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December Minutes

There was no official meeting in December. Only a few people made it to the Red Cross building due to a Erie snow white out. Frank Etzler K8WQT gave a presentation of Dstar. We still need a president for the club.

I don't mean to brag, but I finished my 14-day diet food in 3 hours and 20 minutes.

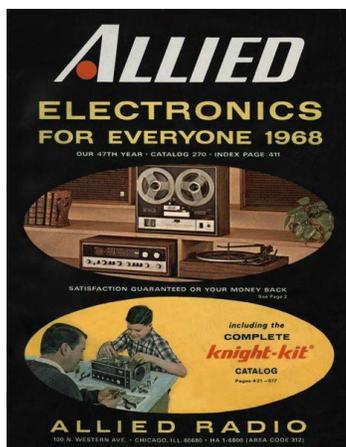
Editor Says

What Event should we have next year? We have field day coming up in June. Kevin McKenna and myself are looking for a good place to have field day. Suggestions are appreciated.

We should have a members picnic. We would need some one to lead the band wagon. Any takers?

We should use the club house to have ham radio activities, besides the Pennsylvania QSO Party. I think Frank Etzler has done a great job in presenting interesting activities at each meeting. I hope he keeps it up.

Catalogs are about possibilities



By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

When I was a kid, I used to regularly get catalogs, such as the Allied Radio and Lafayette Radio catalogs shown below, and pore over them for

hours. Even if I couldn't afford to buy the latest Knight-Kit or Lafayette shortwave radio, I could imagine what it would be like. These catalogs were chock full of possibilities.

So, you can imagine how I felt when, last Thursday, I found both the Autumn/Winter 2017 DX Engineering catalog and the 2018-2019 Newark Electronics/element14 catalog in my mailbox.

DX Engineering has really taken the amateur radio world by storm over the last ten years or so. I



probably don't have to tell you about that. If you're an active amateur radio operator, I'm sure that you have heard about—and probably ordered from—DX Engineering. I think that DX Engineering did a very smart thing by investing the

money in a print catalog. There's something about browsing a print catalog that is just more satisfying

Don't FORGET!

Radio Association of Erie Club Meeting – Thursday January 4 at the Red Cross Bldg. located at 4961 Pittsburgh Ave.

7:00 PM- General Meeting Program: TBA

than browsing online.

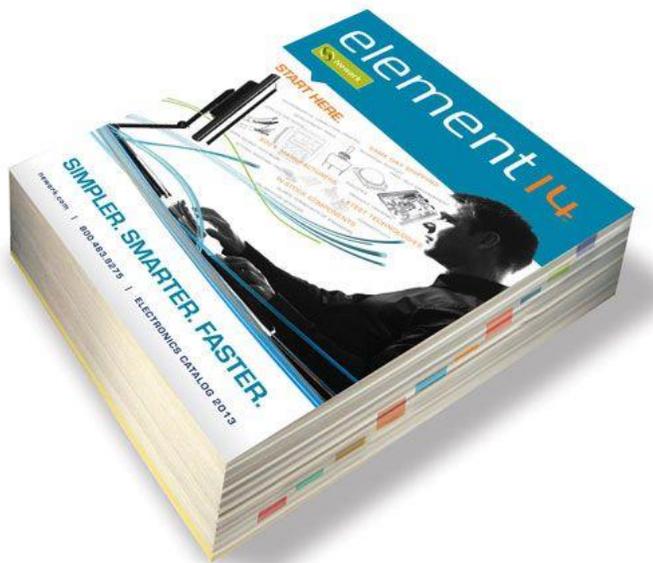
DX Engineering has just about everything you need to have fun with amateur radio. The one glaring omission? They still don't carry my study guides!

The Newark/element14 2018-2019 catalog is a completely different beast. Amateur radio operators are only a small part of Newark/element14's market, but one nonetheless. They have, for example, attended the Dayton Hamvention for many years.

As such, the catalog is not a "ham radio" catalog, but if you build stuff at all you'll find something of interest in its 1,799 pages. It includes nearly any kind of electronic part that you might need.

The section that might you might want to start with is the "makerspace" section. In this section, you'll find Raspberry Pi's, BeagleBones, and even microbits. They really have everything, though, including passive and active components, connectors, cable, and enclosures.

Like I say, these catalogs are all about possibilities. You can search each company's website and find the parts they carry quickly and easily, but that



experience is just not the same as browsing a print catalog and daydreaming about what you might find there.

