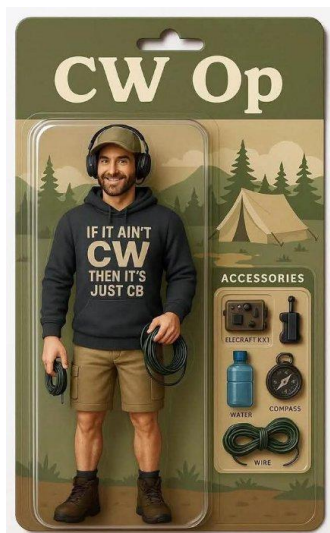


DARN NEAT, Ed! TNX for sending this info for the newsletter.

## MEETING PROGRAM: COMMUNICATIONS and ADMIRAL BYRD IN



**ANTARTICIA 1928-29 EXPEDITION** You know how crazy I am about really old radio stuff and, especially, when it is just CW being used. It is one reason I joined the AWA! Admiral Byrd, by the way, is historically the youngest Admiral to head the US Navy Department at 42, if my brain is remembering it correctly. My latest "Electric Radio" May/June magazine, had a great article on Byrd's 1928 expedition. I thought, this would make a nice program. Jay, KC2TNJ, was out playing at the Dayton hamfest and I didn't want to bug him and Sabrina on their "hamfesting." Hi hi.)

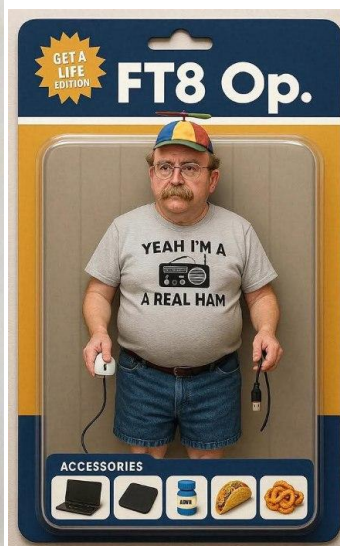


Speaking of CW, look what

KD2SZT found on line! Hi hi. TNX, Andy. These little nifty guys were cute, too:



Hi hi. Well, it has the body



type of me pretty close.

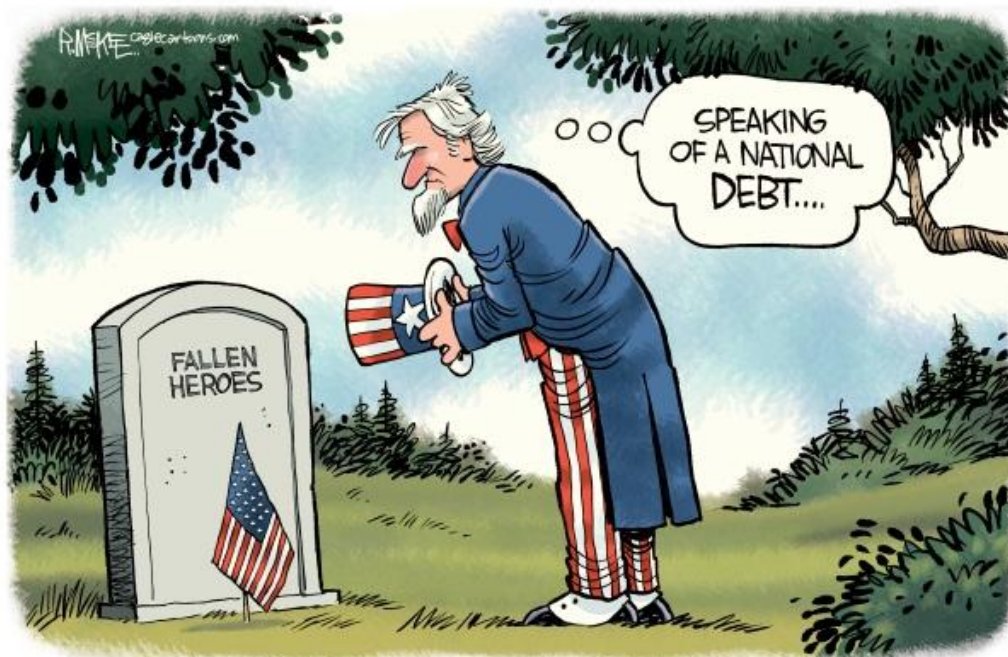


**NOTICE THE "#1200" NETS FOR TOM IN THE PICTURE!** (I've missed 3 weeks to catch the number. Sorry, Tom.)



**STILL GOING STRONG!!!. Kudos, Tom!** Get acquainted with some of our SIARC friends and the surrounding counties. **Thank you, Tom, for being so patient and sacrificing your time.**

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 SECOND Wednesday of the month, the SIARC meeting night, is there no net.



