



THE QUARRAE



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RADIO ASSOCIATION OF ERIE 2014 SCHEDULE

12/19/2013 B 2013 & 2014 BOARD- ELECT BOARD PRES. 2014 BUDGET COMM. ESTABLISH 2014 BUDGET

01/02/2014 C CLUB MEETING RED CROSS - FILL POSITIONS AS REQUIRED

01/31/2014 NOTIFY MEMBERS WHO HAVEN'T PD DUES

02/06/2014 C CLUB MEETING RED CROSS

03/06/2014 C CLUB MEETING RED CROSS

03/27/2014 R BOARD MEETING RED CROSS

04/03/2014 C CLUB MEETING RED CROSS

04/26/2014 C CLUBHOUSE SPRING CLEAN UP

05/01/2014 C CLUB MEETING CLUBHOUSE

06/05/2014 C CLUB MEETING CLUBHOUSE

06/21/2014 C FIELD DAY

06/26/2014 R BOARD MEETING RED CROSS

07/03/2014 C ELECTION COMM ANNOUNCE NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED BY SEPT. MEETING

08/07/2014 C CLUB MEETING CLUBHOUSE

08/16/2014 C RAE CLUB PICNIC

09/04/2014 C CLUB MEETING CLUBHOUSE

09/15/2014 NOMINATIONS FOR 2015 OFFICERS AND BOARD

09/25/2014 R BOARD MEETING RED CROSS

10/03/2014 C CLUB MEETING CLUBHOUSE TRUSTEE REPORT ON SECURITIES FUND

**Radio Association of Erie Club Meeting –
January 2 at the Red Cross at 7 PM.**



ESTABLISH BUDGET AND DUES FOR 2015
ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS FROM
FLOOR

11/06/2014 R CLUB MEETING RED CROSS
ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTIONS
ESTABLISH BUDGET COMMITTEE
FINANCIAL FUND REPORT

12/04/2014 R CLUB MEETING RED CROSS
VOTE ON 2015 BUDGET

12/18/2014 R 2013 AND 2014 BOARDS
MEETING RED CROSS

*** ALL MEETINGS START AT 7PM ***

December General Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Radio Association of Erie was held on December 5th, 2013 at the Erie Chapter of the American Red Cross. President AD4UL was present via skype. The secretary present, a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 1903.

WA3MKT gave a presentation about making dipole wire antennas and measuring them for electric length and functionality

New hams-none

Guests- KB3POY

Secretary's report-Motion was made by KB3THU to accept the minutes as printed. It was seconded, and accepted, motion carried.

Treasurer's report-absent

Board-Scheduled in January

Membership-no report

Repeaters-no report

Public service-as dates come up, they will be sent to KB3POY on the website

Website-KB3POY said website is going well

Newsletters-Please send all your articles and comments to jlindvay@msn.com

Clubhouse-Oil is in. A small heater is in the bathroom and heat tape on the supply so the lines do not freeze. Thermostat has been keeping temp around 40F. A 40M dipole came down in a wind storm. It is back up with some improvements. The 40M and 80M antennas were discussed on repair/replace. We found some designs and would like to have some hams come help with construction of it. Thursday from 6-8pm the clubhouse will be open. All are invited to come out and operate or visit. A letter will be drafted to the life members to make them aware of the upgrades at the club in hopes they become more involved. Logbooks and rig interfacing at the clubhouse were discussed.

Contesting-WB3IFD has been listing most in the newsletter. Talk of getting the younger kids involved. Mexican states have new multipliers in the upcoming 10M contest.

D-STAR-How many hams are interested in running D-STAR and would it helpful to the amateur community to have the club install a system. Nine members at the meeting (almost half) have asked for more information.

Adjourned at 2042

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.

December Board Meeting Minutes

A Board of Directors meeting of the Radio Association of Erie was held on Thursday December 19th 2013 at the Erie chapter of the American Red Cross. In attendance were AD4UL (skype), KB3THU, WB3IFD, WA3MKT, K3PLV & KB3ZVH. Meeting was called to order at 1900

Dates for the contesting planned out for the year to open up the club and have operators make contacts. WB3IFD was going to review his calendar and publish it to the club.

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Ham fest planning was discussed with the possibility of a table.

Elections and nominations were brought up as far as the months for nominations.

The RAE picnic date was set for Saturday August 16th, 2014.

D-STAR was discussed. KB3ZVH called Time Warner about the promotion going on now. First year is \$14.99/mo. with 2MB. No other information was given about the post promotional period. January QST has a D-STAR interface article in it. The club was going to try and schedule a meeting with John Schwarz possibly for the February 6th meeting and invite the Union City club as well.

Membership list was deemed out of date. It will be brought up to date asap. The board was also looking for ideas to increase our membership back to normal.

A motion was made by KB3THU to have the club absorb the 2014 membership cost for KB3POY in gratitude for rebuilding our club website. It was seconded, and approved, motion carried.

Spring cleanup was set for April 26th, 2014

Discussion of replacing the front windows on the clubhouse was discussed. No final decision was made.

