



# The QUARAE



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## Prez Says



Just checked the weather in Erie, not good, snow and 24 degrees(11/24). We also had a cold front come through Melbourne last night, we had a high of 70 degrees today, BRRRRR!! The wind was really blowing so they claim there was a wind chill factor. I question that bit of information.

The holiday season is here once again. I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving, lots of good food and drink. Christmas is only a month away although the stores have had Christmas stuff out since before Halloween, too commercial for me. Everybody needs to be good so Santa will bring the new radios you want.

At the November club meeting it was decided that we will get more fuel oil for the furnace and the clubhouse be open as much as possible in the coming months. The septic system has been fixed so the toilet is back in full operation. With the new Triband beam and the new amplifier it would be a good time to take advantage of the band openings and utilize the equipment at the clubhouse as much as possible. Some good DX should be easy to snag.

The elections were held at the November meeting. The club officers for 2014 are:

Doug Sweet AD4UL President

Bob Fuller N3LBI Vice President

Adam Kernohan KB3THU Secretary

Mike Anderson KB3ZSF Treasurer

Richard Quinn KB3ZVH Board Member

**Radio Association of Erie Club Meeting –  
December 5 at the Red Cross at 7 PM.**



John Lindvay WB3IFD Chairman of the Board

I would like to THANK everyone for signing up for another year.

I am working on a list of Public Service events for 2014. We helped at 12 events last year, a lot more than I thought. I will put the new list together and put it on the Website when I get the dates.

Everyone have a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

73, Doug AD4UL

### **November General Club Meeting Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Radio Association of Erie (RAE) was held at the Erie chapter of the American Red Cross on Pittsburg Ave on Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013. President AD4UL was in attendance via Skype, the secretary present, a quorum present, AD4UL brought the meeting to order at 1900.

New Members-none

Upgrades-Richard Qinn KB3SVH made General

Guests-none

Secretary- Motion made by KB3THU to accept as printed, it was seconded, approved, motion passed

Treasury- KB3ZSF gave his report. Plumbing questions on the project for the sewer lines (packed with roots) were asked and answered to the satisfaction on the membership.

Board of Directors-they will meet in the end of December

Repeaters-82 hum, 61 working ok. Echolink has been working well. Digipeter was removed from Wagner Rd. It is now located elsewhere and working flawlessly.

Website-updates are needed. Some captions are available for the older photos and membership would like to see them on there. Webmaster was thanked by the members in attendance.

Public Service-September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Barber Beast on the Bay. Jamboree on the Air was successful.

Newsletter-please send any articles to [jlindvay@msn.com](mailto:jlindvay@msn.com).

Clubhouse- Toilet is now working well. Fuel Oil was needed. Members were going to try and keep it open as much as they could this winter for a trial.

Contesting- Maryland/DC QSO Party – Work all Europe – Ten-Ten – KYQSO – K9W Wake Island – 5J0R Club was also curious about our Ten-Ten number (#24597)

New Business- motion was made to accept WA1YJZ, it was seconded, approved, motion passed.

New Budget Committee and a new Chairperson were fulfilled.

Audit- the audit that was done when N3SRF resigned satisfied the membership. No audit was needed in such a short time.

Elections-Board kept the same as previous year

Good of the Order-bringing back a theory class for new hams was discussed

We lost connection with AD4UL, so KB3THU called his land line, it was discussed and agreed

to with the membership to replace the 80m dipole and the 40m dipole with a balun fed with coax. Also to call and have 100 gallons of fuel oil delivered to the clubhouse.

## Election of Officers for 2014

The results of the election of Officers and Board members are:

President - Doug Sweet AD4UL  
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Vice President – Bob Fuller K3LBI  
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Secretary – Adam Kernohan KB3THU  
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Treasurer – Mike Anderson KB3ZSF  
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Board Chairman – John Lindvay WB3IFD  
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Board Member – Rick Cutter WA3MKT  
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Board Member – Craig Hill K3PLV  
825-3438 [crahill@hotmail.com](mailto:crahill@hotmail.com)

Board Member – Richard Quinn KB3ZVH  
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Board Member – Frank Henry KB3NAT  
Not listed Unknown

Membership Chairman – Bob Fuller K3LBI

QUARAE Editor – John Lindvay WB3IFD

Public Service Chairman – Doug Sweet AD4UL

Field Day Chairman –

Publicity Chairman –

Contest Chairman -

Clubhouse Chairman -

Repeater Chairman –Adam Kernohan KB3THU

Education Chairman -

FCC Trustee – Adam Kernohan KB3THU

As you can see we need people to step up and volunteer to help. If you are interested in chairing one of the many committees, call Doug Sweet and discuss it with him.

## Local Nets

There are quite a few nets on during the week.

Monday thru Friday there is the **Mailbag Net** on 146.70 the Union City Repeater at 8 PM local time. This net is for traffic and local news. It last about 14 minutes on average

Also Monday thru Friday, at 9PM is the **Rag Chew Net** on 146.61 and 146.82 and on Echolink. This net is usually run by Doug Sweet AD4UL out of Florida via Echolink and lasts about 45 minutes. Every one that checks in gets to comment twice. We get friends and fellow hams that use to live in Erie checking in.