**PLEASE, GIVE YOUR RESPECTS ON MEMORIAL DAY AT LEAST A MINUTE OF SILENCE AT 11:00AM!**

7TH ANNUAL  
**ROC CITY**  
*Net*  
80 meter - 3.826 (or above)  
 Wednesday - 7:30 pm Eastern      2 meter - Bristol 145.11 Repeater  
 Sunday 7:30

**HAMFEST**

SATURDAY | AUGUST 23 | 7AM

AT THE LOG CABIN RESTAURANT  
 2445 W Walworth Road | Macedon, NY

**FRIDAY**

- Meet us for dinner at the Log Cabin on Friday night at 7PM
- RVers and overnighers are welcome on Friday

**SATURDAY**

- Free admission!
- VE Ham License Testing (Planned - Subject to VE Availability)
- Many great door prizes from our sponsors
- Great food available for purchase inside the Log Cabin Restaurant and through vendors on-site
- 11 acres for radio gear
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ROC CITY HAMFEST !

ANOTHER HAM COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT FROM KC2KJP STU

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**Public Service Events for 2025:**

My apologies are in order in the contest area this past month. With Memorial Day so early this year, I was not thinking. The **ARMED FORCES DAY CROSSBAND TEST** was actually Saturday of May 11. I usually send a club email and or announce it in the newsletter. The "test" usually would have been the Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>, with Memorial Day holiday closer to the end of the month. Oh no, May 31<sup>st</sup> is on a Saturday. Not turning the calendar ahead early enough, I sure missed the actual test day.

This yearly "test" is a reminder of my last days at Ft. Devens MD in my 05K20 school which I sent my future XYL, Jan, a crossband message to her that I would be home in a couple of weeks on leave before my leaving for Shemya. ☹ ☹ It is a good time down memory lane for me. No joke. I depended on that communication connected for 4 years. At the meeting I'll show you a **little surprise** I found at our hamfest and share it.

I have looked ahead and May 31<sup>st</sup> is on a Sunday in 2026. That mean a Friday Memorial Day holiday? Hope I do better in 2026. Hi hi.

June 7—**Tour De Cure**, Stokoe Farms, Scottsville (details at [www.rochesterham.org](http://www.rochesterham.org))

June 13—Shortsville Fire Department **Parade**

July 13—**Musselman** Ironman, Geneva

August 2—Phelps **Sauerkraut Festival** Krauter races

September 7—Finger Lakes **Triathlon**, Canandaigua

October 5—**Wineglass Marathon**, Steuben County

October 30 and 31—**Pumpkin Patrol**, Thruway bridges

**ARRL Field Day** is June 28 and 29- Big M Game Club in Clifton Springs

The **New York State RACES net** is held each Sunday morning at 9am on 7281khz LSB and members are always welcome to check in and get more training on HF net operations. The net follows the same procedures that our weekly nets do. A digital message is sent afterwards on 7081.5kHz USB using Olivia 8-500, MFSK 32 and Thor 22. Forty meters has worked ery well, so for the time being, the net will remain there. We are in Region 5 (check in is by region) and we are always very well represented. Give it a try! NYS RACES



## NOTES FROM WD2STK SABRINA ON THE DAYTON HAMFEST 2025

It's a lil mess (and out of order) but if you guys want. A brief summary of Hamvention 2025. Gene (KJI Electronics) was there partnering with Diamond Antennas. John Bee (Quicksilver) was also there, he has trimmed down his shows but it was great to see him.



