



The QUARAE



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It Seems to Me

There is something wrong with a club where nobody wants to be an officer. Is it just a fact that everyone in the club is an “old geezer” and wants to pass on the duties to young people (of which there are none.)? Someone said that RAE members aren’t very friendly as compared to other clubs. I don’t believe that is true. I know that some people did a thankless job of installing new equipment and instead of club members being encouraging, they criticized and put down the people that volunteered.

Everyone I talk to, has a horror story to tell about the RAE. I am tired of hearing people complain. I am so tired of people complaining, that I am complaining.

One thing that the RAE has going for it, is a nice club house. We have a building with plenty of towers and antennas and radios and we shouldn’t think that the club house belongs to the RAE, we should think of the club belonging to each one of us. We need to take care of it and continuously improve it. We have repeaters that we generously let anyone use. What we need is to get more people involved. Bring a friend or relative who might be interested in ham radio to the meetings. Steal someone from the other clubs. Convince people to belong to both clubs. I am running out of ideas. Can someone tell me how to get the club going again. Any comments are appreciated.

I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web..

General Meeting Minutes for 2/07/2019

At Red Cross

Began At: 7:00 P.M.

Board Members and Officers Present: KB3ZVH-Richard, KC3GBD- Bob, K1ZIK-ED, N8WXQ-Frank, AD4UL-Doug Via Skype in Warm Florida

Members Present: KA3CPV-Joe, KB3JZL-Gene, WB3IFD-John, WB3DOM-Ron, N3DBC-John, KB3DAF-Sam, N3SRF-George

Program: Audio and Vacuum Tubes

New Hams: None

Silent Keys: KB3CAB- Richard

Visitors: None

Treasurer's Report \$1935.57 In Checking Debits \$60.95 Electric

Membership Report: 10 Paid Members for 2019, Membership cards going out in mail soon.

Facilities Report: Roof to be fixed in the spring

Repeater Report: Contact Rick for changing out controllers, Getting in contact with MURS Inc.

Public Service: AD4UL-Doug will have information by the First part of April

Contesting Report: OMIS QSO Party, ARRL CW Contest

Old Business: Light House Contact with Ham from Ontario Canada

New Business: Wattsburg Hamfest in July

Meeting End at: 7:50 P.M. Followed by Program

Submitted by Secretary KB3ZVH- Richard

We're going on a class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.

General Meeting Minutes 3-07-2019

Began At: 7:02 P.M.

Board Members and Officers Present: K1ZIK- ED, KB3ZVH-Richard, KC3GBD-BOB,

N8WXQ-FRANK

Members Present: WB3DOM-RON, KB3JZL-GENE, KA3CPV- JOE, W3IFD-JOHN

Program: The World of Ham Radio

New Hams: None

Silent Keys: KB3CAB- Richard Moore, N3ZUD- William Craig

Visitors: Paul Hakel

Treasurer's Report: \$2090.50 in Checking Electric Bill \$120.00

Membership Report: 4 renewed Memberships

Facilities Report: Spring Cleaning of Club House Tentative date of 4-27-2019

Repeater Report: Adam was contacted to get radio's from James, Documentation is with Adam.

Public Service: AD4UL will be putting up the Schedule on the club Web site. First scheduled event is the Memorial Day run at the church in Fairview Township

Contesting Report: State QSO Contest's through the month. WPX contest the last weekend of March

Old Business: None

New Business: First Discussion on Field Day in June

Meeting End At: 7:32 P.M. followed by the Program

Submitted by Secretary Richard Quinn KB3ZV

IF YOU SPIN AN ORIENTAL MAN IN A CIRCLE THREE TIMES, DOES HE BECOME DISORIENTED?

