



The QUARAE



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Prez Says.....

Fall is officially here!! I hope everyone had a good summer with picnics, reunions, the beach, vacations, etc. I know some folks had a problem with the weather but I thought it was fine.

The club had a good summer providing communications for many public service events. I think helping the various organizations with their events is one of the key services that amateur radio provides to the public free of charge, strictly voluntary. The events we worked this year were, the March of Dimes Walk in April, Edinboro Triathlon in May, MS Society Bike Ride and the Bay Swim in June, Erie Runners Club Half Marathon in July, Presque Isle Triathlon in August, Barber Center Beast on the Bay, Erie Runners Club Half and Full Marathons, Creekside Bike Ride in Sherman, NY, and Run for Recovery in September. I would like to once again say THANKS to everyone who helped out this year. I know our help is really appreciated by the organizations that we assist and we do receive donations from some of the groups which are greatly appreciated.

I attended a meeting recently with Mike WB3DEL, Rick WA3MKT, Joe KA3CPV at the Albion Park. We met with one of the assistant Scout Masters to discuss the possibility of our participation with the Cub Scouts and Boy Scout on October 18 for the annual Jamboree On The Air (JOTA). They will be setting up a radio station or two so that any of the scouts who want may get on the air. We hope that it will generate a lot of interest in Amateur Radio by the scouts and help us get

some young blood into our hobby. I would like to THANK Mike and Rick for taking the lead and working with the scouts. We also discussed the possibility of the scouts coming to our clubhouse again some day.

Don't forget to check into the various nets that are available. Check our Website for the day, times and frequencies. 73, Doug AD4UL

I wrote a novel about a fellow who had a small garden. It didn't have much of a plot.

September General Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Radio Association of Erie (RAE) was held on September 4th, 2014 at the clubhouse on Wagner Rd. President AD4UL and the secretary present, a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 1900.

New hams-KC3DJQ

SK- none

Upgrades- none

Guests- WB3EQC Neil Proper

Secretary's report- motion made by KB3THU to



**Radio Association of Erie
Club Meeting – Thursday
October
7:00 PM- General
Meeting**

Program: DXing by K3LR

accept the previous month minutes as corrected (boy Scouts is scheduled Oct 18, not Sept 13. It was seconded and approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by KB3ZSF.

Board of Directors-next meeting is the 25th of September at the American Red Cross Membership is 67

Repeaters-.remote receiver was planned on the air by the end of September. WA3MKT was to look at some software field strength for the 82 antenna. Audio settings on 61 were asked to be adjusted. Committee also asked for a backup VHF PA for 82, approximately \$150.00

Public Service- Barber's Beast on the Bay Sept 6th. About a dozen of us are helping out with it.

September 14th is the Presque Isle Full and Half Marathon. September 28th is the Run for the Cure. Meet at Peninsula Drive McDonald's at 0800.

Website- In good order, pictures were uploaded to include public service. QUARAE's from the 80's were loaded up on the site.

Newsletter-WB3IFD is looking for articles

Clubhouse-windows were brought up, KB3THU mentioned possibly get another guy to replace them Contesting-Next week is the All Asia DX Phone.

Work all Europe Phone. October 11-12 is the PAQSO.

Unfinished Business- Jamboree on the Air is October 18th, Mike Cidor is the Sr District

Executive for the Boy Scouts

micheal.cidor@scouting.org. RAE open house was rescheduled to Spring 2015. WB3IFD was sending post cards to area hams about joining the club.

New Business-Nominations are next month.

N3EOY is moving. He is donating his equipment to the club in exchange for a letter of donation and a lifetime membership. KB3RUC made a motion to "buy" N3EOY's equipment. It was seconded and approved. Motion carried. KB3THU made a motion to purchase a spare VHF PA for the 82 repeater. It was seconded and approved. Motion carried.

Questions were asked about staying open all winter again. After some debate, KB3RUC motioned that we take power to the shelter outside and place

equipment in there for the winter. It was seconded, and approved. Motion carried.

Good of the order-

50-50- KB3RUC

Motion to adjourn at 1954

Why did the capacitor kiss the diode? He just couldn't resistor.



