



# THE QUARRAE



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Our club station W3GV is the call of **Dawson Bliley**

## President Says

I hope everyone is staying warm, the winter weather has not been kind to the Erie area. It has been cool here in central Florida but I will take it over the Vortex that is beating up the north. I have been hearing lots of good things about the contesting that has been taking place at the clubhouse. I would like to thank Mike WB3DEL for taking on the task of being the Contesting Chairman for the RAE. If you are interested in contesting get in touch with Mike. With the new amp and antennas we have a great contesting set-up at the clubhouse. I have been in touch with John Szwarc N3SPW who is involved with the D-Star network in Western PA. I have asked John to make a presentation on D-Star to our club via Skype. He said he has a pitch put together and would let me know if he can get it ready to go. Mike N3GKS has a D-Star simplex repeater, on 146.64, put together at his house. Anyone with a D-Star radio can use his system to get into the D-Star network. I have sent a list of Public Service Events to Paul KB3POY to put Rick WB3MKT and Adam KB3THU have been working on the repeaters and linking systems. Hopefully everyone has noticed the audio on the 82 machine. I have been getting good reports on the 9PM Ragchew net. They still have work to do in getting the

audio set up on the links, so a big THANK YOU to them for getting everything set up. The Orlando Hamcation is coming up in a couple of weeks. Hopefully the weather will be warm so all the folks coming South will be able to thaw out. Hopefully I will see ya'll at the fest!!73, Doug AD4UL

## Editor Says

First off, I would like to thank Rick Cutter WA3MKT for all the work he has so unselfishly done for the club. We have a new amplifier and antenna and tower mostly thanks to him. He has removed some trees that were in the way and he has fixed our sewer system and water system. He has moved our radios around for contests, has gotten our furnace working during the coldest winter we have had a long time. He has kept the club house going all winter. He has installed a new 40 meter dipole, and has plans

**Radio Association of Erie Club Meeting –  
February 6 at the Red Cross at 7 PM.**



**Presentation to be  
announced**

for a permanent 80 meter dipole. He is “de facto” the club house chairman. If we had a Ham of the Year Award, I would nominate him. Let’s provide him all the help he needs. Also so far Mike Brumberger WB3DEL is going great guns as contest chairman. He is very enthusiastic about them, planning activity almost every weekend. Now if we could get some more club members out of the wood work?

## January General Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Radio Association of Erie was held at the Erie Chapter of the American Red Cross on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. The president AD4UL was present via Skype, the secretary being present, a quorum was in attendance, the meeting was called to order at 1900.

New members- none

Upgrades- none

Visitors- none

Secretary- motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected and publish by KB3THU, it was seconded and approved, motion carried

Treasurer- was given by WB3IFD in absence of KB3ZSF

Board- minutes read, the board was going to draft a letter to life members. Goals set to increase membership. Christmas party plans were discussed about possible changes to be made. D-STAR was in discussion again whether to move forward or await further information. Discussed if the club wanted internet at the clubhouse or not, possibly a trial basis. Board also discussed how much KB3POY has been

doing with the website. It was the recommendation of the board to pay for one year of KB3POY’s membership. KB3DPM made a motion to that the club pay for said membership for one year as a gesture of thank you. It was seconded and approved, motion carried.

Membership- WB3IFD was going to get with N3LBI and KB3ZSF to update the list.

Repeaters- 82 still had some noise, crew was going to investigate again soon. AD4UL was happy with the echolink and its performance along with 61.

Budget- holiday party in the newsletter was to be mentioned as Christmas party. Some corrections were made on the budget. WB3DOM made a motion to accept the budget, it was seconded and approved, motion carried.

Newsletter- articles are always needed [jlindvay@msn.com](mailto:jlindvay@msn.com)

Clubhouse- Fuel oil is in good order, temperature is kept around 40 degrees

Website- needs a new publicity chairperson

Contesting- Jan 18<sup>th</sup> VHF DX 6m & 2m SSB. WB3IFD would like some help with operators.

Old business- none

New business- possibility of ham of the year for the club was discussed. Criteria were to be established.