Make ham radio a habit

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

Every week, I get an email newsletter from Penguin Random House called Signature. Signature includes links to articles about books and writing. Being a writer, I clicked on the link to "5 Good Writing Habits You Need to Learn Now." As I was reading the

article, it occurred to me that the advice could also apply to amateur radio. So, with apologies to the author, Lorraine Berry, here are five things you can do to make ham radio a habit: 1. To get on the air more, or to do more building, set up a time to do it. If you enjoy getting on the air or homebrewing, but never seem to be able to find the time to do it, you need to put it on your schedule. Set aside the time a couple of days, or a week, or even a month in advance, and you'll be more likely to do it. If you set up a regular time every week, pretty soon it will be a habit. 2. If ham radio is important to you, create an environment that encourages you to do ham radio. To make ham radio a habit, you really need a place that's set up to do ham radio. If you have to dig out and set up your equipment every time that you want to get on the air, you're just not going to do it. You need a "shack" that makes it easier for you to engage in the hobby. Richards, K8JHR, gave me some great advice back in 2012 on where and how to set up a shack (<https://www.kb6nu.com/building-a-new-shack/>). 3. Create temptations that reward you for your new habit of ham radio. For me, being able to make interesting contacts, or building some new gizmo, is reward enough, but you may want to reward yourself with a beer or some ice cream after an operating session. 4. Make it easy to do what you like to do. This is related to #4. Your shack should have everything you need to easily do whatever ham radio activities you enjoy doing. If you enjoy operating, then it should have a nice operating desk. If you enjoy building, then set it up so that all of your tools are readily accessible. The easier it is to do, the more likely it is that you'll do it. If you enjoy operating portable, then build up a kit that has all the stuff you need, and have it ready to go when you're ready to go. 5. Start with the Two-Minute Rule for new habits and continue from there. The "two minute rule" (<https://www.lifhack.org/articles/productivity/how-stop-procrastinating-and-stick-good-habits-using-the-2-minute-rule.html>) is a tool to help you overcome procrastination. The idea is to allot just two minutes to a task that you'd like to complete or a skill that you'd like to develop. It's a small commitment, but enough to get you started, and the idea is that once you're started on a particular task or project, continuing work on that task or project becomes a lot easier. Those two minutes could easily become a half hour or an hour once you've gotten the ball rolling. Armed with this advice, I'm expecting you to be a more active ham in 2019. I'll be listening for you on 40m.

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Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging

about it.

Ham Radio Calendar

April 1 – April fool’s Day

April 2 – Corry Amateur Club Meeting

April 4 – RAE Club meeting

April 6 - Mississippi QSO See www.arlmiss.org

April 6 - Missouri QSO Party. See www.w0ma.org

April 6 Florida State Parks on the Air. See flspota.org/rules

April 7- [48th Annual TRARC Hamfest/Computer Show](http://www.trarc.net). See <http://www.trarc.net>

April 9 – Wattsburg Wireless Club Meeting

April 11 – Union City Wireless Club Meeting

April 13 - New Mexico QSO Party. See www.newmexicoqsoparty.org

April 13 - All Texas State Parks on the Air www.tspota.org

April 13 - Georgia QSO Party www.georgiaqsoparty.org

April 13 - North Dakota QSO Party. See www.kg0yl.net/QSO.html

April 13 - Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest gc.qst.ru/en/section/32

April 13 - [65th Annual Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club Hamfest](http://cfarc.org). See <http://cfarc.org>

April 14 - ARRL Rookie Roundup See www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup

April 15 – Tax Day

April 15 – Conneaut Club Meeting

April 18 – World Amateur Radio Day

April 20 – VE Exams

April 20 - Nebraska QSO www.qcwa.org/chapter025.htm

April 20 - Michigan QSO. See www.miqp.org/Rules.htm

April 20 - Ontario QSO Party. See www.va3cco.com/oqp

April 21 – Easter

April 25 – Birthday of [Guglielmo Marconi](#). Italian electrician who perfected wireless telegraphy and experiments with short waves

April 27 – Birthday [Samuel Finley Breece Morse](#). American artist and inventor of the electric telegraph and the Morse Code

April 27 - Florida QSO Party. See floridaqsoparty.org

April 27 – Club house clean up day