The ECAR Dispatch

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The ECAR machines:

* **Buffalo VHF 146.865(+) 151.4**
* **Buffalo UHF 443.525(+)151.4**
* Orchard Park UHF 443.975(+) 141.3

* P25 system NAC 167 *

Hamshack Hotline 6103148

Hamshack Hotline conference bridge 1385

From the RO...

So why are you here????

So the question needs to be asked, what have you done for the group to make it better??
The only way this thing works is if there is participation by everyone involved.
It can't be the same few people who are doing all the work while those who hardly participate expect to benefit from the group.
No one really notices that we don't and never have asked much of the members, we don't ask for monthly dues or for any financial help with the things in the background like the website or the December meeting where there is always food and drink to thank the members and still we have never asked the members for anything other than PARTICIPATION..!!!!!!
I understand the last thing most want to do on a beautiful June morning is come out and spend a few hours doing the Ride for Roswell but have you ever heard how thankful the organizers are for us being there or even more so from the riders who always thank us for keeping them safe while they do the event..

From the RO (cont'd)...

Or doing the Pumpkin Patrol which yes is not a very fun event in fact it is very boring unless you are prepared for the evening but did you know Pumpkin Patrol in the past have been not only directly credited with stopping things from happening but has also helped in finding people who have thrown things off bridges.
How about the most basic and running a Sunday net????
It's not hard and gives you great experience.
So I ask you this question, what do you want this group to be??
What do I have to offer to make it better..??
So do you have any special skills you want to share with the group, or something you are working on or have already done and want to share it with the group? Let us know.!!!
We are a service organization and we need the members to be active, check into nets, make meetings and volunteer for events.
None of this works without any of the above and to bring more activities and events to the group we need
t build ourselves into something more than we are now.
We now have several members working on obtaining their certification in AUXCOMM and that can help to open doors for the future and opens up the possibility of getting more members through the course and certified by the state..
So again I ask why are you here and what do you have to offer to make us better??
Everyone involved has something to offer but we can't know what that is unless you tell us…
So help us make this thing we do better and help it expand and grow, it can only be done with your help and I look forward to hearing what you all have to say and what you have to offer in the future…

73,

JMT KC2DKP

From the EC's shack..

There were two events in October.
The Northeast ShakeOut drill was held on the 15th. Besides promoting earthquake safety awareness, it was an opportunity to continue to increase Winlink proficiency by participating in three different ways. The first was generating a USGS "Did You Feel It" report. The other two were taking a short quiz and completing a Go Kit checklist. If you missed it this year, don't worry! The ShakeOut will be back next year.

The Pumpkin Patrol on the 30th and 31st to assist the New York State Police with monitoring the overpasses on the Thruway. This year's edition was uneventful, but there were a couple of occasions where our presence was enough of a deterrent to make sure the evening went without incident. Thank you to all the volunteers that gave up an evening (or two!) to make it happen!

Please join us at the November meeting and share your experiences and observations on how things went. There is always room for improvement, and we are open to your comments!

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We are the voices in the ether.

Have you been to ecarham.org yet??

Erie County ARES/RACES AUXCOMM is a volunteer communications group of FCC Licensed Amateur radio operators who are highly trained, motivated and are organized to provide communications in support to the County of Erie Emergency Services and other NGO's during times of disasters or when a need for enhanced communications and experience arises.

Join us on our net on Sunday's at 19:00 on the ECAR radio network OR come out to our meeting and say hi, we meet the second Monday of every month except for August at Erie County's Cheektowaga EOC. 73...

The Western New York Emergency net is held Every Sunday at 19:00EST on 146.865/443.525Mhz Except for the 3rd Sunday which is on the 443.975Mhz Orchard Park repeater.

Do you have something for the newsletter????

Do you have a story, any news or a project or review you would like to share with the group?

We are always looking for stories and information related to amateur radio and emergency communications to provide in the monthly newsletter that is put out to the membership to keep them informed.

Please try and keep it to under 500 words and please include any links to resources pictures or other information you want to include with the story.

Email your stories to:
ed.w2gut@gmail.com

ECAR email reflector:

Are you on the ECAR email reflector list????

Contact Ed W2GUT via email for an invite.

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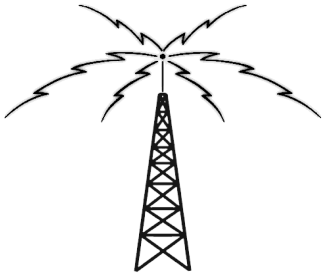

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