



THE QUARRAE



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Our club station W3GV is the call of **Dawson Bliley**

President Says

According to the calendar Spring has sprung but with the weather that is happening in Erie I'm not sure. Hopefully the weather will start getting nice before I get back. It has been pretty warm here in central Florida but I will take it compared to what ya'll are getting back home. I went to the Orlando Hamcation last month on a Saturday and what miserable weather. It rained off and on all day, I really felt sorry for the Flea market folks. A lot of them had shelter from the rain but many didn't. I did run into a few guys from Erie but I never did find the Three Amigos, Ron, Butch and Dale. They were there but we never crossed paths. The Orlando fest is a pretty good hamfest so if you ever get the chance I would recommend checking it out. Another good reason to come to Central Florida is the Kennedy Space Center. I had a chance to visit there a few weeks ago and checked out the new Shuttle Atlantis exhibit. It is really a well done display of the Shuttle and there are a lot of hands on things to play with. A trip to the Visitors Center is well worth it as it tells the story of space travel from the beginning.

I have been hearing good things about the RAE Contesting group headed by Mike WB3DEL. If anyone is interested in contesting at the

clubhouse, please get in touch with Mike. The clubhouse is also open on most Thursday evenings for the use of our members. With the new amp and antennas DXing is pretty easy and a lot of fun. Check with John WB3IFD for information.

Don't forget my 9PM Rag Chew net on the RAE Repeaters.

I will be back in Erie on the 13th of April so I will try to bring back some warm air, I'm sure we will need it. I am going to go to Raleigh on the following Wednesday for the the RARS Hamfest. I have been helping out there for the last 25 years. I missed it last year because of my knee surgery so I am looking forward to getting back this year for eyeball QSO's with the RARS gang.(THINK SUMMER!!)

73, Doug AD4UL

**Radio Association of Erie Club Meeting –
April 3 at the Red Cross at 7 PM.**



**Short Video on the ARRL
history of Ham Radio**



Ron Seybolt shows off his Worked All Counties, Pa Plaque. He has done it twice!! Ron Rycek KB3QBB is photo bombing him in the back ground

Code is Back!

The FCC has invited public comment on a *Petition for Rule Making (RM-11715)* that would make a significant change in mode operation. Due to a recent ruling from the ITU, code requirement of 5 WPM will be required of all amateur operators world wide. The petition hinges on FCC adoption of rule changes that would put A1 operation under Subpart Z of the Commission's Part 90 rules. Subpart Z currently sets out regulations governing wireless licensing, technical standards, and operational standards. If an amateur has already passed Part 1 of the code test, he or she will grandfathered into the new rules. If an amateur has never taken a code test or never passed a code test, he or she will have till January 1, 2015 to send and receive 5 WPM. At that time all amateur licenses that have not passed Part 1, will be forfeit.

"[T]he application of the coordination procedures and requirements provided in Subpart Z will ensure that Amateur Radio operations in the band will be Code proficient." ITU Commissioner H. Maxim told the FCC. "In addition, as a further safeguard, Maxim proposed a band plan for the requiring Code only on

the 14MHZ band that would protect frequencies in the band that are most often used by Amateur Radio operators." The proposed band plan would specify 14.00 to 14.200 MHz as an "Amateur Calling Band," and 114.200 to 14.350 MHz for Amateur-Same Country operations.



Maxim has proposed to include in the rules a requirement for wireless broadband service operation in the band "to avoid harmful interference

with Amateur service

Maxim contended that its proposal would "promote the Commission's goal of providing emergency communications

ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K10ZZ, said that while the League appreciates Maxim's efforts to acknowledge existing and growing aspects of code less licensing, several aspects of the petition are of concern.

"Use of the band for code only would be contrary to the international Table of Frequency Allocations and would inject a new sharing consideration that is not contemplated in the preparatory work being done for World Radiocommunication Conference 2015 (WRC-15)," he said. "Maxim's proposed power limit of 50 EIRP is very low. Most American hams run 2 or 3 kilowatts and are unable to learn to Morse code, and no mechanism has been proposed for ensuring that harmful Morse interference to amateur operations does not occur."

Sumner said that while the ARRL has not yet adopted a position with respect to the petition, "some aspects of the petition require careful study."

Interested parties may comment on RM-11715 using the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System.

March General Meeting

A regular meeting of the Radio Association of Erie was held at the Erie Chapter of the American Red Cross on March 6th, 2014. The president AD4UL was present via Skype, the secretary being present, a quorum was in attendance, the meeting was called to order at 1900.

New members- none

Upgrades- none

Visitors- none

SK's- NI3Q's wife

Secretary- motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected and publish by KB3THU, it was seconded and approved, motion carried

Treasurer- was given by KB3ZSF. Discussion of the Penelec bill.

Membership- 54

Board of directors- meeting is March 27th.

Repeaters- waiting for better weather for climbing

Public service- printed in QUARAE (March of Dimes is first event)

Website- doing well www.w3gv.org

Newsletter- sent to KB3POY and posted to website. 13 hard copies sent.

Clubhouse- windows looking for prices for replacement. A motion was made to purchase

150 gallons of fuel oil. Motion carried, and approved.

