# "DRUMLINS RUMBLINS"- SEPTEMBER 2026




WE'RE meeting at the WAYNE COUNTY SECOND FLOOR EOC ROOM
Wayne County Public Services Building 7227 Rte 31 Lyons NY 14489
**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16th** 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**! (Lately, the broom is keeping the door open.)
[REMEMBER: Bring some $$$$$ for the 50/50!]

## PRESIDENT'S KORNER



**Labor Day weekend** is the unofficial end of summer. As "Doc," AB2F, mentioned this once again on the weekday morning 715 repeater net the Tuesday after Labor Day. With Labor Day being September 7th, the latest in the month of September it can be, it was no surprise hearing this comment from "Doc." Hi hi. The rest of us gang expected that bit and we'd be disappointed if "Doc" didn't say it. "Where has the summer gone?," that one, too, out of "Doc." My XYL has a small tradition at this time of the year, as well. She takes a walk at this time around the village of Palmyra and noticing Mother Nature's tree canopy, she eyes the first leafs of the village trees and brings me

back her “first” leaf-the one she likes the best of the fall changes. There is her “first” leaf. She’ll collect more pretty colored ones as fall progresses during her walks in the fall. That **Fall will be officially September 22nd at 8:05pm EDT** this year. You have already noticed the nighttime is coming earlier in the evenings, right? Hi hi. Sunrise is getting later. (You think sunrise is getting is getting late here, try my Shemya. As I type, sunrise is 8:49am on the Island of Shemya. Remember, Alaska doesn’t do Daylight Saving Time. N0EK, I know, knows what I am talking about. He spent a lot more time is Alaska than I. Hi hi.)



The “whirling dervish” summer is over! It is time to get back to the routine of this DARC 2026-2027 year. (Yes, “Doc,” you talk about how the time flies but you haven’t come up of a way to slow it down. Hi hi.) So, **WELCOME BACK**! We hope to see you at this “new DARC year” at the September meeting. Of course bring your zip lock baggies to bring back Tris’s scones to take home! The XYL did manage to bring a few scones home after the August DARC Picnic! Hee hee. Oh, yes, I’ll have my zip lock bag ready. Hi hi.

There was so much going on since our last DARC meeting in June: Abby Wahl’s retirement, George Bastedo’s retirement, Field Day with our SIARC friends, the DARC picnic and the State Ginna drill. This is just “ham” stuff! The “editor,”a.k.a. KB2KBY, has tons more picture than you will find here in the newsletter. **SO**, **come to the meeting to see the rest**. 88 & 73, Dave

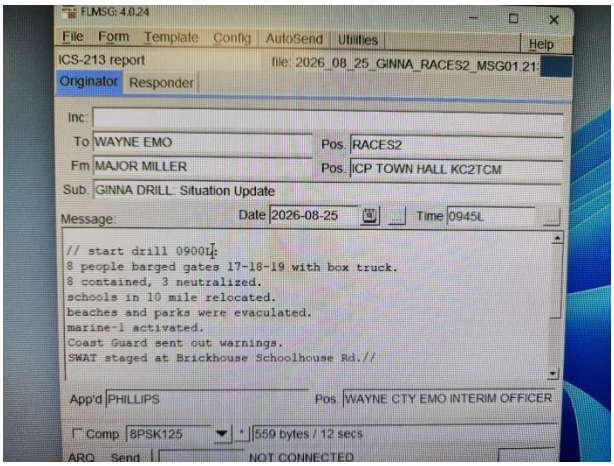
P.S. The XYL and I did a lot with family and that “tornado” being so busy is very true. As we get a little older, it seems the recovery time “doing things” with the seven grandkids is longer. Hi hi.

## RACES-ARES SEPTEMBER 2026

There are a few more big things for ARES and RACES yet this fall coming up. Look at Tom’s, KB2NCI, list near the end of the newsletter. Pay attention.

