



The QUARAE



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November 2017 General Meeting

Minutes

Began at 7:40 PM

Board Members and Officers Present: John Lindvay WB3IFD, Frank Etzler N8WXQ, Richard Quinn KB3ZVH, Bob Fuller N3LBI, and Ed Barlow K1ZIK

Members Present: Bob S. KC3GBD, John Szymecki, Ron Seyboldt WB3DOM, and Wendel Howard KC3IYD

Program: Frank Etzler N8WXQ gave a presentation on dipole antennas.

New hams: None

Silent Keys: None

Visitors: Ron Rycek KB3QBB

Treasurer's report: \$1,462.85

Membership report: None

Facilities Report: Special thanks to Ron Seyboldt WB3DOM for waterproofing the handicap ramp. Doug replaced the key box on the front door. The combination is the same.

Repeater Report: None

Public Service: Doug said he would stay on the Public Service Chairman. There was some conversation about RACES taking over.

Contesting Report: North American SSB Sweepstakes is this coming weekend.

Old Business: None

New Business: Nominations for Officers and Board Members was opened up. Richard Quinn Nominated himself for Secretary. There were no nominations. Offices still open are President and Vice President.

Christmas Party is December 9. Cost is \$16 Sue Seybolt did an excellent job last year and she is in-charge of it this year If you want to know the particulars go to the [WWA website](#)

Meeting end at: 8:02 PM

John Lindvay


Make Love and War. Get married.

RADIO ASSOCIATION OF ERIE SALUTES

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Every once in a while, you come across a near professional in the amateur ranks; one who excels at some aspect of amateur radio. So it is with this month's "Ham of the Month" Leo Weiner, W3LOS.

Leo was first licensed on December 16, 1930. As



**Radio Association of Erie
Club Meeting – Thursday
December 7 at the Red
Cross Bldg. located at
4961 Pittsburgh Ave.**

**7:00 PM- General Meeting
Program: TBA**

W8BSE he sported a 30 watt single tube oscillator on CW. Why only on CW? "It was during the depression, and hard enough to get the 30 watt oscillator on the air, much less have money for modulating equipment:"



So out of necessity Leo was on CW, but learned to love it. It was an age of the first diode and triode tubes, and he even remembers "when the first screen grid tube was announced." In these early years Leo's operating was more or less typical, with a lot of rag chewing; but he found he was enjoying traffic handling more and spent most of his time doing so until World War II started, .and all amateur radio activities ceased

During World War II, Leo, along with a number of other Erie area amateur radio operators participated in the war emergency radio service which provided a civilian defense type of communications service for the community.

After a bit of inactivity following WW II, Leo updated his equipment to a Heathkit AT-I (35 Watt transmitter) and soon found himself building a 150 watt amplifier to aid him in chasing some of that elusive DX on twenty meters. When he got his

DXCC (125 countries worked) the challenge was gone.

Ever since then Leo has been mostly handling traffic and enjoys using his homebrew electronic telekeyer. I tried the keyer, and if I wasn't such a dye in the wool phone operator, my next project would be just such a set. It is beautiful CW with a typewriter style control and no tricky adjustments or fatigue.

Leo works the Western Pennsylvania CW net almost every night and acts as manager for it. The WPA net is but one part of the national system of networks for message handling which prides itself in handling a great deal of traffic. Leo says some of the most embarrassing, but most pleasing, messages of all is the annual Valentines delivered to numerous girls from their beaus.

Even though Leo spends many hours a day at the rig, he never-the-less takes good care of himself by walking to and from work each and every day, hiking and birdwatching. Leo manages to keep in very good shape and good health. Additionally, he enjoys stamp collecting and piano playing on the grand piano which occupies a prominent spot in his living room..

For a fellow who learned code by himself just to understand those strange signals at the top of his broadcast receiver in 1927, Leo Heiner has come a long way. He can be proud of his past as well as the present, and stands today as one of the few truly proficient and professional type radio amateurs who are an asset to amateur radio, and to his community which he serves so well.

Written by Charles Bliley, K3NAU

At my age "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

NASA on the Air



2018 is a big year for NASA anniversaries and we'd like for you to help us celebrate. NASA was created in 1958, the first manned lunar mission was in 1968, and the first elements of the International Space Station (ISS) were launched in 1998. The club stations at the various NASA centers and facilities plan to be on the air with special events to celebrate these milestones and we are offering commemorative QSL cards and a special certificate indicating how many centers you worked on various bands and modes may be downloaded. QSL instructions are available on the QRZ.COM site for each individual club station. We plan to have a web-based system for you to check your points total and download a certificate at the end of the event in December 2018. Points will be awarded for each center worked on each band and mode (phone, CW, digital).

The event will run from December 2017 through December 2018 with the following key dates:

- Apollo 17 45th anniversary – 11-14 December 2017, beginning of event
- NASA founded 60th anniversary (act signed by President Eisenhower) – 29 July 1958
- ISS First Element Launch 20th anniversary – 20 November 1998
- ISS Node 1 Launch 20th anniversary – 4 December 1998
- 50th anniversary of Apollo 8 – launch 21 December 1968, splashdown 27 December, end of event

Note that there may be other special event operations by the various centers commemorating specific events but those listed above will include participation from all the centers. All operating modes are fair game including satellites, repeaters, EME, ISS APRS, etc. We hope to be on the air for casual contacts and contests as well.

From HamRadio.com

Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?

Wattsburg Wireless Association

Christmas Party



All Ham Operators and anyone interested in Ham Radio are invited.

Location: Skyline Restaurant and Pizzeria, 1301 E Grandview Blvd, Erie, PA 16504

When: Saturday, December 9, 2017, Time 5 PM until 9 PM.

MENU

Meat Loaf, Chicken and Pork Loin
Mash Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots and Gravy
Cheese and Cracker Tray
Veggie Tray
Coffee, Soft Drinks and Water
Cake, Pie and Brownies

COST IS \$16.00 per person

RSVP by November 30, 2017

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Christmas - What other time of the year do you sit in front of a dead tree and eat candy out of your socks?

Amateur Calendar

December 7 – RAE Club meeting

December 7 - NRAU 10-Meter Activity Contest

See <http://nrau.net/activity-contests>

December 9 – Christmas Party

December 9 - ARRL 10-Meter Contest. See

www.arrl.org/10-meter

December 14 – Union City Wireless Association
Club meeting

December 17 - ARRL Rookie Roundup. See

www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup

December 18 – Conneaut Amateur Radio Club
meeting

December 24 – Christmas Eve

December 25 – Christmas

December 31 – New Years Eve