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Our Members Hard At Work



Joe and Gene laying blocks

RAE May General Meeting Minutes

for ham Began at 7:31 PM

Board Members and Officers Present: Doug Sweet AD4UL, Frank Etzler N8WXQ, John Lindvay WB3IFD, Gene Brinig KB3JZL, Ed Barlow K1ZIK, Bob Fuller N3LBI, Adam Kernohan KB3THU, Richard Quinn KB3ZVH

Members Present: Charles Kauffman KB3RIT, Michael Morrison KC3GOC, Joseph Ponchak KA3CPV, Michael Rinn WB3IGK, Ron Seyboldt WB3DOM, Bob Sorento KC3GBD, Nick Devine KC3GFA

Program: Frank Etzler N8WQX gave a presentation on Log Book of the World

New hams: Larry Kemmler KC3JBR, Martin Carney KC3HJS

Silent Keys: None

Visitors: Ronald Ryzek KB3QBB, George Younkin N3SRF, Charles Kauffman, Daniel Rhodes KA3CTR


Treasurer's report: \$1,307.54

Membership report: 16 life members, 30 paying members, 4 Free New Hams members = Total of 50 members

Facilities Report: Cleanup was successful. Will start working on handicap ramp when the weather breaks. Adam Kernohan KB3THU said the club house is open for use to all members. We should notify him when we hold special events. Adam's email is kb3thu@gmail.com. A group meets there every Thursday for 6 to 8 PM. The group will gladly give instructions on the operation of equipment.

Repeater Report: New antenna needed on .61.

Don't FORGET!



**Radio Association of Erie
Club Meeting – Thursday
June 1 at the club house
at the end of Wagner Rd.**

**6:30 Hot dogs
7:00 PM- General Meeting
Program:**

Placement of D-Star repeater was discussed. Two possible places are the old Verizon building downtown that is now owned by Gannon or the Boy Scouts center located up near Interstate 90.

Public Service: March of Dimes decided they were going to handle communication with cell phones. Doug called operators of Memorial Day race on May 29 and the Fallen Soldier picnic on Saturday, May 27

Contesting Report: None

Old Business: None

New Business: There will be a board meeting May 18 at 7 PM at the Red Cross Bldg. John Lindvay WB3IFD urged members to bring unwanted ham equipment for a "Trunk of Junk" mini hamfest right before the June meeting at the club house. Please arrive as early as possible and bring your "junk".

Meeting end at: 8:09 PM

**Know how to prevent sagging?
Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.**

WATTSBURG WIRELESS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2017

Opening: The regular meeting of the Wattsburg Wireless Association was called to order at 1905 on May 9, 2017 in Room 114 at 9333 Tate Road, Erie, PA, by Neal Proper WB3EQC, President, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers: President: Neal Proper WB3EQC, VP: Sue Seyboldt N3LPO, Secretary: Ronald Rycek, KB3QBB, Treasurer: Barbara Schlosser KB3SXL.

Members: Robert Craig KB3LZK, Rick Cutter WA3MKT, Richard Durning WA1YJZ, Frank Etzler N8WXQ, Wendell Howard KC3IYD, John Lindvay WB3IFD, Sue Marren KB3UIP, Dale Matha KB3DPM, Michael Morrison KC3GOC, Joe Ponchak KA3CPV, Richard Quinn KB3ZVH, James Rose KA8VSZ, Tom Schmitz KA3CRC,

Ron Seyboldt WB3DOM, Robert Sorento KC3GBD.

Guests: Larry Kemmler III, KC3JBR.

A. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the April meeting was unanimously approved as corrected.

B. Officers Report. President: None.

Vice President: We will need some help on the Hamfest in July.

Secretary: An application for membership was submitted by Larry Kemmler III KC3JBR. A motion was made and 2nd to accept Larry. Motion passed.

C. Treasurers Report.

Checking Account:	\$	1,182.91
Cash on Hand:	\$	30.28
Total:	\$	<u>1,213.19</u>

D. Old Business: None discussed.

E. New Business: It was mentioned by John Lindvay that all officers should have a key for the outside door so we don't have to wait on any particular person with a key. Neal Proper explained the building keys are controlled by Greene Township and will look into this.