I wish to **thank our faithful** RACES crew for helping in this year’s State Ginna drill August 25th: **N2IZV** Rus, **KC2TNJ** Rich, **N2MKT** Jeff, **KA1CNF** Steve, **KB2FSB** Lloyd and a “**newcomer**” **KC2TCM** Jay. This is the largest crew we have had to gather together ever! I mean it! Jeff has a few years on me participating as he remembers drills using the “bunker” on the same grounds as the Public Services building and new jail are today. Not only was there the **usual Ginna “release”** which is typical each year with the State and every other year with FEMA, but this year’s drills (State and FEMA), have an

added “crisis” with a **“hostel take over” at Ginna itself or officially called a HAB** (Hostel Action Based “emergency) drill as well. Other than our usual two van ops and two ops at the RACES position in the Dose Room, we had two ops in Walworth with one at the Walworth Town Hall and another at a lodge at the Ginegaw Park at the bottom of the hill from the Town Hall. I was in the shack at RACES 2 and MARS with the HF rigs for a State RACES and SHARES contacts and keeping a log listening to the COMMS between the vans and RACES in Dose for Rich and Steve. Jay even sent a FlDigi message which I logged in as a priority log entry for the big room. Doing a FlDigi message was a first for 2m COMMS!




The FlDigi message from Jay posted.



The “shack” position and the logging on RACES2 on the left.

Unfortunately, with all the extra activity going on with technically two separate drills, I only got one picture outside the “shack.” Jay sent me some pictures from the Walworth Town Hall. Lloyd and Jeff were too busy in the vans even for “selfies.” Once the calls went out to report for duty, it was go, go, go. I didn’t get my usual doughnut and diet soda until after lunch! (Yea, I know you really feel sad for me-NOT. Hi hi.)

Also, Jeff got a great idea of purchasing smaller cases for the Ginna vans so the BIG kits don’t have to be hailed around with 75% of the load not even needed. So we’re looking at smaller cases just for the antennas, radio, cables, etc., needed for just Ginna exercises. (The fact, there are too many of us like me that can’t handle these big guys to begin with. I know Rich agrees.)

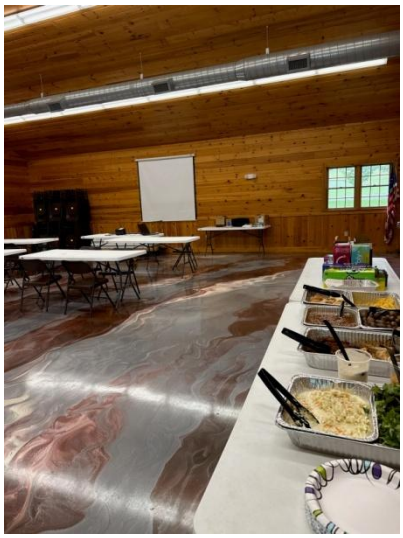
Here is the goings on

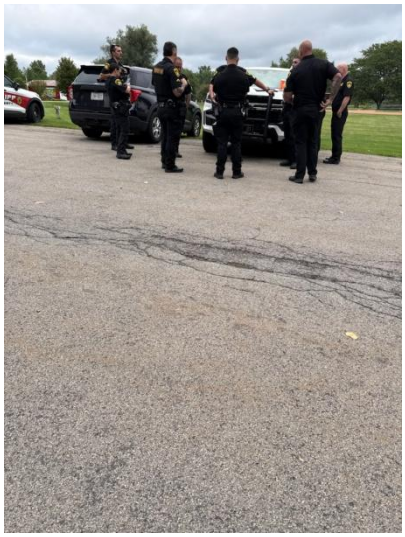


big COMMS room.



<-This was Jay's nice position at the Walworth Town Hall. (His Dad, KC2TNJ, got stuck outside the Town Hall in the 2014 drill with nobody else even there. No joke.) Of course Jay got the important part of the Town Hall with a nice lunch at the Ginegaw Lodge as you can see. Hi hi. (I hope Rus did too.)



I think this the picture-> is at the  parking lot by the lodge. (Sorry, I forgot who even sent this picture.)

I went to the post-exercise critique. I was happy to report all COMMS by RACES was well done but I said we could have a small improvement. I want to make sure we have a SignaLink with the FT8800 for the "shack" COMMS. We will see if one of the extra kits stored we can see what we can use. Aimee Philips emailed "thanks" report was very positive, a job well done with only a slight improvement for the rest of the County team. RACES? The team did a "FB," a job well done. AGAIN, gentlemen, my humble TNX!

One thing I wish to point out. KC2TCM, Jay, did a great job with this State drill coming in "cold turkey" meaning no prior training? NO training? Not true. Jay has checked in with the Ontario RACES and our WARECS net many times. He knows the net protocol, messaging with the ARRL Radiogram and using FlDigi and the ICC213 form. I have said before, even if an op only checks in a Sunday net even a few times a year, **you have the skills for a Ginna exercise.**

THE **FEMA GINNA** DRILL IS **OCTOBER 6th**! I send out "good signals" all the RACES ops will be there!!! (Hopefully KD2DNO can make it!)