Contesting- WB3DEL 6 contests in 2 months. ARRL DX SSB contest this weekend. TS2000-RS232 analyzer is on its way. A motion by WB3DEL to purchase 3 new laptop computers. It was seconded. Discussion ASUS intel Celeron 16.5" LCD 5GB RAM 5 GB HDD soft case, antivirus software, mouse, and Windows 8... The negative has it. The motion is lost, and we will not buy three new computers. Motion was made by WB3DEL to obtain internet access with AT&T with a current cell phone plan. It was to cost \$20/month with a 2 year contract for an internet hotspot. Motion was voted, approved, motion carried.

Open house- goal is to boost membership. Past members would needed to help with some publicity.

Good of the order- Erie Homes magazine will show KB3ZVH in the march issue about ham radio. QRZ.com bio was removed. Facebook page is also wrong. Ten-Ten QSO party 500-600 points.

Meeting adjourned at 2019

Table at Hamfest

As a club we will purchase two tables at the Wattsburg Hamfest to sell surplus club merchandise. If members have anything to donate for the sale, please contact myself at 814-490-0253. We will also sell on consignment. If you have any equipment you want to sell, we will display it on our table and if it is purchased, we will keep only 10 percent of the selling price



Mike Brumburger, WB3DEL, our contest chairman

Western PA ARES to Host Emergency Communications Conference

Western Pennsylvania ARES will host an emergency communications conference June 14, 2014 from 9AM-5PM at the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown campus. The conference is free and is open to all amateur radio operators including those outside the Western PA ARRL Section.

Hams who wish to attend should please register at <http://wpaares.org>.

Even though there is no cost to attend, we'd like to have an estimate of the headcount.

Inexpensive lunches will be available for purchase. For those traveling from a great distance, a limited number of dorm rooms are available. Please contact Harry W3YJ (w3yj@arrl.net) for more info about reserving a room.

A full day of training, education, and fun is planned. The tentative sessions are as follows:

- Introduction to D-STAR and D-RATS.
- Getting Started with high-speed Broadband Hamnet (BBHN) networking • Essential NIMS Forms • The Role of the ARES Public Information Officer (PIO) • Lawrence County ARES Reorganization – would it work in your county?
- Amateur Radio at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC.
- Hands-on workshops on D-STAR, D-RATS, and BBHN.
- County Emergency Coordinator (EC) training and discussion • Panel discussion on the roles of ARES, PEMA, and Region 13.

Panelists include:

- o John Rodgers N3MSE, Western PA ARRL Section Manager
- o Susan Singer KB3KDC, PEMA ACS Coordinator
- o Dr. Sam Sarraf KE3PO, Region 13 Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
- o Harry Bloomberg W3YJ, Western PA ARES Section Emergency Coordinator

Please go to the website of Western PA ARES (<http://wpaares.org>) for a map, updates, and registration information.

Western PA ARES would like to thank the following • University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown

• Cambria Radio Club • American Radio Relay League

Please contact Western PA ARES Section Emergency Coordinator Harry Bloomberg W3YJ via email at w3yj@arrl.net for more information.

LOCAL NETS HF / UHF/VHF

DAY	TIME	FREQ	MODE	COMMENTS
SUNDAY	7PM	50.190	USB	6 MTR SSB NET
SUNDAY	9PM	146.610	FM	ARES/RACES TNG
SUNDAY	9PM	146.82	FM	ARES/RACES TNG
SUNDAY	9PM	146.70	FM	ARES/RACES TNG
MONDAY	8PM	144.450	AM	2 MTR SIMPLEX
TUESDAY	8:30PM	50.400	AM	6 MTR AM NET
WEDNESDAY	6:30PM	146.61	FM	DIGITAL NET
FRIDAY	8PM	144.210	USB	210 ROUND-UP
DAILY	8PM	146.70	FM	MAIL BAG NET
LOCAL HF NETS				
DAILY	8 AM	14.340		FORT PIERCE CONNECTION
DAILY	6:30PM	7.233		ERIE CONNECTION
WED	8:30PM	28.410		NOVICE/TECH NET
SUNDAY	8PM	29.000		LAKE ERIE EMERGENCY NET

Ham Radio Calendar

April 3 – RAE Club meeting at Wagner Rd

April 4 – Mississippi QSO Party. See www.arrlmiss.org

April 5 – Missouri QSO Party. See www.w0ma.org

April 5 – Montana QSO Party. See www.fvarc.org

April 8 – Wattsburg Wireless Club Meeting

April 10 – Union City Club Meeting

April 12 – Japan International DX Contest. See jidx.org

April 12 – New Mexico QSO Party. See www.newmexicoqsoparty.org

April 12 – Georgia QSO Party. See www.georgiaqsoparty.org

April 17 – Lighthouse Spring Lites QSO Party. See. arlhs.com

April 15 – Tax Day.

April 19 – VE Exams at Wattsburg Wireless Club at Greene Township Building.

April 19 – Worked All Provinces of China. See www.mulandxc.org

April 19 – Michigan QSO Party. See www.miqp.org

April 19 – Nebraska QSO Party. See www.qcwa.org/chapter025.htm

April 19 – South Dakota QSO Party. See www.w0blk.com

April 19 – North Dakota QSO Party. See www.w0nd.com

April 19 – Ontario QSO Party. See www.va3cco.com

April 20 – Easter

April 20 – ARRL Rookie Roundup

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April 26 – Club House Clean Up

April 26 – Florida QSO Party. See www.floridaqsoparty.org

April 27 – March of Dimes Walk at Presque Isle

May 1 – RAE Club Meeting

May 6 – Corry Club Meeting