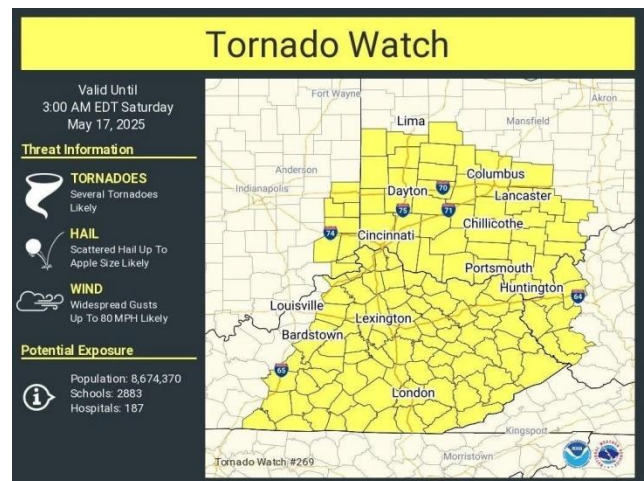
Our testing sessions are done for another year. We had 230 applicants with a 54% pass rate. Testing room configuration. 16 grown adults were generally seated and others kept going in and out of this room.



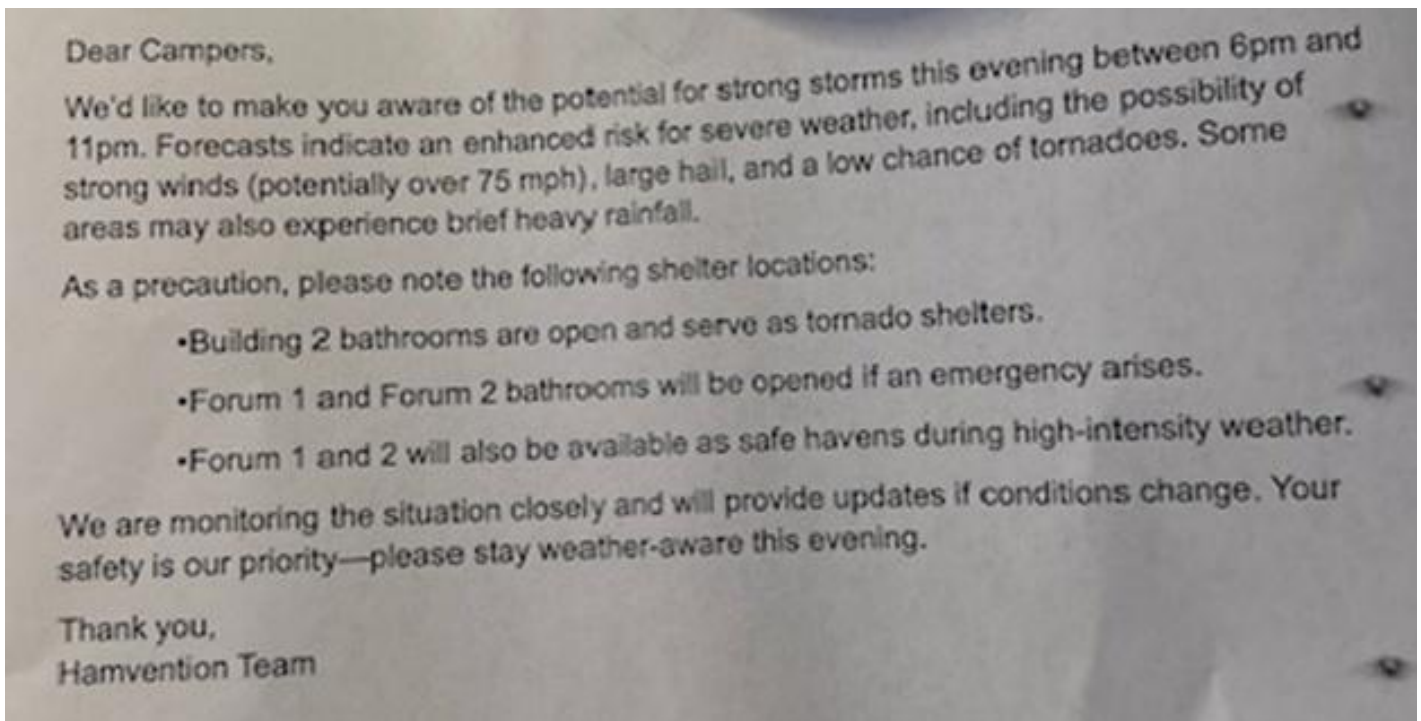
Namely because if you add a coffee maker and donuts. Our volunteers were fueled. (Granted it wasn't with Trista's scones)  
[Editor note: Where the little mascots come from? Hi hi.]



A meetup with other camping hams. Dinner w some friends at a place we never ate at before. Pretty good taco pizza and cheeseburger pizza was shared among 6 of us.