73, KB2KBY RO/EC

**MEETING PROGRAM:** The program is in the works! (With all the pictures and articles, the editor wanted to get this newsletter out as early as possible and work on the program after. I'm slow at this job.)

# ABBY WAHL RETIREMENT

After how many years which I can't remember, George Bastedo's and the whole HAZMAT Dose gang's"**chief bottle washer**" has retired. As a retired teacher, us teachers knew it was the secretaries in any office who really keep tabs on everything and greased the gears keeping any office "machinery" running smoothly. It is the truth. Yet's face it. Abby was that for the Wayne County EMO all these years. Well, **Abby has retired** (Actually a few weeks before George.). All of us RACES ops wish to give our deepest regards for a wonderful retirement for Abby which she deserves!









The one big reason for this happy party and Abby's retirement, here is Abby's grandson with his Mom. This is why Abby is so happy! Abby is ready to spend more time with him and with Grampa, the OM of the family. Hey, with 7 grandkids of our own, I know how wonderful it is. I'll warn Abby, she will be tired quicker. Hi hi. It may take a day to recover but it is worth it.






Thank you, Abby, for all you have done for Wayne County and RACES. We'll miss your big smile. 88s, WA2EMO RACES




**ABBY, from all us RACES ops!**

## GEORGE BASTEDO RETIREMENT

Congratulations to George on his official retirement as the Wayne County EMO Director! Rus N2IZV did an excellent job of praising George. (TNX, Rus.)




**Honoring George Bastedo on His Retirement**

After years of dedicated service to Wayne County Emergency Management, George Bastedo was honored at a retirement celebration that reflected the tremendous impact he has had on countless people throughout his career.

Throughout the afternoon, speaker after speaker shared stories of how George had guided them, mentored them, and helped shape their careers. Whether offering advice to a new emergency manager, assisting local officials with difficult decisions, or helping law enforcement agencies coordinate during emergencies, George was always known as **"the man with a plan."** His calm leadership, practical wisdom, and willingness to help earned the respect and admiration of everyone who worked with him.

Representatives from law enforcement agencies, emergency management organizations across New York State, and numerous local officials attended to express their appreciation for George's years of service. Many spoke about his

ability to solve problems, build strong partnerships, and always put the people of Wayne County and neighboring communities first. His reputation for being a trusted advisor extended well beyond county lines.

New York State Homeland Security recognized George's outstanding contributions by presenting him with a commemorative plaque, honoring his dedication to emergency preparedness and public safety.

Our Wayne County RACES organization is especially grateful for everything George has done for us over the years. His guidance, encouragement, and unwavering support have strengthened our organization and helped us grow. He has always been willing to share his knowledge, mentor our members, and lend a hand whenever needed.

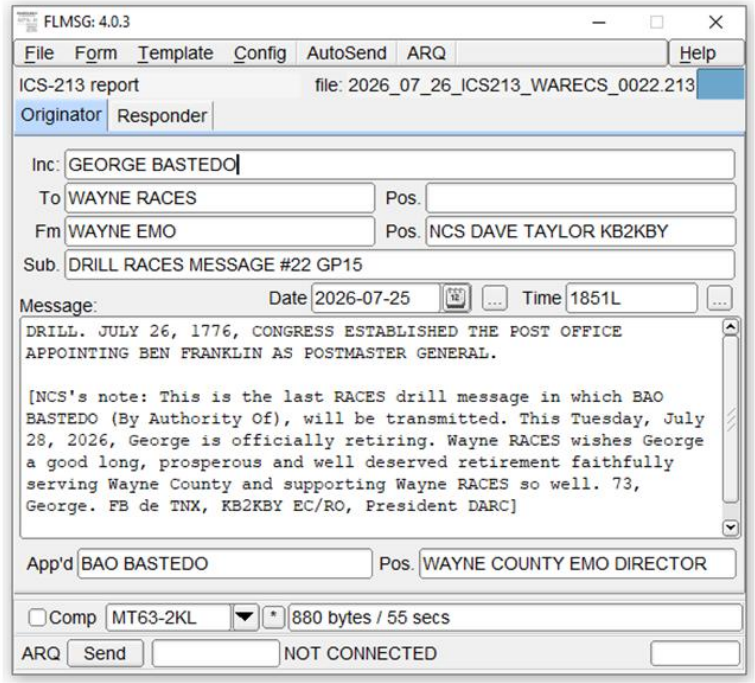
In his remarks, George humbly reflected on his career, saying that he simply wanted to help people and make the world a little better. He credited his family, his emergency management team, and county leadership for supporting him throughout his journey. Those who know George would agree that he accomplished exactly what he set out to do.