Don't forget the PA QSO Party this month. We always put forth a great effort for the RAE. The club house will be open for the contest or you can work from home. The party starts at 1600Z UTC October 11 to 0500Z UTC October 12, and 1300Z UTC October 12 to 2200Z UTC October 12, 2014. Please send in your logs no matter the size and give the club credit. The bonus station this year is W3TDF operated by the QCWA Chapter 17, celebrating its 50th anniversary, and QCWA Chapter 224, celebrating its 1st anniversary, which will be operating from numerous counties. The RAE club sponsors a single operator, medium power plaque. It would be nice if someone won that in Erie County. You can find the rules and particulars at

<http://www.nittany-arc.net/PAQSO.html>

There is a nice county map and abbreviation chart for each county. Pennsylvania has 67 Counties. Work all 67, and you are eligible to purchase a "Worked all 67" plaque. The Pennsylvania QSO Party is administered by the Nittany Amateur Radio club.

Fixed & Portable Stations

County	Call	Notes
ADA	K3DCS	Primarily using 40 & 80 SSB
BED	KI4BXU/P	80-10 capability on both SSB and CW
BER	AA3B	160M - 6M. CW, SSB, HP
BRA	WA3CSP	160-70cm primarily SSB

BUX W3TDF/BUX Bonus station
 CAR W3TDF/CAR Bonus station
 CAR K3PP
 CEN W3YA QRO Multi-Multi Op
 CHE W3TDF/CHE Bonus station
 CLA N3SBF or KB3GMN
 CLE W3TDF/CLE Bonus station
 CRN WQ3N N3BUD, AK3V, KY3W.
 CRN/POT county line
 DCO KW3A All Bands, CW and SSB, high power
 ELK KE3FO CW and phone
 ERI W3GV
 FAY N3SH
 FRA W3WH/P W3WH, K3VX, K3HCR.
 FUL/FRA county line
 FUL W3WH/P W3WH, K3VX, K3HCR.
 FUL/FRA county line
 HUN NA3V
 JEF KD8MQ
 LAN N3NTJ Both days, mostly phone
 LAN K3IR Phone, CW and PSK on bands from 160M though 70cM
 LEH W3TDF/LEH Bonus station
 LUZ W3TDF/LUZ Bonus station
 MER KB3ORR and W3WGM, KB0DKS, KA3LNQ KC8RHP, WA3WOM, KS3N
 MGY NW3H All bands 160 - 6
 MOE W3TDF/MOE Bonus station
 NHA W3TDF/NHA Bonus station
 POT WQ3N N3BUD, AK3V, KY3W.
 CRN/POT county line
 POT K3CC 160 -10 meters all mode
 SNY W3TDF/SNY Bonus station
 SUL W3TWB 80-10 SSB
 TIO N3RK multi multi
 UNI W3TDF/UNI Bonus station
 VEN WB3AFS
 WAR N3FR/P
 WAS N3TIR All bands all modes multi - multi station-high power
 WES K3MJW M/M
 YOR KF3M/P Sat until dark. Multi Op. Mostly SSB and some CW

It's nice to see several stations planning 6 meter operation during the PA QSO Party. Sporadic E-skip is rare that time of year, but it can happen any time. Here is a real time propagation map for 6 meters in case you want to keep an eye out for openings on the magic band.

<http://www.dxmaps.com/SPOTS/map.php?Lan=E&Frec=50&ML=M&Map=NA&DXC=N&HF=N&GL=S>

73! Tad Danley, K3TD

Dear Abby, What can I do about all the Sex, Nudity, Fowl Language and Violence on my VCR?

Christmas Dinner

Attention All Clubs. This year the Wattsburg Wireless Association will celebrate Christmas Dinner. ALL AMATEURS ARE INVITED. The more the merrier. This means the RAE is invited also. Reservations are requested to order the correct amount of food. You can call Sue Siebolt N3LPO, 814-969-8542 or 814-456-0500. She needs to know how many are coming by December 2, but don't wait to get your reservations in. If you make a reservation and do not show you will still have to pay for your dinner. Cost is \$18.00 per person. Date of Dinner/Party is Saturday, December 13, 2014, 5 PM till 8 PM. Food will be served at 6 PM. The dinner party will be held at 9333 Tate Rd, the Greene Township Building. There will be a Chinese auction and door prizes. Menu is as follows:

Three meats Glazed Ham, Stuffed Chicken Breast, and Prime Rib
 Parsley Potatoes with Garlic Butter
 Scalloped Potatoes
 Green Beans with Almonds
 Golden Butter Corn
 House Salad
 Rolls, butter, coffee, hot tea, iced tea and lemonade
 Complimentary Dessert Table.

HOPE YOU CAN COME AND ENJOY GREAT COMPANY AND FOOD. SEE YOU THERE!!

"We've got to pause and ask ourselves: How much clean air do we need?" --Lee Iacocca

Are You Storm Ready?