The sky as the rain started coming in from the watch. Later that night it did pour and become windy luckily the worse avoided us. Jay was setting up to try listening to Skywarn net as it just starts raining. This was the sky before the rain came. [Note tacked on WD2STK and KC2TNJ's camper door! Yikes!!!!]



Get the antennas down!



Later that night it did pour and become windy luckily the worse avoided us. Hopefully we should arrive home by 8 pm tonight (Monday.)



73,WD2STK

(TNX, Sabrina, for your report to add to the newsletter.)

[We are glad the storm avoided you and everyone at Dayton was safe. The terrible WX we have seen in this country on TV these past few weeks have been terrible to see! We are very lucky our Great Lakes which we complain about with "lake effect" snow in the winter are a savior moderating that weather pattern reaching us from the west. ]

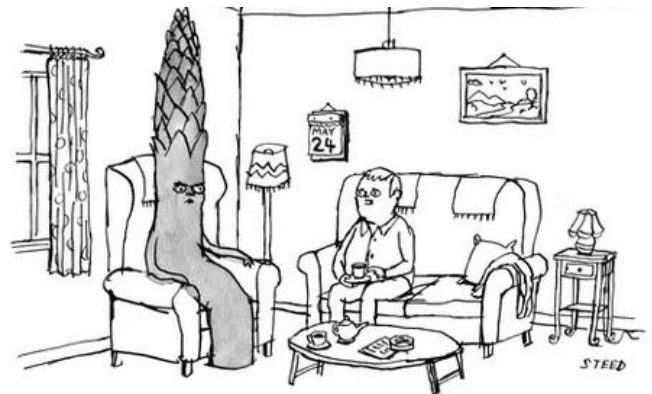




The Editor is sorry that it took too much time to get this May newsletter out. I'm no "Speedy Gonzales." (Are you old enough to remember this cartoon guy? Hi hi.) I have fun doing the newsletter but it takes time. I wish I had the ability with the computer and computer programs my simple brain can use now back when I was teaching! I used the technology I could use and was affordable at the time but I could have been better in the classroom what I know now. I believed in visuals for the visual learner. Oh yea, I talked a lot for those kids who were auditory learners. History notes? Of course! There were the kids that needed the reading and repetition on paper to help their learning. I was good using all three learning methods. My first laptop good enough for school was a HP Microsoft SP2 program and it cost me \$1,000 which I could do a pay plan thru Sears and Roebuck. Jay, I think you put a more up to date program on it for me. Remember? But, as you saw on the frig calendar picture I emailed out, the XYL and I are not cough potatoes. Hi hi. I appreciate your patience with me.



"I don't love the new standing desks."



"That's not fair. I do not only visit you once a year on National Asparagus Day."

I thought this cartoon was pulling my leg until I looked the date up. Good grief, **it is a true national day**. Hi hi. OMG!



## History of National Asparagus Day

**Asparagus was an ancient vegetable.** The ancient Greeks and Romans used it as offerings dating back to 3000 BC. They used the Persian word 'asparag,' which meant a shoot or sprout. The term 'sperage' became popular for many years and, in the 16th century, we find the term 'sparagus' used in English-speaking countries. Peasants called it 'sparrow grass.'

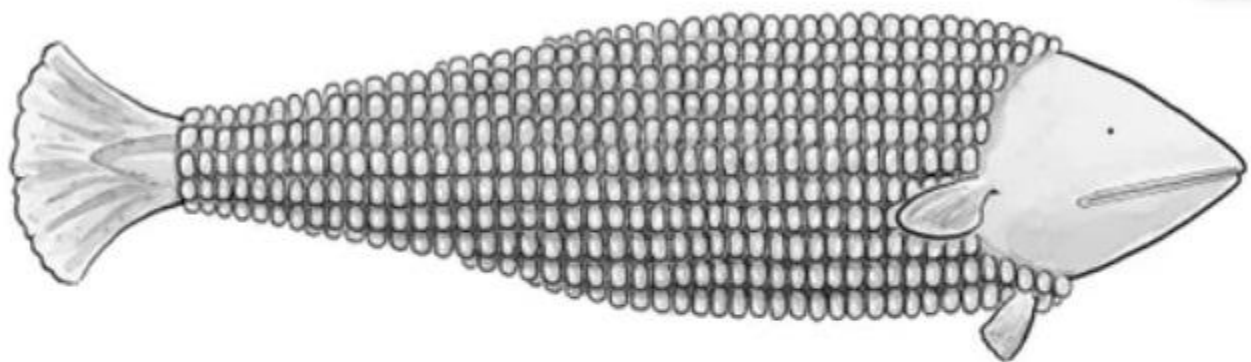
Asparagus was brought to North America by European settlers as early as 1655. A Dutch immigrant to New Netherland, Adriaen van der Donck, refers to asparagus in his description of Dutch farming practices in the New World. This vegetable was also grown by British immigrants. In 1685, an advertisement for Pennsylvania by William Penn displaying a list of crops that grew well in the American climate included asparagus.

