



The QUARAE



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Prez Says.

82 Degrees today!! Looks like an early summer has arrived. Time to get the garden planted. I hope everyone has a great summer.

This also means that the Public Service Events that we provide communications for have started. We have potentially three new events this year that have asked for our help. They are the Fallen Soldiers Picnic, Over the Top and a recent request from the Juvenile Diabetes group for a Slow Bike Ride at Presque Isle State Park. So in total we have been asked to help with thirteen Public Service Events this summer and fall. I think providing our communication services to these non-profit organizations should be of top priority for the Radio Association of Erie. We help them with logistics and emergency communications support and it helps bring Amateur Radio to the attention of the public. I would like to encourage all of the Hams in the area to support these events and especially get the new Hams involved. The schedule is on the w3gv.org website so please check it out and let me know if you can help.

Sounds like the folks who went to Dayton had a good time. The weather wasn't too bad this year; glad to hear that. The Breezeshooters hamfest is coming up on June 5.

As usual check the w3gv.org website for a list of the various nets that are available and join in when you can.

THANKS & 73,
Doug AD4UL

Buses stop in bus stations. Trains stop in train stations. On my desk is a work station ..

May 2016 General Meeting Minutes

Began at 6:59 PM

Board Members and Officers Present: Richard Quinn KB3ZVH, Doug Sweet AD4UL, Gene Brinig KB3JZL, Frank Etzler N8WXQ, Bob Fuller N3LBI, Craig Hill K3PLV, and John Lindvay WB3IFD

Program: Jim Rosenbaum KB3 ZVQ, Homeland Security Coordinator, gave a talk about the new county wide communications system.

New hams: None


Silent Keys: Gene Robertson N3RKN

Visitors: William Samec KB3CFY, Jim Rosenbaum KB#ZVQ, and Conner Rosenbaum

Treasurer's report: \$1,279.56

Membership report: 52 members

Facilities Report: Inventory by Rich Quinn



**Radio Association of Erie
Club Meeting at the Club
House on Wagner Road
Thursday June 2 at 6PM
for Hot Dogs**

Program: TBA

Newsletter: Always need material for Newsletter.

Repeater Report: None

Website: None

Contesting Report: Received Maryland/DC QSO Party Certificate for most contacts from an out of state Station for 2015 made out to W3GV.

Public Service: On May 28, Operators needed for Fallen Soldiers Picnic. On Memorial Day operators needed for Freedom Run. Sign-up sheets passed around. See or email Doug Sweet if you want to participate.

Old Business: Handicap ramp location and heights has been staked out. Cost is about \$2,000.00. Boy Scouts are to do. Thanks to Gene Brinig for doing planning of ramp.

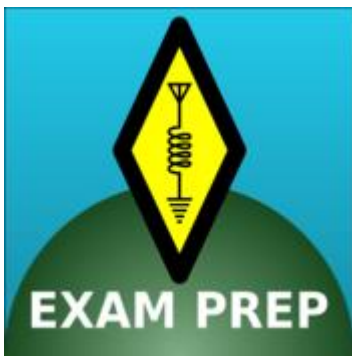
New Business: William Samec has a Hygain Motorized Crank Up Tower he needs to sell as he is moving out of the area.

Keven McKenna KE3V had an assortment of Baofeng radios from Gene Robertson's widow, he was selling for \$25 each.

John Lindvay WB3IFD is setting up a tour of Bliley Crystal Company. Anyone that wants to attend, call or email him.

Meeting end at 7:44

New Extra Question Pool to Take Effect July 1



On **July 1, 2016** a new Element 4 Extra class question pool will take effect for examinations. VECs and VEs will have new test designs available for use at exam sessions effective that

date.

The newly revised pool released in January 2016 (updated and re-released March 5, 2016) by the Question Pool Committee (QPC) of the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) must be in use starting July 1st. There are 12 graphics required for this pool and 713 questions in this pool, up slightly from 702 in the previous pool. Question E9H03 was deleted from the pool and should not appear on exams. The balance of E9H section was not renumbered, leaving 10 questions. To view all three questions pools, visit the NCVEC web site at www.ncvec.org/.

Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.

I'm EXTRA Ignorant

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

On Sunday, I received the following e-mail from a reader: Just wanted to let you know I passed the General exam using your study guide. It was very helpful. I am now generally ignorant whereas before I was only technically ignorant. Ha!"

My reply to him was: "Well, if you're generally ignorant, I guess that makes me EXTRA ignorant!"

This isn't just a joke--being ignorant is part of the hobby. Amateur radio operators will always be ignorant about something or other. Even if you could master every facet of the hobby at some point in time, your mastery would be short-lived as the technology continued to advance.

Over the course of my amateur radio career, we've gone from equipment that primarily used vacuum tubes, to solid-state gear that first used discrete transistors and then integrated circuits, to software-defined radios. I could have, at some point, simply given up on the new technology and still enjoyed amateur radio. Some guys do that, and that's OK. It is only a hobby after all.

I'm not one of those guys, though, and if you're not one of those guys, then you have to resign yourself to being ignorant. But, that's a good thing, as long as you realize that you're ignorant. Realizing that you're ignorant will spur you on to learn new things and accept new challenges.

Recently, I realized that I'm mostly ignorant about satellite operation. I know some of the basics from having read articles and writing about the topic in my study guides, but I have never made a contact using a satellite. I think that might be one of my next challenges. With the advent of CubeSat, there are many new satellites up in the air and many more opportunities to have interesting contacts.

So, what are you ignorant about? By that I mean, of course, what's going to be your next challenge in amateur radio?

When he's not challenging himself with new things, Dan falls back on something he knows pretty well--operating CW. You'll find him mainly on the 80m, 40m, and 30m bands. Dan is the author of the "No Nonsense" amateur radio license study guides, and blogs about amateur radio at KB6NU.Com, and you can contact him by e-mailing cwgeek@kb6nu.com.

Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.

Amateur Calendar

June 2 - RAE Club Meeting

June 4 - Alabama QSO Party. See www.alabamagsoparty.org

June 5 - BreezeShooters Hamfest by the BreezeShooters Amateur Radio Club.
See <http://breezeshooters.org>

June 9 - Union City Club Meeting

June 11 - 150th Anniversary of the Burning of Pithole W3P, Titusville, PA by Fort Venango Mic & Key Club. Certificate. Larry Aldrich, PO Box 99, Cranberry, PA 16319. See www.w3zic.com

June 14 – Flag Day

June 14 - Wattsburg Club Meeting

June 18 - West Virginia QSO Party. See www.qsl.net/w/wvsarc

June 18 – VE Session

June 19 – Father's Day.

June 20 - Conneaut Club Meeting

June 25 - ARRL Field Day. See www.arrl.org/field-day

June 26 - **Boy Scouts Trail To Eagle Program K2BSA/8**, Metamora, MI. Garden City Amateur Radio Club (GCARC). 14.330 7.270 3.840. QSL. Richard Zarczynski, AC8FJ, 7371 N Farmington Rd, Westland, MI 48185. An opportunity for older scouts to earn merit badges at camp toward their Eagle Scout award. Radio merit badge will be taught to scouts who will engage in a QSO with amateurs on-the-air as a requirement. AC8FJ and W8MKB will be operating the K2BSA/8 station, grid EN82ix, at the D-Bar-A scout ranch during the week. See www.michiganscouting.org/outdooradventures/properties/d-bar-a-scout-ranch/trail-to-eagle-at-d-bar-a