



The QUARAE



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It Seems to Me

There are others in Ham Radio. For Goodness sake, there are over 700 hams in Erie County and we only fraternize with just a few. Who are the officers of the Corry Club? the Union City Club? the Meadville Club? Who are our ARRL representatives? How do they affect us? Lets find out.

As far as I can tell there are two main types of hams. Those who like to get on the radio and talk to others and those who don't like to talk on the radio. Of course those who don't like to talk on the radio, take parts in other aspects of ham radio of which there are many. Sometime, but not often, the two different groups blend together. The rest of the time we seem to sink into tribalism. Our "ham radio" is the superior ham radio. Just the other day I heard someone put down the communicators (people who like to participate in Emergency Services, people that like the nets where they can talk to their friends, and people that just like to talk on the radio)

It is a shame that the Conneaut Hamfest is no more. I heard that they lost money on last year's hamfest and decided not to have one this year. I attended last year's hamfest and I think one problem was not enough people sold stuff. I am also to blame. I have 20 years of "ham stuff" that I should take to some hamfest just to get rid of it. It would sure make my wife happy. I would like a hamfest to show some incentive to sellers, like maybe give them free tables and a discount to get in.

Why are a "wise man" and a "wise guy" opposites?

General Meeting Minutes 10-04-2018

Began At: 7:00 P.M.

Board Members and Officers Present: KB3ZVH-RICHARD, K1ZIK-ED, AD4UL-DOUG, K3PLV-CRAIG, KC3GBD-BOB, N3SRF-GEORGE, WB3DOM-RON, N8WXQ-FRANK

Members Present: KB3ZVH, K1ZIK, AD4UL, KA3CPV-JOE, KC3LXG-JOHN, K3PLV, KC3GBD, N3SRF, WB3DOM, N8WXQ, WB3IFD
- John

Program: Did Mahlon Loomis really invent radio?

New Hams: None

Silent Keys: None

Visitors: Sara Blecki, Thomas Mayo, Matthew Mayo, Tom Blecki, Marc Sanderson

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$1907.67

Membership Report: K1MRK paid Dues and new

**Radio Association of Erie Club Meeting –
November 1 at the Red Cross Bldg., 4691
Pittsburgh Ave at 7 PM. Program TBA**



member, Membership cards for 9 members going out in the mail Monday

Facilities Report: Garage door needs painted before winter. Roof needs fixed before winter. Purchasing 3 bags of Pellets for the stove.

Repeater Report: System still being evaluated. Will be charging \$50.00 an hour to fix repeater system. Club will replace Rick's radios' with club owned radios'

Public Service: Done for the season. AD4UL will be setting up for 2019 Public Service Events

Contesting Report: PA QSO PARTY at club house 10-12-13-2018

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Meeting End At: 7:45 P.M. Followed by Program

Submitted by Secretary Richard Quinn KB3ZVH

Why do we wash bath towels? Aren't we clean when we use them?

WPA South-1 District Meeting

The South-1 District meeting will take place at the WACOM Hamfest New Improved Location!

When: Sunday, November 4th, 2018

Time: 12:30PM-3PM

Where: Printscape Arena at Southpointe, 114 Southpointe Blvd, Canonsburg Pa 15317 (Exit 48 off Interstate 79)

The District Meeting follows the hamfest.

District Meeting Topics:

- * Greetings and Introductions
- * ARES Update including ARESConnect and the Public Service Enhancement program

- * WPA Section activity reports
- * Club Leadership topics
- * Youth Activities report
- * Section Staff reports, Q&A

Our WPA District Meetings, like all WPA Section activities are open to all WPA radio amateurs and the public. You are invited to attend and participate!