Currently, asparagus production in the United States is mainly in three states: California, Michigan, and Washington. In 2019, the national average asparagus yield was around 4,076 pounds per acre and the total asparagus production was 84.39 million pounds.

Asparagus can take three years to go from seed to harvest, but the plants will produce spears for decades, making it a great crop. However, it is quite labor-intensive, as farmworkers handpick each spear. They carefully excavate around each spear to a depth of nine inches and clip it at the base. That's a lot of work!

Once seen as an offering for the gods, asparagus continues to be celebrated today. In 2019, Oceana County, Michigan celebrated its 46th National Asparagus Festival. Asparagus is kind of a big deal.

[Sorry. Always the history teacher. Hi hi. My XYL know I am not a big salad eater unless you can drown that green stuff with feta cheese; black, green and Italian olives, lots of white onions, radishes (Which she is no big lover of. Hee hee.), peppers-even the warm guys, croutons, tomato slices, etc., and drown in lots of dressing! ☺ ☺ ) I'll tell the XYL, I'll have lots "sparrow grass." Hi hi.]



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CORN ON THE COD

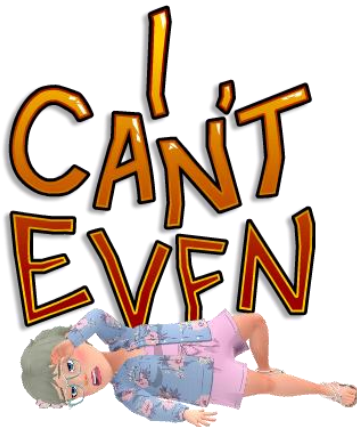
[Cute cartoon. But my Dad was an orphan from England to Canada before coming to the States as an adult. He had never seen eatable corn on the cob. In England corn was animal feed. While still in an orphanage near Oshawa celebrating the King's birthday during WW 1, he ate his first ice cream brought in on refrigerated rail box cars from Toronto. He, also, had his **first corn on the cob**. When finished eating all the corn kernels on the cob, he took his bare cob back and asked the adult server to put "more corn" back on it. He was only 8 or 9 years old. True story. At age 12, he could not pass the



state exams to continue his schooling. He became an itinerant child farm laborer on farms in Markham northeast of Toronto. Today, Markham is a ritzy suburb. When he first arrived on the farms in Markham, it was all kerosene lamps, dirt roads and horse drawn equipment and transportation. He remembered when Markham got electricity after WW1. I always think of my Dad back in Canada whenever I think of corn on the cob.]



This Memorial Day will be the last Memorial Day ceremony our Willow will play Taps for the Scottsville American Legion and march in the Wheatland Chili High School marching band with her sister Maryn. We have to be at the farm at 8:30am that day. Mimi and me wish to be there for the ceremony. You know what that means? Yes, my "Sleeping Beauty" must be up and out of the QTH by 7:30am!!!



It will be an interesting early Memorial Day. Hi hi.

P.S. The hamfest is not all work. Here is what you are missing **after**! It is community fun after in the bar.



It is a well deserved treat. You can always get a soda at the bar. It was good to see KJI Gene once again. You'll see my XYL talking to Terry behind Gene. Fun fun fun time. FB.



Did you know Gene's callsign K2KJI is on the moon? He told my XYL the company he worked for, Gene had something to do with a "little part" on one of the Apollo land rovers. There is a small plaque with his callsign on that part!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Gene has an amazing life and he'll talk your ear off. You think I'm a "Talks to Much" guy? Gene outdoes me! Hard to believe me. Hi hi.



...once again to all the hamfest helpers and the help that keeps our DARC going!