



The QUARAE



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It Seems to Me

I went to the Wattsburg Hamfest last Saturday. The area around Green Township Bldg was quite busy. Part of the “busyness” was persons working on the new playground and food trucks arriving for another event going on. I missed the flea market for civilians that took place last year. After you looked at all the ham gear, you could go to the flea market and look at the items there. I was disappointed in the number of sellers there and impressed by the number of ARRL officials there. There was quite a few people taking tests. Rich Quinn KB3ZVH did a nice job announcing on the PA system. I did not win anything, breaking my streak at hamfests. The ladies and Torry Young KB3OFD did a great job in providing food. There was a definite lack of seating for people to relax and ragchew with others. It was a nice sunny day, not raining like the weathermen predicted. For once I was glad they were wrong.

July General Meeting Minutes: 07-05-2018

Began at: 8:02 P.M.

Board Members and Officers Present: KB3ZVH, N3SRF, WB3DOM, KC3GBD, N8WXQ, KC3PLV, KB3JZL

Members Present: AD4UL, N3SRF, K3PLV, KB3JZL, KA3CPV, KB3DAF, N3DBC, KD3D, W3HLM, WA1YJZ, KE3V, WB3DOM, KC3GBD, KB3ZVH
Program: Amsat, Hamsats, Radio Society of Great Britain.

New Hams: None

Silent Keys: None

Visitors: None

Treasure’s Report: \$1926.86 \$200.00 Sent out to pay club Liability Insurance. Budget Meeting at Red Cross 7-26-2018

Membership Report: 32 Members plus Lifetime members

Facilities Report: Ramp still needs to be painted. Work needs to be done on front of building.

Repeater Report: We still need someone to take over the upkeep of the Repeater system.

Public Service: Half Marathon at Presque Isle on 7-15-2018

Contesting Report: 1026 contacts during Field Day. CW-690, Digital- 16, Phone-380

Old Business: None

New Business: Board Meeting at Red Cross 7-26-2018 at 7:00 P.M. Meeting end at: 8:15 P.M. Next Meeting at Clubhouse 8-02-2018. Submitted by Secretary Richard Quinn KB3ZVH



**Radio Association of Erie
Club Meeting – Thursday
August 2 at the Club
house located on Wagner
Rd.**

**6:00 PM- Hot Dogs
Program: Old time Radio**

Generators, Cooperation Key for Hurricane Survival

About three weeks after Hurricane Irma struck Florida things are largely back to normal for broadcasters in the state, but the memory of the storm remains fresh.

“It was the most massive storm we have ever seen across the entire state. Now things like Hurricane Andrew [August 1992], in one specific market — South Dade County — was a lot worse. But this one, the power outage was incredible,” said Pat Roberts, president and CEO of the [Florida Association of Broadcasters](#).

Broadcasters in the state were on generator power longer than Roberts has ever seen, he added.

“Working with FEMA, Homeland Security and the FCC, we were able to get fuel to everybody before they ran out. It was not easy, but we got it there,” Roberts said.

Eight of Florida’s 10 TV markets during the storm were under a hurricane warning or watch and one other was under a tropical storm warning. Only the Pensacola market was unaffected, according to Roberts.

In the Florida Keys, which was the state’s hardest hit area, a single radio station, WWUS(FM)/Radio US1, managed to stay on the air during Hurricane Irma while cellphone towers and emergency communications were taken out, said Roberts.

“The sheriff lost communications with his deputies when their law enforcement radio system went down,” he said. “He went to the radio station to tell his deputies over the air where they needed to go. It was a very strange occurrence to say the least.”

For more than a decade, radio and TV broadcasters in Florida have created informal partnerships to keep the public informed during hurricanes, Roberts explained.

The idea is that when viewers lose power, they will tune in their battery-powered radios for storm bulletins and information. TV stations, which

typically have larger newsrooms, can provide their coverage to their radio partners for rebroadcast. “These partnerships in almost every county really worked well,” Roberts noted.

“Representing them, I could not be prouder of our industry and what we did for the people,” he said.

Wendell Wilford King 2ADD – W8MBV (1897-1965)



A young black man, after his freshman year at Union College was referred to a summer job at Schenectady General Electric. Although most summer interns were placed in the yard as laborers, his first job was running a drill press in Bldg. 23. This caused 2,000 machinists to go on strike on June 18, 1917. The machinists union was afraid GE was going to import black labor from the South for their jobs. “Do not lose sight of the fact we are fighting, not on the grounds of race prejudice, but on the grounds of moral convictions”, the Union leader told his men. He went on to say, “The military did not allow blacks to mingle on the same recreational grounds with white soldiers. What the government sees fit in practicing, we feel justified in demanding.”