F. Good of the Order. No classes will be scheduled due to the illness of Crail Hill. To see him he is at the Presque Isle Rehabilitation and Nursing Home, 1441 Schaper Avenue, Erie, PA.

Floyd Titus has some 10-foot tower section for free. Contact Floyd at C 814-490-3730, business phone 814-825-3326 or email at ffitus2@gmail.com.

Adjournment:

A motion was made and 2nd to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 19:30 by

Neal Proper WB3EQC. The next business meeting will be held here on June 13, 2017.

Minutes submitted by: Ronald J. Rycek
Secretary
KB3QBB

The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.

Ripley Hamfest Best Yet!

I attended the Ripley Hamfest this past Sunday, and I had a good time. The hamfest is held the first weekend in May. Luckily we had good weather. When I arrived, they were busy putting up another row of tables for people waiting to sell their items. Also a dealer attended the hamfest; the first time I saw one there. It was "RwAntennaStore" located 6590 Crosby Road in Lockport, NY 14094. They carry Amateur/HDTV/WiFi/Scanner/Antenna plus accessories/Cables and more. Phone is 716-434-9216 and web address is www.rwantennastore.com. Email is chris@rwantennastore.com. So with the closing of AES in Cleveland, we now have RwAntennaStore in Lockport.



I was looking for a grid dip meter and I found one. Fred Krause N2LXD had a good one, he sold to me with the caveat that if he ever needed to borrow it

back I would lend it to him. I also need a good HF mobile antenna. Something I can install and remove in a hurry. RwAntennaStore had just the antenna, but I had spent all my money on the grid dip meter.

The flea market prices were quite reasonable. I saw many a HF rig going for less than \$400. It was a good place to stock up on coax connectors and adapters. A hamfest is about the only place to obtain them except for mail order.

The food consisted to pancakes, sausages, coffee, and juice; all you could eat for \$6. I was hoping for just some donuts and coffee. I doubt that anyone asked for more. The three initial pancakes filled me right up.

The ARRL was well represented at the hamfest. It



seems lately that they have discovered Northern PA in that they have attended all local hamfests. I saw Joe Shupienis, W3BC our newly elected Section Manager in Western Pa Section. He was with Dave Wellman W3XE.

After I arrived home, I received a phone call from Bob Fuller N3BLI telling me a won \$20 and that Doug Sweet AD4UL won \$40. Sweet!

My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance to idiots that needs work.

NW PA Hamfest

by Wattsburg Wireless Association

This hamfest takes place Saturday, July 8, 2017 from 7:30 AM to Noon at the Greene Township Municipal Building 9333 Tate Road, Erie Pa. 156509. 1st Prize is \$150. 2nd Prize is \$75. There are door prizes drawn every hour. VE Exams at 9AM. Entrance Fee is \$5, advance \$4. Under 16 is free. Tables are \$5, advance \$4. Tailgate and parking area free. Excellent food from the grill will be available. Payment is advance must be received by July 1, 2017.

If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?

Amateur Calendar

June 1 – RAE Club Meeting

June 3 – Rochester Hamfest 2017 See <http://www.rochesterham.org/hamfest.htm>

June 3 - Alabama QSO Party. See www.alabamqsoparty.org

June 4 –Western Pennsylvania Section Convention (Breezeshooters Hamfest) See <http://www.breezeshooters.org>

June 6 – Corry Club Meeting

June 13 – Wattsburg Wireless Club Meeting

June 14 – Flag Day

June 17 - W2RDX/70 - 70th Anniversary of the Rochester DX Association. 1400Z-2200Z, 14.286 7.290 3.880. QSL. Irv J. Goodman, AF2K, 515 Drumm Rd, Webster, NY 14580. We will be on the air from the AWA - Antique Wireless Association Museum in Bloomfield, NY operating a BC-610 transmitter and R-288 receiver (AM and CW only)

to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Rochester DX Association. This equipment would have been commonly used the year the club was started. Other "era specific" equipment will be on the air throughout the year. See www.rdx.com

June 17 West Virginia QSO Party. See qsl.net/wvsarc/wvqp

June 17 – VE Exams

June 18 – Fathers Day

June 19 – Conneaut Club Meeting

June 24 - All ARRL Field See www.arrl.org/field-day