



The QUARAE



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Prez Says.....



Summer is moving right along, the weather has been decent, a few hot and muggy days but overall it has been pretty nice. I like the cooler weather but I know the folks who live here year around like it hot, hot, hot!!

I hope everyone who attended the NWPA Hamfest had a good time. I always enjoy the hamfest, I get to meet to a lot of folks I talk to on the radio all the time but don't see them face to face very often. When I attend the Orlando Hamcation or the Raleigh RARSFest it is always nice to run into to folks you don't see to often. Once in awhile I even buy something!

We did the Erie Runners Club Half Marathon last week. They said about 1,300 runners/walkers participated in the event. We had thirteen operators showed up at Mickey D's at 5:45AM (man that's early) to help out. I really appreciate everyone's help and the Runners club also gave us a big THANKS. We will be doing the full Marathon for them on September 14.

The next Public Service Event for us will be the Presque Isle Triathlon on August 23. I will have a

sign up sheet at the meeting. After the triathlon we will be doing the Beast On The Bay for the Barber Center. They have changed the event around some this year. It will start at Beach 11 and finish at Waldameer and will only be half the distance of last year. It should make it a lot easier for us. They think they have the water cup problem solved.

We have a RAE Club Picnic scheduled for August 16, so we will discuss it at the meeting. We need to decide what we will do for the picnic.

Don't forget the nets that we have on the repeaters. They have been linking the 70 machine to 61 and 82 for the 8PM Mailbag Net. Also we have the Ragchew net on 61 and 82 at 9PM Monday through Friday. We had a band opening the other night and had folks checking in from Ohio and Michigan. They sounded like they were right here in Erie, hitting 61 with ease.

Please join us at the clubhouse on August 7 for the monthly meeting, hot dogs at 6PM, meeting at 7PM.

73, Doug AD4UL

Two Amateur Technicians were going to Disneyland. They were driving on the Interstate when they saw the



**Radio Association of Erie
Club Meeting – Thursday
August 7 at the club
house at the end of
Wagner Rd.**

**6:30 Hot dogs
7:00 PM- General Meeting
Program:**

sign that said Disneyland LEFT. They started crying and turned around and went home.

Board Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2014

Called to order 19:00hrs by WB3IFD

Windows: Nothing heard as of yet.

Antenna: Only 1 person complaining about the new antenna for 82.

Discussion of coverage area of new 82 antenna increasing.

Discussion of where to put motors & remote receivers

Discussion of enhancements to repeater areas for both 61 & 82.

Discussion of moving 61 site to 911 center & advantages/disadvantages.

Discussion of 61 repeater set-up currently.

West County gained repeater from 911 center.

ARRL Books discussion on location & use.

Field Day Activities were discussed.

Discussion of getting a Best Buy computer donated.

Still working on turning in paperwork.

Meeting adjourned at 20:05

Mike Anderson

Acting Secretary

Law of Mechanical Repair - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

July General Club Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Radio Association of Erie (RAE) was held on July 3rd, 2014 at the clubhouse on Wagner Rd. President AD4UL and the secretary present, a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 1900.

New hams- KC3DCU Motion was made by KB3THU to accept as a her as a new member. It was seconded, and approved. Motion carried.

SK- K3WTZ Bob Smith. A moment of silence was held.

Upgrades- none

Secretary's report- motion made by KB3THU to accept the previous month minutes as published. It was seconded and approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report- given by KB3ZSF. Fidelity and Vanguard balances were given by N3LBI

Board of Directors- Repeater was discussed with the new 82 antenna. Voters and remote sites along with 61 improvements. The 61 is not moving to the 911 center at this point. New 61 antenna possibilities were discussed.

Membership- 64

Repeaters- Removed old rack and equipment.

Proposed a directional antenna and move the 220 and remote base higher up the 82 tower.

Public Service- July 20th Half marathon on Presque Isle.

Website- In good order, pictures were uploaded to include public service

Newsletter- WB3IFD is always looking for articles.

Pictures in the next publication.

Clubhouse- A phone call was to be placed about the windows

Contesting- Field Day, 23 people were signed in at attendance. 852 QSO's. July 19-20 CW contest, Aug 2-3 NA CW, Aug 1 is Ten-Ten. Kids Day is upcoming.

Unfinished Business- 7 element needs down to replace the plastic end caps

New Business- KB3THU motioned to purchase a signalink with the proper cabling. It was seconded and approved. Motion carried.

Good of the order- Icom 746 is for sale, listed at \$600. Voices for Independence is having a get together July 24th at the Glenwood Zoo in the picnic area. Best Buy told WB3DEL that corporate donations were not available, but he was going to apply for a local donation.

50-50- KC3DCU

Motion to adjourn at 1936

Law of Logical Argument- Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Ham Radio and Uncle Sam Grow Closer

It's nice to see federal authorities taking explicit note of the role of ham radio in times of disaster, and even nicer to see the government building upon that.

Amateur radio proponents have long emphasized their service's role in emergencies and their relationships with emergency and government authorities. Now FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency that is part of the Department of Homeland Security, has signed a memo of understanding with the American Radio Relay League to increase their cooperation.

"This agreement will allow FEMA and ARRL to work together to provide resources, services and personnel, as available, in order to strengthen capacity in areas of emergency communications, mass care and emergency assistance, disaster preparedness, response and recovery, while also raising public awareness about the use of Amateur Radio as a public safety resource," they said in a statement.

Echoing a theme that Radio World readers know well, the announcement quoted FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate calling radio "one of the most resilient communications technologies we have." He continued: "When the power is out and telecommunications are down, the amateur radio community can serve as a vital resource in support of emergency responders and survivors during a disaster."

They said their memo outlines ways in which the two organizations will cooperate to carry out their responsibilities, "with respect to disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery operations in the event of a natural or man-made disaster."