As George begins this new chapter in retirement, we extend our heartfelt thanks for his years of service, leadership, and friendship. His legacy will continue through the many people he mentored and the organizations he helped build.

Congratulations, George, and best wishes for a long, healthy, and well-deserved retirement. Thank you for being the man with a plan.

Russell Harris N2IZV

P.S. I tried to come up with some unique way of thanking George. Last year at the Ginna exercise DARC presented George with a plaque thanking George that N2IZV has written so well. What can you do? Well, there is what a retired “teacher-mind” came up with below and presented to George all in a frame.




Transmitted officially WARECS/RACES net Sunday July 26, 2026 2035L-2059L on the WA2AAZ DARC repeater 146.745/146.145 mHz.

Wayne Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Service

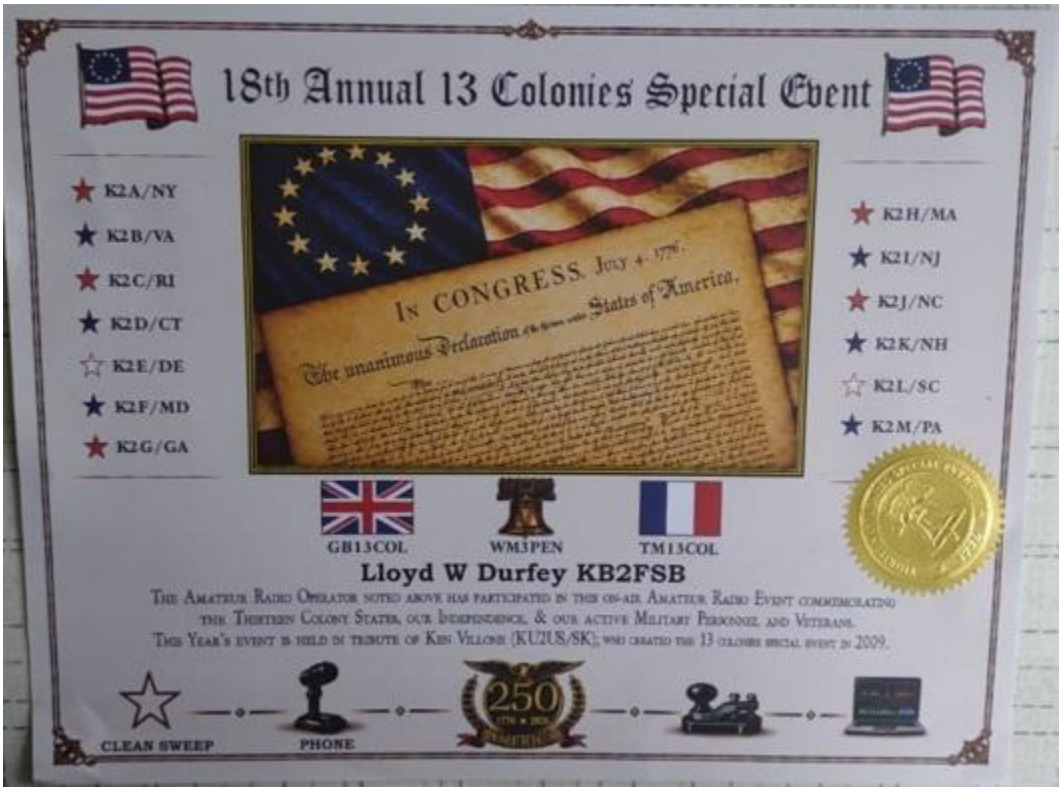
WARECS/RACES

Yes! As long as I have been the RACES RO and NCS for the Sunday night messages, "**B**ASTEDO" has been the **B**y **A**uthority **O**f (BAO), on all of those hundreds of ARRL Radiogram and ICS213 messages. This is the last message transmitted to the universe! This is the last transmission to what amateur radio hams call "perfect signals 599/59, no QRM, no QRN or QSB" out to the ether. George's Dad (SK), I am sure, is tickled pink and proud receiving all those messages and the last hurray to that perfect "shack" in the sky. One of reasons George has been so faithful helping RACES is his Dad was a "ham." George knew how we were capable to help the public of Wayne County. TNX, George, and "FB" for a job well done. 73, KB2KBY