If everything seems to be going well,
you have obviously overlooked something

146.76 Back on Air

146.76, Dick Bomboy's old repeater is back on the air. It is exactly the same except it now is in Edinboro. It is running about 25 watts and has great coverage into Ohio. Jack, N8UNX is now the trustee. He plans on keeping it in Edinboro, with the repeater council's approval and eventually increasing output power to 100 watts.

Chuck: I got some dead batteries today at the store.

Doug: How much did they cost?

Chuck: Nothing! They were free of charge.

ARRL 10 Meter Contest

The RAE Contest and DX team operated the club station during the 10 meter contest the weekend of Dec. We operated 1 hour Friday night before 10 meters died out. We were back at it Saturday at 8 AM till 2 PM. We also worked Sunday 8 AM to Noon. We could have operated longer if we had more operators. When all was said and done we made 300 hundred SSB contacts, 57 DXCC countries, and 107 multipliers. The mouse on the computer kept freezing up and we had to close the program and re-open it two or three times. Don't know if the problem was with the program or computer. We used N3FJP's contest software. The new antenna and new linear performed flawlessly busting all the pile ups. If we could hear them we could work them. In spite of the largest snow fall in the country and lousy weather, the club house was toasty warm and the hours passed quickly with all the action on the band.

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day .

HAM FRIENDS

BY K3PLV

I just finished calling one of my ham friends in England to wish him and his wife a merry Christmas and thought about friends I have around the world. I met many of these people because of my ham radio hobby. The one I called is Dennis, G4TXB. I met him the first year I went to Jersey with my wife (Carolyn) for a vacation. The trip really was a vacation (not operating) as Carolyn and I had wanted to visit Jersey many years before. Back then money was tight and we couldn't afford it. But Christmas was coming up in 1997 and I gave Carolyn (and myself) a vacation on Jersey.

I decided that since I was going to be on Jersey, that I would try to operate for an hour or two. I talked to one of the Jersey locals and he invited me to the club station. There I met Dennis and many of the other locals. While there I did operate twice for a couple of hours. The club members invited me back. Since then I have gone back almost every year. When I go back in 2014, that will be my 14th visit. Many of the locals are good friends.

Dennis and his wife, Gillian, have gone out to dinner with me many times and have also had me over to their house for visits and dinner. Dennis lived on Jersey for about 30 years, but had to move back to England to take care of Gillian's mother (he had moved to Jersey to work). I have enjoyed the stories Dennis has told me about life in England during World War II. For instance, many of the children were

moved to the countryside to get away from the bombing. He lived on an uncle's farm during the war. He said one day they were working in the orchard and a German fighter plane came over the farm. Dennis, his uncle, and his uncle's children immediately ran for the barn. The German fighter plane circled in and opened fire on them. He said the shots all hit the barn just above their heads. Another time one dropped a bomb and took out a bridge very close to the house. He said many foods were rationed during the war, such as flour and sugar. But he said he ate well on the farm as they could butcher animals and grow vegetables. They also could take dressed rabbits and pork to town and trade them for things like sugar and flour.

Another friend is Dieter (MJ1CYD) and his wife Janine. They came over to Erie and stayed with us for 10 days. We took them to see as much of the area as we could such as Niagara Falls, Presque Isle, etc. Carolyn and I went over a few years later and stayed with them. We enjoyed their hospitality and of course they took us to places on Jersey we had not seen and even took the ferry to France and drove down to Normandy. I also enjoy hearing Dieter's experiences during World War II. He lived in northern Germany, close to Holland. His mother, brother, and sister moved to an uncle's farm in eastern Germany to get away from the bombing. His father was killed on the Russian front in what was then Czechoslovakia. One day his mother went to town and found a great many German soldiers who were retreating from the Russians. She grabbed the children and they were put on a wagon and went west away from the Russians. For weeks the soldiers, his mother, and the children, kept just ahead of the Russians. Eventually they were surrounded by

the American forces. Some of the German soldiers wanted to keep fighting, but instead surrendered to keep the children safe. Dieter's mother spoke English and acted as an interpreter. She would work for a week or two and then she and the children would be put on a truck and moved farther west. She would interpret again for a week or so and then be put on another truck going west. After several weeks they finally got back home. Dieter, like all 10 year olds boys was in the Hitler Youth. I have enjoyed hearing many of his stories about that part of his life. Dieter moved to Jersey when he was 22 to work, met a Jersey woman (Janine), got married, and raised his family there.

I also have other ham friends, many more on Jersey, some on the Isle of Man, others in England, and one in Australia that I have met and visited with. There are many facets in ham radio. But global friendship is certainly an important part of the hobby and it has certainly enriched my life. Amateur Radio is a great hobby.

Ham Radio Calendar

January 4 – ARRL RTTY Contest
January 7 – Corry Amateur Club Meeting
January 9 – Union City Club Meeting
January 11 – North American CW QSO Party
January 14 – Wattsburg Wireless Club Meeting
January 18 – ARRL VHF Contest
January 18 - VE Exams at Wattsburg Wireless
January 18- North American SSB QSO Party
January 20 – Martin Luther King Day
January 25 - Lockport Hamfest