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

ARRL president suggests that we "re-brand" amateur radio

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

This Week in Amateur Radio recently reported on a speech given by ARRL president, Rick Roderick, K5UR, at the 60th annual West Virginia State ARRL convention held August 25th at WVU Jackson's Mill Conference Center. Here are some things that he had to say: "Are we even relevant anymore as ham radio operators? Well, let's see: We're world communicators. We provide public service. We help in emergencies and disasters. We help save lives. We talk to the jungles of Africa...to the beaches of the South Pacific. We bounce signals off the moon. We talk to astronauts. We promote technology. We do positive things. So absolutely—we are relevant. "We've got to accept change and we've got to adapt if we're going to bridge that gap to that next generation. So the question that I have here that I have challenged my colleagues at ARRL with is this: is it time to rebrand ham radio? Maybe we need to rebrand the American Radio Relay League. That's a pretty profound statement." Of course, I agree with K5UR on this and said so myself several years ago. Unfortunately, according to the report, he retreated to the same old ideas that the ARRL has been spouting for years: "Well I think we ought to get out there and stir things up. That's what I think we ought to do. I think you ought to go back and rejuvenate your club. Over the

next year, get somebody into ham radio. The second thing I want you to do...I want you to help a ham that needs your help. And the third thing I want you to do is—if you're not a member of the American Radio Relay League, you need to join today...because you know that whether you like us or not, we're all you've got; ain't nobody else in Washington DC helping us. I want you to ask yourself this question: don't you think it's time to give something back? Now I believe as a group, if we all did that we'll make a difference in this hobby as we go forward. Be a champion of ham radio. Let's work together and get it done. Thank you very much." I'd like to challenge K5UR and the ARRL to really stir things up. There are lots of us out here giving back by teaching classes, conducting exam sessions, and helping hams get on the air. That's not the problem. What we need from the ARRL is real leadership, not just talk. Exhorting the troops is only going to go so far. For most hams, amateur radio is only a hobby, and they do what they can. It's really up to the ARRL to provide the leadership that ties it all together and provide the framework that will allow us all to be successful. Saying, "Whether you like us or not, we're all you've got; ain't nobody else in Washington DC helping us" doesn't really cut it. You have to show people that you're really making a difference, not just say you are. -----
When he's not giving the ARRL the benefit of his opinions, Dan blogs about amateur radio, writes exam study guides (www.kb6nu.com/study-guides), and operates CW on the HF bands. Look for him on 30m, 40m, and 80m. You can email him your thoughts about the ARRL at cwgeek@kb6nu.com.

Radio Calendar

November 1 – RAE Club meeting at Red Cross

November 3 – My Birthday

November 3 - ARRL CW Sweepstakes Contest. See www.arrrl.org/sweepstakes

November 4 - WACOM 2018 HAMFEST located in Canonsburg, PA. See

<http://www.wacomarc.org/hamfest.html>

November 6 – Election Day. VOTE!!

November 6 – Corry Club Meeting

November 8 – Union City Club Meeting

November 10 - WAE RTTY DX Contest. See www.darc.de

November 11 – Veteran's Day

November 13- Wattsburg Wireless Club Meeting

November 17 – VE Session

November 17 - ARRL SSB Sweepstakes Contest. See www.arrrl.org/sweepstakes

November 17 - NRA's 147th Birthday Party. See www.w7yrc.org/nrabirthday

November 18 Homebrew and Oldtime Equipment CW Party. See www.qrpcc.de/contestrules

November 19 – Conneaut Club Meeting

November 22 – Thanksgiving (Turkey Day)

November 24 - CQ Worldwide CW DX Contest. See www.cqww.com

November 30 - ARRL 160-Meter CW Contest. See www.arrrl.org/160-meter

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Wattsburg Wireless Association

XMAS

December 15th

party
\$16 per person

Time: 4 to 8pm (Dinner 5pm)

**Location: Summit Senior Center
1450 Townhall Rd**

TICKET DEADLINE 12/6/2018

Includes Cheese, Crackers & Vegetable trays, Baked
Chicken & Ham, Meatballs & Pasta, Antipasto Salad,
Steamed Vegetables, Rolls & Butter, Cake, Soda,
Coffee, and Gift Drawing

Christmas Cookie & Dessert Donation Appreciated

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