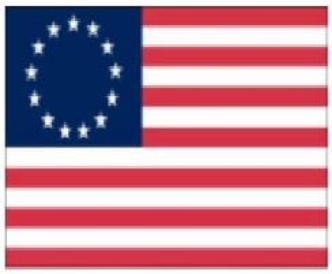
**George,** 

**Thank you!**

## KB2FSB's 13 COLONIES AWARD




Congratulations to Lloyd KBFSB for achieving contacting all 13 former colonies of the annual **13 Colonies Special Event** award! Well done! FB!



# The Annual 13 Colonies Special Event™

GB13COL TM13COL WM3PEN

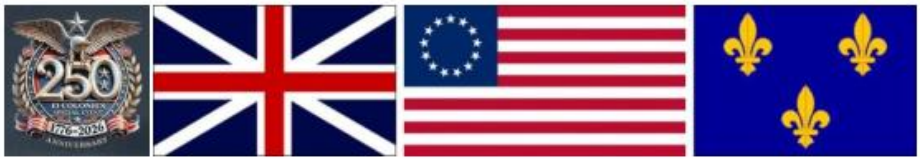
NY - K2A

VA - K2B DE - K2E MA - K2H NH - K2K
RI - K2C MD - K2F NJ - K2I SC - K2L
CT - K2D GA - K2G NC - K2J PA - K2M

**Dedicated to KU2US - Ken Villone (SK) 13 Colonies Founder - RIP**

The 13 Colonies Special Event™ is an annual amateur radio event held from July 1 to July 7, celebrating the original 13 American colonies with special event stations worldwide.

**Event Overview:** The 13 Colonies Special Event™ is a **not-for-profit amateur radio event** that commemorates the original 13 American colonies. It features **one station for each colony (K2A–K2M)** and **three bonus stations**: WM3PEN (Philadelphia), GB13COL (England), and TM13COL (France), representing their historical roles in America's colonial period. The event allows ham radio operators and shortwave listeners (SWLs) to participate by making contacts with these stations.



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| K2B - VA | 02 Jul 2026 | 1534 | 14.235.000 | 59 / 59 | Ph |
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| K2C - RI | 01 Jul 2026 | 1948 | 14.266.000 | 55 / 55 | Ph |
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| K2D - CT | 01 Jul2026 | 1830 | 14.233.000 | 59 / 59 | Ph |
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| NAME | Lloyd Durfey | CALL SIGN | KB2FSB |
| ADDRESS | 1180 Yellow Mills Rd | CITY | Palmyra |
| STATE / PROVINCE / COUNTRY | NY / Wayne County/ USA | ZIP/MAIL CODE | 14522-9533 |

TNX AGN, Lloyd, for emailing this and good to see you having fun. 73, The Editor




**, Lloyd!**

## FIELD DAY JUNE 2026

FD 2026 was once again a great success with our SIARC friends and DARC members. (I am sorry to say KB2KBY was not able to be there because of family. I've looked at the calendar for 2027 and, cross the fingers, I should be there.) I can't put all the pictures in the newsletter so come to the DARC meeting.



All Field Days activity starts with a breakfast! You gotta wake up, fuel yourself for the work and of course the camaraderie is a must. The FD committee with both ARCs started way before this. Thank you FD committee for your organization work. Don't forget all of the FD "stuff" has to dug out from its storage after packed away at the end of FD 2025. After breakfast the work begins. Yes, lots of work.







This is why us "older" ham ops are really glad we have some young and strong ops helping with setting up. (That is no joke.) The big project is the old Army military tower. (Just think what an Army Signal Corp unit would have to put this "guy" up how many times in the field? I should ask my Army MARS and former Signal Corpman, Dick Corp, had to do this in his career.) At the same time ops would be setting up the tabled and chairs for the operating positions, get the various ham gear out, figure the coax and power routes to the gear thru all this setup, lighting, computers for logging and whatever paraphernalia was needed. (I'm tired just "thinking" about this all. Hi hi.) When the work is done and a lunch, it was time to operate.

I am quite sure the Hamill family is  responsible for most of the food!