Good of the order- 440 repeater to be converted to D-STAR or find alternate? CERT training classes were coming up mid February

Adjourned at 2008

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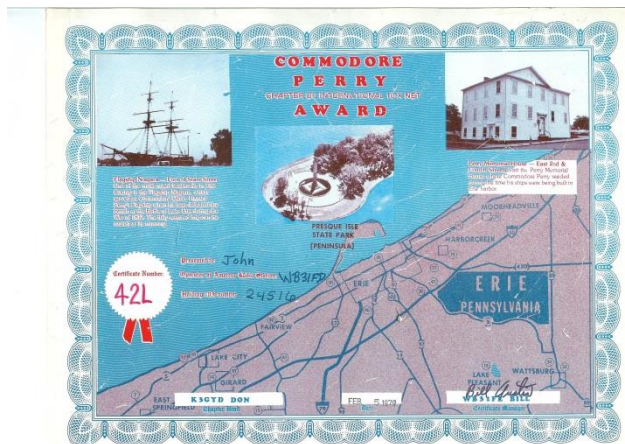
Some days you're the bug; some days you're the windshield.

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## What is Ten-Ten?

We plan on operating the 10-10 contest on February First. We used to have the Commodore Perry 10-10 club organized and operated by Bill Austin WB3IFE SK and Don Eller K3GY.. If anybody is interested in renewing the club contact me. The RAE 10-10

### Commodore Perry Certificate



number is 24597.

The Ten-Ten International Net, Inc. was formed back in 1962 as the Ten-Ten Net of Southern California. Its purpose was to promote activity and good operating practice on the ten meter amateur band. During the first few years the organization grew slowly, but by 1975 there were 10,000 members, and the word "International" had crept into the name. There have now been over 75,000 10-10 numbers issued world wide.

The Ten-Ten International Net is a non-profit entity incorporated under the laws of the State of California.

Ten-Ten (or more commonly "10-10") has no paid employees. All of its officers and managers serve on a voluntary basis, and are reimbursed for necessary expenses only. With the great expansion of the organization in recent years, it has been necessary to employ computer processing for membership records and mailing labels. This has also permitted publication of a Membership Roster at suitable intervals and has facilitated mailing the quarterly *10-10 International News*, which is sent to all paid-up members.

Ten-Ten's principal expenses are for printing, postage, and computer processing. Annual dues are \$15.00 US members and \$18.00 DX members to provide funds for expenses.

A membership card, certificate of membership and other items are sent to new members when membership is granted. Each new member is assigned a unique "10-10 Number" which is retained for life, regardless of a change of callsign. A 10-10 number is never re-issued. When one becomes an SK (Silent Key), his/her number is still listed in the membership records and Membership Roster.

Paid-up (ACTIVE) members receive a copy of the *10-10 International News*, 10-10's own magazine which is published each quarter, and are eligible to participate in various 10-10 activities.

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**Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.**

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## Contest Chairman Position Filled

**Mike Brumberger** has agreed to become the contest chairman for W3GV. Mike WB3DEL can be reached at [Zipperkng@aol.com](mailto:Zipperkng@aol.com). His cell phone number is (732) 513-4524. Mike needs

operators for running both SSB and CW contests.

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**After the game, the King and the Pawn go into the same box. ~ Italian proverb**

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## **CQ Magazine is Going Online**

CQ Communications Inc has announced plans to realign its publications lineup and to launch a new online supplement to its flagship magazine, CQ Amateur Radio.

“The hobby radio market is changing,” said CQ Communications President and Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA, “and we are changing what we do and how we do it in order to continue providing leadership to all segments of the radio hobby.” Effective with the February 2014 issue of CQ, said Ross, content from the magazine’s three sister publications — Popular Communications, CQ VHF and WorldRadio Online — will be incorporated into CQ’s digital edition as a supplement to be called CQ Plus. The print editions of Popular Communications and CQ VHF will be phased out, and WorldRadio Online will no longer exist as a separate online publication. Current Popular Communications, CQ VHF and WorldRadio Online subscribers will be converted to CQ subscribers and receive CQ Plus at no additional charge.

Details will be posted on each magazine’s website.

CQ Communications says the change will offer hobby radio enthusiasts a single source for articles from shortwave listening and scanner monitoring to personal two-way services and Internet radio, as well as Amateur Radio. Richard Fisher, KI6SN, currently editor of both Popular Communications and WorldRadio Online, will be editor of CQ Plus.