So, get your own copies—they're free—and page through them. I'd be surprised if you didn't run across something that you didn't know about before, and it gave you some ideas about your next amateur radio project.

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I love being over 65. I learn something new every day and forget 5 others.

Silent Keys

KB3UIP Sue Marren



Sue Ellen Proper Marren, 73, of Union City, passed away, Thursday, December 7, 2017 at UPMC Hamot. She was born on October 12, 1944 a daughter of Arden

Proper and Dorothy Reynolds Proper. She married Daniel C. Marren on June 24, 1967 he preceded her in death in 1981.

She was a 1962 graduate of Union City High School and following graduation attended Jamestown Business School where she majored in Secretarial. Following graduation from business school she was employed with Trenton Psychiatric Hospital in Trenton, NJ as a medical secretary until 1986 when she went to work at Thomas Edison State College in Trenton until her retirement in 2003.

She was of the Baptist faith and was a member of First Baptist Church of Union City.

Sue (KB3UIP) was an active member of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), Union City Wireless Association, Radio Amateurs

of Corry, Wattsburg Wireless Association, and the Union City Alumni Committee as part of the homecoming committee.

She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, and spending time with her family, friends and old classmates.

W3LOS Leo Weiner



Leo Bernard Weiner died peacefully at UPMC after brief illness. He was born in Erie, on November 13, 1912, the eldest son of Bernard Weiner and Magdalene Kujawski Weiner.

He graduated from St. Stanislaus High School,

attended the University of Detroit and graduated from the General Electric Engineering Night School. He was a machine design engineer at the Erie GE plant, where he worked for 34 years. He and his wife Alexandra "Alice" retired to Tarpon Springs, Florida in 1977. He was an active member of St. Ignatius Catholic Parish and its Care Club until he returned to Erie in 2009. He lived at the Regency at South Shore, then at Westlake Woods Assisted Living until his death.

Leo interests were broad and varied. In 1929, he built his first radio and obtained a license to operate his amateur radio station, W8BSE. He remained active in ham radio throughout his life, operating as W3LOS and ending with the honorary call sign KE4O. He used Morse Code only, mostly with the traditional key, but built a code transmission "typewriter," which he used for a number of years. He was a member of the American Radio Relay League, the Quarter Century Wireless Association and the International DX Association. He was interested in all things electronic and bought his first computer in 1984, which he enjoyed programming.

He was also a classically trained pianist who played professionally in his younger years. He enjoyed

good music from Bach to "The Beatles Go Baroque" and had particular regard for the piano works of Chopin. He enjoyed traveling with his family and friends, especially to Cape Cod, and in his later years, to several countries in Europe, including Poland, where he visited with Polish relatives. His last trips were to Australia and China.

Leo was an avid walker for decades before it began to be popular, and he walked four miles a day for more than fifty years. He enjoyed hiking country roads, often with one of his daughters, and had great love and appreciation for the power and beauty of the natural world.

How to prepare Tofu:

- a. Throw it in the trash
- b. Grill some meat

Strays

Joe Ponchak KA3CPV was announced by the Wattsburg Wireless Association as "Ham of the Year."

Rick Cutter WA3MKT is building a 2 KV power supply. He brought it to the VE session for everyone to see.

Larry Kemmler KC3JBR, passed the Extra Exam on Saturday, December 23. Congratulation Larry!

Remember back when we were kids and every time it was below zero outside they closed school? Nah, me neither.

Amateur Calendar

January 1 – New Year's Day

January 2 – Corry Club Meeting

January 4 – RAE Club Meeting

January 6 - Kids Day See www.arrl.org/kids-day

January 6 - ARRL RTTY Roundup. See
www.arrl.org/rtty-roundup

January 9 – Wattsburg Club Meeting

January 11 – Union City Club Meeting

January 13 - SKCC Weekend Sprintathon. See
www.skccgroup.com

January 13 - North American CW QSO Party. See
www.ncjweb.com

January 15 – Martin Luther KING DAY

January 15 – Conneaut Club Meeting

January 18 - NAQCC CW Sprint

January 20 – VE Session

January 20 - North American SSB QSO Party. See
www.ncjweb.com

January 27 - Montana QSO Party See fvarc.org

January 27 - Winter Field Day. See
www.winterfieldday.com/rules

January 27 - Lockport ARA Hamfest.
See <http://www.lockportara.us/>