   

(Of course I had to start the position pixs with my favorite CW-er. Editorial license rights. Hi hi.)

Thank you to all the SIARC and DARC members who helped with the FD setup, operating and don't forget all this "stuff" had to be taken down, carted back and stored for the next year. Well done, gang. This editor takes his off to you and says "FB."

**LET ME ADD** here the thanks of others in an email:

I want to say thanks to all the gang, especially Jay, Sabrina and Rich for all you did putting on a fun and enjoyable Field Days again this year! It's alot of work planning and putting on this event. Me and the wife had a great time socializing, camping and of course making contacts. We had excellent weather, not to hot or humid. 6m was hopping and my 10 watts (ic705) was able to compete with Ed`s wrist.

Thanks again all for another FD in the books!! **Jeffrey Jensen -N2MKT**

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for the past years DARC has invited them too at the picnic. We had 24 at the picnic come out. The Palmyra VFW pavilion is perfect for the picnic.

Foremost we must give credit to the Hamill family for all their organization and work for our annual picnic. Believe me when I say this venue of food and taste would be without them!!!



Sabrina & Jay





Tris & Rich in the background







There is a lot of gab, talk, jokes, etc. This year we had the old fun with members and even new fun as well. For the past few years DARC has sent a welcome to our SIARC friends and invite them to the picnic.



A SIARC op came with a Xiego G90 HF rig and a vertical antenna.

I gathered the rest of the SIARC bunch for a group photo. Funny, they were very cooperative. Hi hi. Not you DARC people.

It was nice see to the group of five  which is a record # out.

The second SIARC member second from the left is Erik AD2NU who just upgraded to an Extra ticket (and former KD2CJL call). I got talking to Erik and he told me he recognized my KB2KBY call on my lanyard and my voice. Erik said he has monitored the weekday morning 7:30am net on the 715 repeater. He mentioned he has wanted to join in the net. Oh, I said, we don't leave much room to get in there, usually, but I mentioned I would tell "Doc," AB2F, to leave a space at the end of the usual check-ins for him the coming Monday. Sure enough, Erik checked in! Erik has checked in several times. Now if we didn't include SIARC for an invitation, meeting Erik would not have happened. This is what I mean of community in ham radio and why the Spring Fling and especially our picnic have a purpose.

Speaking of "Doc," I have to get my annual picture of my XYL and "Doc." SO here the "two lovebirds" thanks to "Doc's" nephew Don, who was his uber driver for the picnic. We thank Don for helping "Doc."



My Sweetie is showing pictures of our camping trip to Association Island a RV park near Henderson Harbor at the east end of Lake Ontario. This camping with our five "farm" grandkids (of course the two adults, too), is a highlight spent with family these past two years. Our daughter and "son" revamped a school bus into a RV. How appropriate for two teachers. Hi hi. "Doc" had a cottage very close to a road and land bridge which replaced a ferry route to the island.

There are too many pictures taken of the picnic. Like all the other articles there are more pictures to show, too. You'll just have to come to the meeting to see them all. Hint hint. Hi hi.



**SEE YOU NEXT AUGUST!**





**9/11:** With the 25th anniversary of this history changing event, I will remind you how Wayne RACES changed and our thanks to whom it is due. My first Ginna drill back in the very early 1990s, I was the only RACES COMMS op in the very back of a very small room on the 3rd floor of the old 3-story brick building. (That was demolished and a parking lot now.) No computer. All work was Dose paper forms and pen going back and forth with an East Palmyra fireman in front of me an arm's length away. I had a one 2m Kenwood rig, not a dual bander, with a "homemade" copper pipe 2m antenna on the roof.

Then 9/11! I was in the beginnings of my retirement and I had taken over RACES as the RO form Bruce Blair. George Bastedo was the County EMO director and John O'toole (The now retired Navy Boomer nuclear reactor guy I harass all the time.), the HAZMAT/RAD officer were in the works of planning the new EMO that we have today. With George's Dad's ham background and planning and John's need for dependable COMMS, Wayne RACES is what you "see" today. Ginna is the necessity for our COMMS skill. Oh yes, the COMMS for the van dose teams has improved but our van COMMS is still paramount and in the Ginna dose SOP. We must thank again George for his vision.