The company refused to yield, stating that it did not support discrimination. After eight days, the strike abruptly ended. "The young black man will continue at his drill press but will be transferred to other work". Most surprisingly no one questioned Wendell what he thought about the dispute. After the summer and returning to Union College, he took a brief hiatus to enlist in the U.S. Army and specialized in radio communications. He attained the rank of sergeant, but was never deployed because the war was ending.

Wendell King's poor academic record was contributed to his outside activities. He was forced to repeat his freshman and sophomore years and after six years, he still had not completed his junior year. In April 1922, the dean wrote to Wendell's father telling him he asked Wendell to withdraw from college. Wendell would rush from class if he attended at all to spend most of his time in the E.E. lab in the wireless room his whole time taken up with tuning coils, vacuum bulbs and rotary spark gaps, etc..... It is said; he studied under the legendary Charles P. Steinmetz.

Radio station WEDH was the station of the Erie Dispatch-Herald. Wendell King at age 29, was the chief engineer. Under his personal supervision, he took charge of the station WJPW in Ashtabula, Ohio and moved it to Erie where it was renamed WEDH. His station is atop the 11 story Commerce Office Building at 10th and State.

Wendell was a pioneer in Amateur Radio. His first call was 2QD located in Upper Troy N.Y. and had home built station that had an output power of 50 Watts. Wendell at very young age gave lectures on wireless telegraph at the Men's class of the Third Presbyterian Church. The Amateur Marconi Radio Association elected W. W. King at President. The club started out with around 8 persons. During the first year, five more persons received their government licenses and the club joined with the ARRL. Within three years due to the tireless efforts of Wendell W. King and associates, there were a large number of ingenious and scientifically

inclined young men and boys in Troy, NY who built their own stations. The club now met bimonthly to discuss the problems of wireless communications and the study of electricity. Wendell W King was responsible for the revival of the wireless station at Union College. He offered a short course on theory and operations to students who were not hams to receive their licenses. The radio station was able to offer handling of messages within a working radius of 1500 miles. The station was also able to transmit the results of all basketball games throughout the country. The first concert by wireless telephony ever held by a college organization took place at Union College. The radio club received wireless communication from the Hiram Percy Maxim station at Hartford Connecticut had been heard and enjoyed. The practice of sending out wireless telephony concerts weekly was practiced with much success.

Wendell King also worked on low power radios for aircraft at Schenectady General Electric. After college, he worked for a firm in Cleveland doing electrical research. Wendell spent many years in electrical research with Dawson F. Bliley of manufacturing fame in Erie. Wendell lived on Bird Drive and had the call letters of W8NBV. It is not known if Wendell King was a member of the Radio Association of Erie, but I like to think he was, given his record for teaching new hams and enjoying ham radio. Wendell King died at age 67. He is buried in Erie Cemetery.



Ham Radio Calendar

August 2 – RAE Club Meeting

August 4 - North American CW QSO Party. See www.ncjweb.com

August 4 - ARRL 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest. See www.arrl.org/222-mhz-andup-distance-contes

August 7 – Corry Radio Club Meeting

August 9 – Union City Club Meeting

August 11 - Maryland-DC QSO Party. See www.w3vpr.org

August 12 - Cuyahoga Falls ARC's 10th Annual Tailgate Hamfest. Stow, Ohio.
See <http://www.cfarc.org/tailgate.php>

August 14 – Wattsburg Wireless Club Meeting

August 15 - NAQCC CW Sprint. See naqcc.info

August 18 – VE Session

August 18 - North American SSB QSO Party. See www.ncjweb.com

August 19 - ARRL Rookie Roundup. See www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup

August 20 – Conneaut Club Meeting

August 25 - Hawaii QSO Party. See www.hawaiiqsoparty.org

August 25 - W/VE Islands QSO Party. See usislands.org

August 25 - Kansas QSO Party. See ksqsoparty.org

August 25 - Ohio QSO Party. See www.ohqp.org

August 26 – Birthday of Lee DeForest, American Inventor, known as the father of Radio” for his 1906 invention of the three electrode vacuum tube.

August 26 - Chautauqua AR Service Hamfest. Lakewood, NY. See <http://www.chautauqua-ars.org>