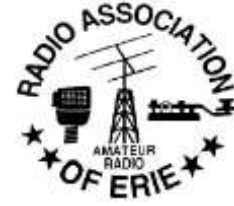




The QUARAE



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It Seems to Me

There has been a dearth of articles lately. I have to scour the internet to find something interesting. Maybe it is my fault. I don't give you any information on how to get your creations to me. So let's clear that up right now. You can email with your articles to jlindvay@msn.com. You will probably be published in the very next Quarae! I would like to see some "gossipy" information on what club members are doing on these cold winter nights. What do female operators do differently than males? What pet peeves regarding ham radio do you have? What new and different aspect of ham radio are you now doing? Maybe you have a question about something you can't figure out. Ask it here and if I can't answer it, somebody will. See, there are lots of things that are interesting about ham radio.

I finally got my MiniProSC (computer radio interface) working for the moment. I feel pretty good about it, even though I don't know what I did to get it working. And I don't know how long it will keep working. I am using a Windows 7 laptop, the MiniProSC, and a Yaesu FT817 5 watt Transceiver into a Mag loop antenna. I hope to use this setup on Presque Isle as soon as I have good weather. I have yet to make a contact, although I can see plenty of signals. I was not able to make January's meeting and I did not receive the minutes. Hopefully I will be able to publish them next month.

Silent Key W3MJA

Michael John Whitney Anderson, age 47, of Lawrence Park Twp., passed away peacefully in his sleep, on Thursday, January 30, 2020, following an extended illness. He was born in Pittsburgh on May 19, 1972, son of the late John W. "Jack", Jr. and Maryann (Kelly) Anderson.

Mike was a 1991 graduate of Iroquois High School and a 1995 graduate of Fredonia State University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications. He was also a 2005 graduate of the former Erie Business Center having earned an associate degree in accounting.

Mike was employed for many years by WJET TV as a camera operator and member of the severe weather team; a job he loved and was passionate about. He was previously employed by Verizon. His Roman Catholic faith was at the center of his life as a member of Mount Calvary R. C. Church and an active member of the Erie Diocese Cursillo Movement. Mike was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels Erie and was a former member of the Fire Police Division of the Perry Highway Hose Co. An avid Cleveland Indians and Pittsburgh Steelers fan, he also enjoyed bowling, amateur radio and watching vintage television game shows. He will be forever remembered for his caring heart, selfless nature and for the pure and gentle spirit he possessed which allowed him to always put the needs of others before his own.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first adoptive father, Albert G. Whitney. Mike is survived by his beloved sister, Maureen M. Beers and her husband, Keith of Lawrence Park Twp., one niece, Courtney Hime; two nephews,

Brandon and Derek Hime and several loving aunts, uncles, cousins and dear friends.

Family and friends are warmly invited to call at the Dusckas-Taylor Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Inc., 5151 Buffalo Rd. (at Hannon Rd. in Harborcreek Twp.), on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be conducted on Monday at Mount Calvary R. C. Church at 10 a.m. Mike will be privately laid to rest, alongside his parents, at Laurel Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the ANNA Shelter, 1555 E. 10th St., Erie, PA 16511.

DX Code of Conduct

Below is a copy of the DX Code of Conduct:-

1) I will listen, and listen, and then listen again before calling.

2) I will only call, if I can copy the DX station properly.

3) I will not trust the DX cluster and will be sure of the DX station's call sign before calling.

4) I will not interfere with the DX station nor anyone calling and will never tune up on the DX frequency or in the QSX slot.

5) I will wait for the DX station to end a contact before I call.

6) I will always send my full call sign.

7) I will call and then listen for a reasonable interval. I will not call continuously.

8) I will not transmit when the DX operator calls another call sign, not mine.

9) I will not transmit when the DX operator queries a call sign not like mine.



10) I will not transmit when the DX station requests geographic areas other than mine.

11) When the DX operator calls me, I will not repeat my call sign unless I think he has copied it incorrectly.

12) I will be thankful if and when I do make a contact.

13) I will respect my fellow hams and conduct myself so as to earn their respect.

Email from Kevin McKenna KE3V

I sent a QSL card to a 77 year old ham I worked on 40m CW last week and got a whole packet of stuff from him including postcards, instructions and life lesson stories, etc. Here are a couple things maybe you can use in QUARAE if you need to fill some space.



New and Interesting Contest

The STATEQSOPARTY.COM Team has created a new year-long competition called the STATE QSO PARTY CHALLENGE. Our goal is to recognize testers who love working state QSO party contests. The QP season runs from February 1st 2020 until November 2020. To compete in the STATE QSO PARTY CHALLENGE, all you have to do is enter your qso party scores into 3830scores.com

Scoring is "Number of QP Contacts" x "number of QSO Parties entered" There are 47 approved QSO parties for the Challenge award. Work them all and you will be up at the top of the leaderboard. Nothing could be more fun!

73s Dave WN4AFP
Team Leader

Ham Radio Calendar

February – 1 Vermont QSO Party. See www.ranv.org/vtqso.html

February 1 - 10-10 International Winter SSB Contest. See www.ten-ten.org

February 1 - Minnesota QSO Party. See www.w0aa.org

February 1 - British Columbia QSO Party. See orcadxcc.org/bcqp_rules.html

February 2 - North American CW Sprint. See ncjweb.com

February 2 – Ground Hog Day

February 4 – Corry Club Meeting

February 6 – RAE Club meeting

February 8 OMISS QSO Party. See omiss.net/Facelift/qsoparty.php

February 10 - ARRL School Club Roundup. See arrl.org/school-club-roundup

February 11 – Birthday of Thomas Alva Edison, an American inventor and businessman who has been described as America's greatest inventor. He developed many devices in fields such as electric power generation, mass communication, sound recording, and motion pictures

February 11 – Wattsburg Wireless Club meeting

February 13 - Union City Wireless Club meeting

February 14 – Valentine’s Day

February 15 – VE Session

February 17- Conneaut Club Meeting

February 17 – Presidents Day

February 18 – Birthday of Alexandro Volta, Italian physicist and pioneer in the science of electricity and inventor of the electric battery

February 29 – Leap Year Day