By Joseph Koskovics – N8JKO

As we enter into October, we may not recall the issues that Mother Nature raised around us in the previous weeks. Yet we came to see those moments in a blink of an eye. As we approach fall and the routines of both school and work, storm preparedness should be as much a part of the seasonal change as checking the furnace, or removing the window screens.

As both an amateur radio operator and an Eagle Scout, preparedness is part of my daily routines. But when thinking of preparedness we need to extend outward to our families, neighbors, and friends. In my case, for weather related preparedness considers the gift that keeps on giving... a weather radio with tornado alert. Such was a gift to my son for his new home.

As we have recently experienced, tornado watches can come up at any time. In Lake County, the NWS Cleveland office changed a tornado watch to a warning. And although it may not happen again for years, we don't know when or where the next alert will sound. And in those cases, extra minutes do count. So in the list, add a weather radio.

This summer also demonstrated that even our water supply can be impacted by pollutants, as the western region of Lake Erie became a potential danger for the residents of Toledo, and western Ohio. Even with the danger passing in days, to the residents of Toledo, the days were far from normal without that utility we so take for granted. So is it unreasonable to stock and rotate enough water for three days? For some, they are already prepared. Many people stock bottled water, and in some cases, families have water coolers for the convenience of spring or distilled water that is stocked monthly. So for these families, it's not reach. According to About.com, the average to plan

for is three gallons per-person, per day. This is an extremely reduced quantity, as the U.S. Geological Survey evaluates a typical person uses approximately 80 to 100 gallons a day.* Frankly, it's a good idea to have some clean water put aside and rotated on a regular basis for those rare occasions when the utilities we count on suffers as a result of mother nature's wrath.

But the most important part of being storm ready is developing your plan before danger appears.

Have you set up an emergency plan for the home?

Where do you go in the event of tornado or severe weather?

Are your phones fully charges?

Do your flashlights have fresh batteries?

Do you have a weather radio with tornado alert?

For infants and toddlers, do you have supplies for a couple of days?

Do you have fresh water available?

Do you know the dangerous areas for flooding in your area that you need to avoid?

Do your children know the safe locations to go when storms appear (both home and away)?

Are your medications or the medications for a family member up-to-date?

And don't forget for those times between work-and-home, shopping-and-home, and trips away from home. The same common-sense rules for home should apply for these locations too. Be weather savvy, and highway savvy too. Websites like ohgo.com can provide Ohio interstate conditions, alerts, and even video from cameras in many metropolitan locations. NOAA weather or the weather channel can provide information to the desktop, smartphone, or tablet. Ready.gov can provide you information for making an emergency plan.

Yet the entire point to preparedness is the common sense that is inside of all of us... communicate with family. Tell them where you are, and where you're going. If severe weather is forecasted, prepare, and stay safe. Develop a family plan, and practice it.

Doing so will have you better prepared for emergencies, and safer in the long run.

* <http://water.usgs.gov/edu/qa-home-percapita.html>

Radio Calendar

October 2 – RAE Club meeting at the Red Cross Bldg.

October 2 – Lunch at the Shrine Club

October 4 - New Jersey QSO Party. See www.k2td-bcrc.org

October 4 - California QSO Party. See www.cqp.org

October 7 - Corry Radio Club Meeting

October 9 – Union City Club Meeting

October 9 – Lunch at the Shrine Club

October 11 - Nebraska Rare County Activation
Details at qcwa.org/chapter025.htm

October 14 - Arizona QSO Party. See www.azqsoparty.org

October 14 - Pennsylvania QSO Party. See www.nittany-arc.net

October 14 – Wattsburg Wireless Club Meeting

October 16 – Lunch at the Shrine Club

October 18 - **57th Annual Jamboree on the Air.**
See Prez Says

October 18 – VE Exams at WWA

October 18 –Iowa QSO Party. See www.wa0dx.org

October 18 - New York QSO Party. See www.nyqp.org

October 18 - South Dakota QSO Party. See www.kb0wsw.com/SDQP/page_home.html

October 19 - **2014 Conneaut ARC (W8BHZ) Hamfest** in Conneaut, Ohio.
See <http://qsl.net/w8bhaz/>

October 19 - Illinois QSO Party. See www.w9awe.org/ILQP.html

October 20 – Conneaut Club Meeting

October 23 – Lunch at the Shrine Club

October 25 - CQ World Wide SSB Contest. See www.cqww.com

October 30 – Lunch at the Shrine Club

October 31 – Halloween

October 31 - Haunted Lighthouse QSO Party. See arlhs.com