



# The QUARAE



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## Club Officers and Board Members for 2016

President - Doug Sweet AD4UL

Vice President - Bob Fuller N3LBI

Treasurer - Frank Etzler N8WXQ

Secretary - John Lindvay WB3IFD

Board Members: Ed Barlow K1ZIK (3 years), Craig Hill K3PLV (3 years), Gene Brinig KB3JZL (3 years), Mike Brumberger WB3DEL (2 years), Richard Quinn KB3ZVH (2 years).

QuaRae Editor - John Lindvay WB3IFD

Repeater Chairman – Adam Kerohan KB3THU

Membership Chairman - John Lindvay WB3IFD

Public Service Chairman - Doug Sweet AD4UL

Echolink - John Lindvay WB3IFD

Clubhouse Chairman – Richard Quinn KB3ZVH

Publicity Chairman -

Contest Chairman - Mike Brumberger WB3DEL

Education Chairman -

Web Page Chairman - Paul Szymczuk KB3POY

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Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

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## Membership Drive 2016

Dues for 2016 will be \$15.00 Join today!!

## December 2015 General Meeting Minutes

Meeting started at 7 PM at the Wagner Road Club House.

Officers and Board Members present: Doug Sweet AD4UL via Skype, Frank Etzler N8WXQ, Craig Hill K3PLV, Richard Quinn KB3ZVH, and John Lindvay WB3IFD.

New hams: Tim Hippely KC3BGF, Susan Holtgreffe KC3GBE, and Robert Sorento KC3GBD (none were present). John Lindvay asked if any club members would like to mentor these new hams but no one offered.

Silent Keys: None

Visitors: None

Treasurer's Report: Frank Etzler N8WXQ reported that our checking account has \$547.36

Membership Report: None

Facilities Report: None

Repeater Report: Echolink timer needs adjusted for



**Radio Association of Erie  
Club Meeting at the Red  
Cross Bldg at 4961  
Pittsburgh Avenue**

**Thursday January 7**

**7 PM Meeting**

**Program: Antennae Theory by Ed**

**Phong**

more time.

Contesting Report: Ron Seybolt, WB3DOM, had high score for the club in the PA QSO Party.

Old business: Elections; the following members were elected. Doug Sweet AD4UL was elected President, Bob Fuller N3LBI was elected Vice President, Frank Etzler N8WXQ was elected Treasurer, and John Lindvay WB3IFD was elected Secretary. Elected to the board were Ed Barlow K1ZIK, Frank Henry KB3NAT, Craig Hill K3PLV, and Gene Brinig KB3JZL.

New Business: A handicap ramp needs be constructed for the club house for handicap members use the clubhouse. Trish Catalano was disappointed that the meeting was at Wagner Road instead of the Red Cross because she is not able to enter the club house because of her disabilities John Lindvay is to contact Trish Catalano to find out what is needed for handicap access and how to go about its construction.

A board meeting is scheduled for December 17 at the Red Cross.

There was no 50-50 drawing.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:26PM

Respectfully submitted by  
John Lindvay WB3IFD

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To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

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## Start an amateur radio virtuous circle

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

On the ham\_instructor Yahoo Group ([https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ham\\_instructor/info](https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ham_instructor/info)) recently, we talked about the classes that

we are going to be offering this fall. About his Tech class, Bob, K0NR, noted, "Currently have about 30 students signed up. We keep thinking we'll run out of interested people but they keep coming."

I've noticed the same thing here, too. I keep thinking that I am going to run out of people to teach, but I have no problem at all filling my classes. In fact, I'd go so far as to say that the more people that have taken my class, the more people there are that want to take it.

Of course, this makes perfect sense. If there are more people out there who have amateur radio licenses, there are more people out there talking about amateur radio, and actually doing amateur radio. And, the more people out there talking about and doing amateur radio, the more likely it is that other people will become interested in amateur radio and get their licenses as well.

It's an amateur radio "virtuous circle."

What does this tell you? Well, if you're in a place where amateur radio seems to be dying out, or belong to a club that is slowly fading away, start a class! I think every club should hold classes at least once a year, even if that first class has only one or two students. Those first few students are the start of your virtuous circle.

Don't know how to start a class? I can help you there. Start by reading my blog post, "Teaching a one-day class" (<http://www.kb6nu.com/teaching-a-one-day-tech-class/>). It has a lot of practical information, including tips on how to select a venue, how to publicize the class, how to get people to sign up for the class, and finally, how to teach the class.

You might also want to join the ham instructor mailing list I mentioned earlier. It's a relatively low-volume list, but the subscribers have a lot of experience that you can tap into.