Fugate and ARRL President Kay Craigie — both of whom are hams — signed the memo during the ARRL National Centennial Convention in Connecticut. - See more at:

<http://www.radioworld.com/default.aspx?tabid=75&entryid=10224#sthash.4gyGCl5q.dpuf>

When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

Information regarding FCC Rule changes

From the ARRL VEC Newsletter

The FCC has revised the Amateur Service Part 97 rules to grant partial written examination element credit to holders of expired General, Advanced and Extra licenses. The new rules become effective 30 days after their publication in *The Federal Register*, which is Monday July 21, 2014.

Expired license holders will not automatically receive credit on that day and may not operate as a new licensee. The FCC requires former licensees — those falling outside the 2-year grace period — to pass Element 2 (Technician) in order to be relicensed.

To take advantage of the new rule, holders of expired licenses must attend an exam session. There they would present a photo ID and their expired license proof, pay the \$15 exam session processing fee and take the Technician exam. If an applicant held a General or Advanced license, and has proof, the FCC will afford credit for the General (Element 3) written exam only. If an applicant held an Extra license, and has proof, the FCC will afford credit for the General (Element 3) and Extra (Element 4) written exams. At VE exam sessions it is the applicant (not the VEs or coordinating VEC) who is responsible for supplying the evidence of holding valid expired license credit. Acceptable forms of proof can be found on the Exam Element Credit web page at <http://www.arrl.org/exam-element-credit>.

If sufficient proof is not presented, the candidate has the option of taking the Tech exam and earning just a new Tech license and then attending another exam session at a later date when they have the proper documentation. As always, the candidate will have to show a photo ID, present the proof, pay the \$15 exam session processing fee and fill out all forms to receive the paper upgrade. The upgrade is

not automatic and may NOT be sent directly to the FCC or to the VEC by the candidate.

Expired licensees will not automatically get their old call sign back. FCC will issue a new sequentially issued call sign. If they desire to obtain their old call sign they may try to do so through the FCC vanity call sign program. However, someone else may have already obtained their old call sign as a vanity call sign and therefore it would not be available.

*** Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.**

Mailbag Net

Every weekday evening at 8 PM local time the Mailbag Net takes place on the 146.70 W3CG repeater in Union City. The purpose of the net is to pass local traffic and to inform locals hams of what is happening in the area. The mailbag net has been only on 146.70 due to technical issues but now is on 146.82 and 146.61 repeaters also. Which means we can now have echolink contacts. KD2 DAX, Nick Hlifka is net manager. Stop by and check in to hear the latest news and keep up with events in the Erie Area. If you have something amateur that you want to promote, this is a good place to do it

Radio Calendar

August 5 – Corry Club Meeting

August 7 – RAE Club Meeting

August 9 – Maryland QSO Party

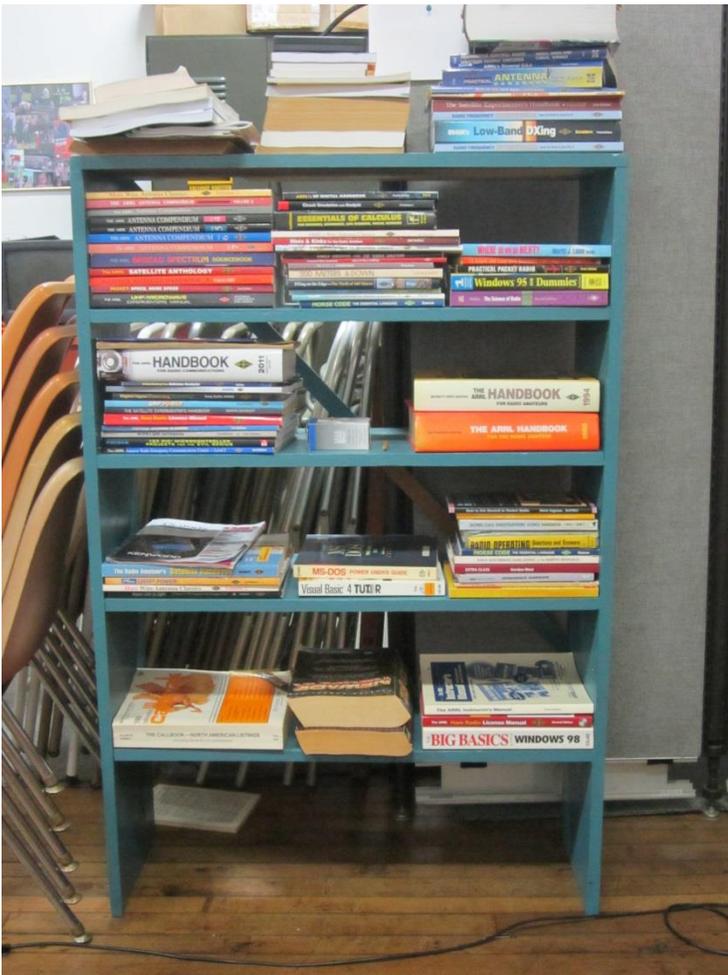
August 12 – Wattsburg Club Meeting

August 14 – Union City Club Meeting

August 16 – VE Exams at Wattsburg Club Room on Tate Road

August 17 - FIRST Annual CARS Club Ham Fest - at Lakewood Rod & Gun Club---433 East Terrace Ave. Lakewood, NY 10 AM till ? Auction @ 2 pm All Classes of "Ham Radio Exams Held During Day. Call-In Frequency 146.79 More Information call Dan Trippy @ 487-7592

August 23 – Ohio QSO Party



Our Club Library

We have many good books on Amateur Radio. These books are available to club members. Just sign them out and when you are done with them bring them back for someone else. If you have any books to donate, they will be appreciated.