One of my visitors in the latest State Ginna drill was Donna Meyer. Last name sound familiar? It should. Our DARC member Andrew KD2SZT is Donna's son. Although Donna was in the Dose RAD room near our dose RACES position professionally for years, now retired she still volunteers for the drills. Donna is a BIG advocate of our COMMS " if all he- - broke loose." She has reminded those Ginna owners know, too, many times, RACES knows how get on the air!

One of the FEMA graders I have had conversations with is Brain. He has seen our shack and is very impressed with all our COMMS, especially our HF COMMS. With 9/11, what a surprise for the need of interoperability, the creation of Homeland Security's SHARES is where **SHA**red **RES**ources comes to play with more ham COMMS with Army and Air Force MARS thru the Department of Defense especially in **HF**. This is why the new 60m (5.3 Mhz), band was created. On SHARES frequencies anyone, even a non-ham at the EMO can use the HF rigs in our shack.

Brain has been to a lot of RACES positions as a FEMA grader. It is not a coincidence once he found we were both veterans, the rapport went up a notch. Hi hi. Brain is okay even if he is one of those Navy guys. Hi hi. Remember, I worked with the Navy's Naval Security Group for 3 years of my 4 years with my Army Security Agency. Brain told me there are no RACES position(s) he has seen that equals our RACES COMMS. We are thankful for our EMO support.



## UPDATE N2MKT AT THE DARC PICNIC (TNX, Jeff)

Today at the picnic we discussed some improvements for 444.750. Many might not know the history, but about 8-9 years ago we were one of the first clubs to take the first generation Yeasu DR-1x repeaters and made it do both Analog FM and Dstar, Later we introduced Wires-x to the mix. Well times have changed and for the past few years pi-star has been around but choose not to upgrade until now. The Dstar board URDHC is no longer supported so, we would like to simplify /and add DMR and or P25 to the mix.. By doing this we can return a laptop to the EMO, remove 1 mobile radio, back to the EMO and 1 HRI wires-X box potentially for sale. This should also help me from having to the site when windows forces us to reboot a computer they think needs updating... smh.. I know a few people have asked me to put DMR on the repeater over the years and have pushed back, I now have caved.. We will need a MMDVM modem board at the cost of about 100 dollars, and if no objections Steve will procure it for us..

**Newark Internet:** So presently the internet is up and working at Newark using Verizon/visible cell router, it has very difficult to circumvent Verizons firewall-CG-NAT. After many "failed"/ learning attempts it is working. WE have a VPS in the cloud running a hub on a public IP and all traffic is running via a VPN to the cell router. Echolink is working on 745 and is all routed through the VPN, aswell. 3 allstar repeaters along with pi-star is routed via this configuration. I have looked at multiple angles to try and make this system as reliable as possible, aka auto restarts and reconnects have been configured to keep this network up and running, however not every possible scenario can be realized, aka power outages etc. The system is designed to reconnect 30 secs after a reboot ad every 6 hrs, but if the magic doesn't happen automatically please let me know so I can see/ try and make the system more reliable.
Additionally, Rob KD2VPE has updated the website with new links to show if the system is down etc. On the repeater status page is the Allstar supermon link to show how or what links are up or down. Data will only be in the hub area, as the induvial repeaters have to connect out threw the firewall to the hub. When someone connects to 745 for echolonk they are technically connecting to the hub, then the hub passes the audio to the repeater via the vPN. Since the VPS could be in NYC or the U.K depending on the internet traffic is relayed or direct there is max of 240ms latency to an average of 150ms of delay on the audio to the repeater. Just keep that in mind.. This "project" was a challenge and I learned alot more about networking that I set out for..

**Jeffrey Jensen -N2MKT**

Okay, gang. This editor is exhausted with  pictures, articles, cut and pasting, typing. It is nap time. No big funny cartoons. (I'll leave you with a funny one at the end.)

## SIARC HEALTH and WELFARE NET: Temporarily the 145.450 is being used !!!!!



**STILL GOING STRONG**!!!. **Kudos, Tom**! Get aquainted with some of our SIARC friends and the surrounding counties. **Thank you, Tom, for being so patient and sacrificing your time.** (Tom's XYL is a saint with his "radio.")