Sunday at 7 PM is a **SSB 6 Meter Net** at 50.290 MHZ A chance to try out the magic band and speak to locals via ground wave,

Monday at 8PM is a **2 meter AM Simplex Net** at 144.45 MHZ

Tuesday at 8:30 PM is a **6 meter AM Net** at 50.400 MHZ

Wednesday at 6 PM is an **FLDIGI Net** at 146.61 and 145.82 and Echolink. You need the program **FLDIGI** and some sort of interface between your radio and computer. The interface can even be acoustic. (No wires)

Wednesday at 8:30 PM is the **Novice/ Tech Net** on 10 meters. It is held at 28.410 MHZ plus or minus QRM. Usually Ron Seybolt WB3DOM runs this net. It is primarily for Tech/Novices, but everyone is welcome. Sometimes the net gets DX check-in's.

Friday at 8 PM on 144.210 MHZ USB is the  
**210 Round-up Net**

## **HELPFUL HINTS FOR WINTER WEATHER DRIVERS from N3APP**

1) Check tire pressures. They will often drop pressure with a drop in temperature. You will not have optimum traction without proper air pressure and will be more vulnerable to a sidewall blowout.

2) Check all fluid levels, especially the windshield washer. Use a good quality de-icer type fluid. Avoid bargain blue stuff. Consider upgrading to a heated fluid system if you don't already have one. Also remember the new law. If your wipers are on so must your headlights be on. Daytime running lights won't cut it. I prefer to run my headlights full time. This has many benefits.

3) Winter tires and winter wiper blades are an absolute must!! All-season tires won't cut it in this climate. You should put winter tires on all four wheels. Get them studded as well. An extra set of steel wheels will save time and money at changeover time. Buy quality winter wiper blades, even though they only last one season, they will make or break your visibility and resist icing. Four wheel drive vehicles still need winter tires despite being superior, You still have to stop and turn!

4) Make sure you have a good snowbrush/scrapper with an extendable handle. The new law requires you to remove all snow from your vehicle including the roof, hood, trunk, windows, and lights. Never scrape any

surface except your window glass, Use the rubber squeegee on lights, plastic, and painted surfaces.

5) Bodywork and undercarriage protection against rust should be applied before winter. A good coat of quality carnauba wax on the body and an undercoat rust preventative like Fluid Film will make your car last much longer.

6) Protect your windshield wiper motor and transmission from damage. Always turn them off before shutting your car off or they will freeze in place and try to run causing damage. This is one of the most common causes of wiper system damage and is completely avoidable.

7) Doors and door locks need special lubricants to prevent freezing and sticking. Use silicone spray on all door gaskets and a graphite lube in all lock tumblers. Silicone can also help with troublesome windows that freeze shut. Spray the gaskets and wipers.

8) Be prepared, Always carry a survival kit, blankets, flashlight, candy, meds, and a first-aid kit. Also a car kit with flares, jumper cables, tow strap, kitty litter, tool kit, tire inflator, tire plugging kit and a fire extinguisher. Every driver should have a cellphone. Never use while driving! Also make sure you have updated insurance card and valid registration card, pen and paper. I also carry a digital camera. Pictures at an accident scene are priceless!

9) Ready yourself, Review driving skills. Increase space between vehicles. Allow more time to reach your destination. Test traction control and antilock braking systems, Learn how to read the road conditions to adjust your driving. Black ice is a killer!

## WWA Christmas Party

The Christmas party will be held on December 14, 2013. The menu is as follows; Prime Rib, Stuffed Chicken Breast, and Roast Pork with Sauerkraut. Now the side dishes are House Salad, Parsley Potatoes with garlic butter, Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Beans with Bacon, and Glazed Carrots. This includes Rolls, Butter, Coffee, Hot Tea, Iced Tea, and Lemonade. There will be a very good selection of Deserts.

The cost will be \$18.00 a person this year. You must call your RSVP in by November 30, 2013. If you say you are coming and do not show you will still have to pay. We have to pay for all the meals we order. You can contact Craig Hill (K3PLV) at 814-403-3906 or Me Sue Seyboldt (N3LPO) at 814-969-8542 or 814-456-0500. We hope to see all again to enjoy our holidays. We will have an auction table again this year. There will be door prizes. If you have any questions feel free to call me.

Thank you. Suzanne Seyboldt N3LPO

## Accomplishments in 2013

This was a year of accomplishments with heavy concentration on upgrading the club house on Wagner Road. We installed a new 50 foot crank up tower and placed a 7 element tri-bander on it. We also bought a state of the art amplifier and now have a contest grade station available for club members use. We also have a two element 40 monobander that will go up in the spring. We removed a lot of dead wood and trees that threatened our club house. We installed shutters over the windows. We repaired the well pump and pressure switch. We installed a projector

screen and started a lending library. Hopefully 2014 will be just as productive. A big thank you to local hams helped out in these projects but special praise goes to Rick Cutter WA3MKT who was the ramrod in most projects.

## Ham Radio Calendar

December 1 - SARL Digital Contest

December 3 - ARS Spartan Sprint

December 5 -- NRAU 10 Meter (all modes)

December 5 – RAE Club Meeting

December 6 - NCCC Sprint, CW

December 6-8-- ARRL 160 Meter Contest, CW

December 7 -- TARA RTTY Melee

December 7 - Wake-Up! QRP Sprint, CW

December 7-8 - SKCC Weekend Sprintathon, CW

December 7-8 - TOPS Activity Contest, CW

December 7-8 - EPC Ukraine DX Contest, PSK

December 7-8/14-15 - AWA Bruce Kelley Memorial CW Contest

December 8 - Ten Meter RTTY Contest

December 13 Corry Christmas Dinner

December 14 – WWA Christmas Dinner

December 25 – Christmas