Also, get a copy of my free Tech study guide (<http://www.kb6nu.com/study-guides/>). Not to brag (well, OK I am bragging), but it I really think that it's the best study guide for a one-day class. The study guide presents the topics in exactly the same order as I cover them in class. Read through it and you'll see what I mean.

If you need more help, or even just some encouragement, e-mail me, and I'll do what I can to help you. Seriously

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When not teaching ham classes or publishing amateur radio study guides, Dan, KB6NU, operates CW on the HF bands (mostly 40m and 30m). His #1-rated amateur radio blog can be found at KB6NU.Com, and you can e-mail questions, comments, or complaints to [cwgeek@kb6nu.com](mailto:cwgeek@kb6nu.com).

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**You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.**

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### **My Thoughts on Duties of Club Officers and Chairman For A Successful And Growing Club**

By WB3IFD

**President** - He will conduct all meetings. He will make sure everyone is doing their assignments. He will provide a monthly article for the QuaRae. He is the focus and main source of information about the club and its members. He shall appoint the various chairmen at his pleasure and remove any from office for noncompliance.

**Vice President** - The Vice President will fill in for the President when he can't attend a meeting. He will assume the duties of the President when he is not available.

**Secretary** - The secretary is responsible for all correspondence of the club. He will attend all meetings and take notes. If he has to miss a meeting then he needs to find someone to take notes for him. He shall

publish the minutes on the RAE reflector, not more than one week after the meeting and supply a copy for the Qua-Rae. He shall answer all QSL cards with the help of the contest chairman.

**Treasurer**- The treasurer needs to disburse funds at the direction of the officers and the board. He also is responsible for keeping the various money accounts accurate. He shall make a monthly report available to the membership at the meeting. He will also have the key to the PO box and will check it at least once a week and give the correspondence to the appropriate persons.

**Membership Chairman**- He shall keep records of all club members (call sign, class, birthdate, address, phone and e-mail) up to date. He shall file a report to the membership on number of current club members monthly. He will provide a list of expired club members after the first of the year. He will provide written reports to the board members. He shall keep a list of meeting and event attendance.

**Club House Chairman**-Is responsible for keeping a model number and serial number of all club house and repeater equipment. He will make recommendations to the board on disposition of club equipment. He will also make recommendations for repairs and improvements for the club house. Once a year he will organize the members in a spring clean up.

**Qua Rae Editor**- Is responsible for publishing a monthly newsletter that will contain the President's thoughts, the General Meeting Minutes, any board meeting minutes and other interesting articles pertaining to amateur radio and material submitted by the membership.

**Repeater Chairman**- The repeater chairman is responsible for a monthly report on the status of the repeaters. He is responsible for overseeing the technical aspects and getting the correct personnel to maintain the equipment. He shall maintain a list of manufacturers, model numbers and serial numbers of all repeater equipment.

Publicity Chairman - The publicity chairman is responsible for publicity about the club to the general public. He shall maintain a list of contacts to disseminate the information.

Education Chairman - The education chairman should sponsor two Technician classes a year; one in the spring and one in the fall at a minimum. He should spearhead where the classes shall be held and who should teach them. He also can sponsor General and Extra and code classes as needed. He can set up a VE session once a month or call on VEs to have special sessions. He shall provide short and entertaining presentation at the monthly club meeting.

Public Service Chairman - The public service chairman shall maintain of list of events and dates when he will need members to provide communications for charity events. He shall direct all members in the correct way to speak on the radios at these events. He shall critique these events to make our team more professional.

Contest Chairman – He shall keep the club members up to date for various contests on the air and make arrangements to operate in contests that interest club members..

Web Page Chairman – Shall keep the web page up to date and add material provided by the various chairmen.

Comments appreciated.

## Ham Calendar

January 5 – Corry Amateur Club Meeting

January 7 – RAE Club Meeting

January 9 - North American CW QSO Party. See [www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf](http://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf)

January 12 – Wattsburg Club Meeting

January 14- Union City Wireless Club Meeting

January 16 – VE session at Greene Township Bldg

January 16 - North American SSB QSO Party. See [www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf](http://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf)

January 18 – Martin Luther King Day

January 18 – Conneaut Club Meeting

January 23 – Lockport NY Hamfest, See [www.lockportara.us](http://www.lockportara.us)

January 23 - Montana QSO Party. See [www.fvarc.org/](http://www.fvarc.org/)

January 30 - ARRL January VHF Contest. See [www.arrl.org/january-vhf](http://www.arrl.org/january-vhf)