Tom's SIARC health and welfare net is open to all hams that can hit the **145.450 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, there is no net. I have not heard if the 146.820 repeater is back up or not!**

## Odd and Ends:

(TNX, Tom, for your help.) ALSO, IF YOU HAVE HELPED WITH ANY OF THESE EVENTS, PLEASE, TELL ME.
**https://www.contestcalendar.com/fivewkcal.php will give you all you do! Whew.**

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 very 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 is also doing testing on 60 meters. It is a great band for these regional communications, so all members should have that capability. For more information on RACES, go to Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) | Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

**More info from KB2NCI**: The following is a list of digital HF nets you can listen and check into. Thanks to Paul KD2DO for this information.
Here are the digital nets in our area that you can listen into and now join.
*** MID-ATLANTIC Net: @ 1000L Sunday morning on 7.068 MHz USB.
*** NJ NBEMS Net: @ 0900L Sunday morning on 3.582 MHz USB.
*** NH NBEMS Net: @ 0700L Saturday morning on 3.582 MHz USB.
*** NY NBEMS Net: @ 0800L Saturday morning on 3.583 MHz USB.
*** US East NBEMS: @ 1900L Wednesday evening on 3.536 MHz USB.
*** MIDTN Net: Tues, Thurs & Sat 1930L on 3.582.5 MHz USB.
and for a change of pace
Feld Hell 30m net, Wed 2000 ET on 10.1410, FSKH105
Feld Hell 40m net, Thu 2100 ET on 7.0890, FSKH105
Feld Hell 80m net, Fri 2200 ET on 3.5835, FSKH105
Be sure your TxID and RxID buttons are activated and green on FLDIGI, to follow the mode used.

A **new emergency and weather alert system** is now available for New Yorkers. Through the free 333111 system, you'll receive text alerts from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services about severe weather, significant power outages and shelter locations in your area. To receive these alerts, text 333111 and the county you wish to receive the alerts for (do not add the word "county" or any spaces or punctuation). You can add more than one county. If you are already signed up for NYALERT, you are all set. They will be the same messages. If you no longer wish to receive these messages, text STOP to 333111.

The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) has designated **14.300Mhz** as a worldwide center of activity frequency for emergency traffic. There are two nets that run from 7am to 10pm eastern time daily. The **Intercontinental Amateur Traffic Net**, aka Intercon, (www.intercontinentalnet.org) operates from 7am to noon and the **Maritime Mobile Services**

**Net** (www.mmsn.org) operates daily from 12pm to 10pm ET. Please keep these frequencies clear during times of need and net times. Listen in for some interesting conversations. During Atlantic hurricane season (June 1 to November 30), you can find some interesting traffic from the **Hurricane Watch Net (hwn.org)** on 14.325Mhz days and 7.268Mhz nights, when a hurricane is within 300 miles of land.

## PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS 2026 from Tom KB2NCI

You all have either helped me with public service events in the past or expressed a desire to help. If you no longer wish to be on my list for these, let me know and I will delete you. Thanks for your consideration.

I am beginning to assemble the teams for the public service events that I have the pleasure to lead for 2026. Please consider volunteering for as many as you can so we can provide the level of safety and course communications that we have become known for. Having access to a hand held and mobile radio is helpful for all events, and I have a small supply of those to loan out if necessary. These are the events and dates I am aware of at this time:

Sunday September 13 (I think)—**Finger Lakes Triathlon**—Canandaigua and Ontario County—shifts from 6:30am to 2pm

Friday and Saturday, October 30 and 31—**Pumpkin Patrol** on the Thruway overpasses—8pm to midnight—**Dave KB2KBY organizes this**

I will be contacting some of you directly to inquire if you can cover similar posts and times as last year.

Thanks so much for your consideration in volunteering to help with these events. Contact TOM KB2NCI if you have questions and let me know if you can help.

BELOW something Tom added to SIARC's September's newsletter:

> The ARRL is supporting a couple of programs to highlight amateur radio clubs. We will be attempting to participate in these programs throughout 2026, to showcase the fun and helpful things we do in our area. One program is **Year of the Club (YOTC)**. See Year of the Club for more information. The other is the celebration of th iquincentennial with the **America 250 WAS** award. See America250 WAS for details. I will be looking for members to organize our effort so please contact me (kb2nci@gmail.com) to help.

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Tom, KB2NCI was on a vacation trip with one of his sons in Spokane WA. Found this poster ia a farmers market. His son pointed this poster out to him. Tom thought of me right away. Tom could not resist sending it to me because how appropriate picturing KB2KBY the "stealing scone king" at the DARC meetings. It fits me to a tee! Hi hi. TNX, Tom. (Tris, you better have extra scones! I am in scone withdrawal.)