



# The QUARAE



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## President Remarks.



LOOKS LIKE SPRING HAS FINALLY SPRUNG HERE IN ERIE. I CAN'T SAY MUCH FOR THE TEMPERATURES BUT I GUESS THE WARM STUFF WILL BE COMING.

I MADE IT BACK TO LAWRENCE PARK IN ONE PIECE AND AM LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT SUMMER OF RADIO ACTIVITY WITH THE RAE.

AS I HAVE STATED BEFORE WE HAVE MANY PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS ALREADY SCHEDULED AND WILL PROBABLY GET REQUESTS FOR A COUPLE MORE EVENTS. I PURCHASED SOME MAGNETIC EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SIGNS WHILE IN FLORIDA. THE CLUB IS SELLING THEM

AT A DISCOUNT OF \$20 A PAIR SO IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

THINGS ARE MOVING ALONG AS FAR AS IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CLUBHOUSE. A NEW WATER PUMP HAS BEEN INSTALLED, NEW HEADSETS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED, LIGHTENING PROTECTION FOR THE RADIOS IS IN HAND AND WORK HAS STARTED ON OBTAINING A NEW CRANK-UP TOWER FOR A 40M BEAM. THERE ARE OTHER THINGS PLANNED TO IMPROVE OPERATIONS AT THE CLUBHOUSE SO IF YOU CAN HELP OUT GETTING THINGS ACCOMPLISHED, PLEASE JUMP IN.

AS I WRITE THIS ARTICLE THERE ARE A COUPLE OF THINGS HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND. THE SPRING CLEAN-UP AT THE CLUBHOUSE WILL TAKE PLACE SATURDAY AND OUT FIRST PUBLIC

**Radio Association of Erie Club Meeting –  
May 2 at 7 PM the Wagner Road Club  
House Hot Dogs on the menu.**



**Program Demonstration  
on how to install PL259  
connectors**

SERVICE EVENT, THE MARCH OF DIMES WALK, WILL TAKE PLACE SUNDAY. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HELPED OUT THIS WEEKEND. THE NEXT PUBLIC SERVICE EVENT WILL BE THE EDINBORO TRIATHLON ON JUNE 1, SO IF YOU CAN HELP OUT PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT SUMMER FULL OF RADIO ACTIVITY SO PLEASE JOIN US!! THANKS & 73,

DOUG AD4UL

## Dues are due

Radio Association of Erie 2013 Membership Dues are now due. 2013 Dues are \$15.00.

Send to: Radio Association of Erie, P.O. Box 8931, Erie Pa. 16505 or pay at meeting

## April General Meeting Minutes

Meeting started at 7:02 PM by Doug AD4UL via skype.

Officers present. Doug Sweet AD4UL, Craig Hill K3PLV, George Younkin N3SRF, Rick Cutter WA3MKT, John Lindvay WB3IFD, Bob Fuller N3LBI, and Frank Henry KB3NAT.

Craig Hill K3PLV presented a video of the 706T DX expedition to Yemen in 2012.

There were no reports of silent keys.

The March General Meeting Minutes were not approved because the web site was late in publishing the QUARAE.

George Youngkin gave the treasurer's report and stated that we now had 57 members.

Old water pump at club house was pulled and new pump still needs installed. Work done by Rick Cutter WA3MKT.

WA3MKT recommended new US Tower Model TX455 #2569 at \$3,205. It will have a new base crankdown, and tilt options. Voted on and approved. WA3MKT to buy tower.

George Younkin N3SRF to buy headphones, foot switches and lighting protect for the four radios that the club owns. Voted on and approved.

Craig Hill is to buy a no tune linear amplifier with automatic tuner built in. Acom Model 1500 for approximately \$4,000. Voted on and approved.

Kenwood TS2000 not working correctly Main Radio has low sensitivity compared to SubRadio. Sent to Fred Krause to fix.

Need quotes on tree trimming at club house. WB3IFD to check on.

Novice net is Wednesday night at 8:30 PM at 28.410 MHZ.

Club clean up will take place on Saturday, April 27.

George Younkin won the 50-50 and donated it back to the club.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM

## Ripley Hamfest

**When:** Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2013

**Where:** Ripley, NY. Firehall 300 ft south of US Rte 20 on NY 76 @ traffic light

**Time:** 7 AM Vendor/Seller Setup  
8 AM till Noon

**Admission:** \$3 per person \$2 per table. Limited number of tables

**Directions:** I86 Exit Sherman, NY 430 right, NY 76 North to Ripley

I-90 East Exit Westfield South NY394 US Rte 20 Right Ripley, Left at light

I-90 West, Exit US Rte 20 at NY/PA line. Turn Right, then right at traffic light in Ripley.

**For Table Reservations:**

Bob Fuller 814-898-1115 or Fred Krause 716-708-9830

**Eyeball Get Together Luncheon.**

Every Thursday, a group of hams get together at the Shrine Club located at 38<sup>th</sup> and Zuck Road for lunch and to talk mostly about ham radio. A group of 15 to 20 people show up to enjoy great company, good service, and tasty food at affordable prices



Kathy our Waitress!.

. Some hams attending are in the pictures below.



Some bring their wives, or children to this gathering. We fill three tables sometime spilling over to four or five tables. The sandwiches run from \$5 to \$7. Lake Erie Perch is on the menu. They have a delicious soup and salad bar that is \$7.50 and that includes the price of the sandwich. There is plenty of room and big, big, big picture windows provide a view of the city and the lake. I have been attending these luncheons for quite a while now, and have never been disappointed in the quality of the service or the food or the excellent company.

**Date for Club Picnic Set**

The RAE is having a family picnic Saturday July 20, 2013. We will be giving away a \$200 gift certificate to AES in Cleveland. All paid up club members are eligible to win.

**Radio Calendar**

May 4 – Ten-Ten Spring CW Contest. See [www.ten-ten.org](http://www.ten-ten.org)

May 4 - 7<sup>th</sup> Area QSO Party. See [7qp.org](http://7qp.org)

May 4 – Indiana QSO Party. See [www.hdxcc.org/inqp](http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp)

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May 4 – New England QSO Party. See [www.neqp.org](http://www.neqp.org)

May 5 – Ripley Hamfest

May 7 – Corry Club Meeting

May 9- Union City Wireless Meeting

May 11 - Armed Forces Communications Test.  
See [www.netcom.army.mil/mars](http://www.netcom.army.mil/mars)

May 11 - Nevada Mustang Roundup. See [www.nvqsoparty.info](http://www.nvqsoparty.info)

May 12 – Mother’s Day. Buy your mother an HT.

May 14 – Wattsburg Wireless Club Meeting

May 17 - Dayton Hamvention. See <http://hamvention.org>

May 18 – VE Exams at Wattsburg Wireless Club

May 27 – Memorial Day. Buy yourself an HT.

June 1 - Alabama QSO Party. See [www.alabamagsoparty.org](http://www.alabamagsoparty.org)

June 2 - Breezshooters Hamfest & Computer Show, See: [www.breezeshooters.org](http://www.breezeshooters.org)

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