“Our primary audience is ham radio operators, but very few hams began their radio involvement as amateurs,” Ross said. “Most of us started out as shortwave listeners, broadcast band DXers, CBers or scanning enthusiasts. Many continue to be involved in many different aspects of the radio hobby in addition to Amateur Radio.” Ross said consolidating four specialized publications into one will keep “multidimensional readers” informed on all aspects of the radio hobby, at the same time exposing non-hams “to all the excitement and opportunities that Amateur Radio has to offer.” The expanded material will be an integral part of the digital edition of CQ and will be included as part of a standard digital subscription. Each month’s digital edition will continue beyond where the print edition ends, offering supplemental material on all aspects of hobby radio communication and selected columns carried over from the other magazines. The added digital content will make full use of the multimedia opportunities presented by digital publications.

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**A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kickboxing.~ Emo Philips.**

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## **QSL Cards**

QSL stands for “Can you acknowledge receipt?” It was a concrete way of confirming a contact. When I first became a ham, I sent QSL cards for every contact. Now I send them when I receive one, or I work a new country or I am trying to collect some special award (wall paper) or I have a special rag chew with another like-minded ham. QSLs were at first the only way to confirm contacts. Several national radio societies came together in Paris to form the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU), an

organization made up of the national radio societies from countries around the world. One service the IARU came to provide was a system of QSL bureaus to enable hams to exchange QSL cards with their colleagues in other countries without having to mail the individual cards directly. Of course hams could always give their addresses out over the air, and many did, but with QRM and under difficult conditions there was a large possibility for error, and during contests the exchange of QSL information was impractical anyway. QSL bureaus were set up to beat the high cost of postage. You sent your QSLs to your local bureau along with SASEs to receive your incoming QSLs. **National Capitol DX Association.** NCDXA, PO Box 1149, Clinton, MD 20735-5149. . This Bureau, the ARRL Third Call Area Incoming QSL Bureau, is a part of the ARRL and IARU QSL Bureau system. Each national IARU society establishes its own procedures for the operation of its QSL Bureau. Here in the United States you **do not** have to be a member of the ARRL in order to receive cards through the Bureau. As long as you provide us with the means so that they can ship your cards to you, you can get your cards through this Bureau. Comments or questions on this bureau's operation may be directed to [NC3DX@arrl.net](mailto:NC3DX@arrl.net).

The rate for incoming mail is the following

One ounce = 5 cards = 46 cents

Two ounces = 14 cards = 66 cents

Three ounces = 24 cards = 86 cents

For three ounces they recommend six-by-nine inch envelopes with two "forever stamps" on them. That's six cents more postage than you need, but it's a lot easier to get the stamps. Don't use envelopes with metal clasps on them.

If you want to get more cards than that per shipment, we recommend you consult your letter sorter about the best way to handle your particular situation, or you can e-mail them at [nc3dx@arrl.net](mailto:nc3dx@arrl.net) with your query. Information on the Outgoing bureau next issue.

## Ham Radio Calendar

February 1 – Ten-Ten QSO Party. See

<http://www.ten-ten.org/Forms/QSO%20Party%20Rules.pdf>

February 1 – Delaware QSO Party. See

<http://www.fsarc.org/qsoparty/qsohome.htm>

February 1 – Minnesota QSO Party. See

<http://www.w0aa.org/docs/mnqp/MNQP%20Contest%20Rules.pdf>

February 1 – Vermont QSO Party. See

<http://www.ranv.org/vtqso.html>

February 2 – Ground Hog Day

February 4 – Corry Club Meeting

February 6 – RAE Club meeting 7 PM at Red Cross

February 8 – New Hampshire QSO Party. See

[http://www.w1wqm.org/nhqso/NEW\\_HAMPS\\_HIRE\\_QSO\\_PARTY\\_RULES.pdf](http://www.w1wqm.org/nhqso/NEW_HAMPS_HIRE_QSO_PARTY_RULES.pdf)

February 11 – Wattsburg Club Meeting

February 13 – Union City Club Meeting

February 15 – WWA VE Exams at Green Township Bldg.

February 15 – ARRL CW DX Contest. See

<http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx>

February 17 – Presidents Day

March 1 – ARRL SSB DX Contest. See

<http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx>