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President Remarks.

Well spring has sprung here in Melbourne. The new leaves are out on the maple trees in my back yard. Daylight Savings time will start next Sunday March 10 and I think Punxsutawney Phil didn't see his shadow so hopefully the weather will start getting better in Erie. I also heard on the news that Spring Break for the college kids has officially started, a sure sign of better weather. I have been hearing a lot of new call signs on the repeaters lately so I would like to congratulate them on getting their license's and welcome them to the hobby. I hope to see them at our club meetings in the near future. I'm looking forward to getting more help from the new folks for the public service events coming up this summer. Right now I have a date for the MS Society "Escape to the Lake" bike ride from Pittsburgh to Conneaut, Oh on June 8 & 9. As I get the dates for the other events we support, I will let everyone know. The Echolink system has been working well lately and it will soon be upgraded by linking it to the 61 repeater using a 440 link into the controller which will make it even better. We have been getting interesting folks showing up on the repeater for our Ragchew net. We had UA0DX – Alex from Russia and 7L2VPL – Hide from Japan join us recently. So please join us at 9PM, Monday – Friday via Echolink or

one of the repeaters for the Ragchew net, you never know who may show up!!

73, Doug AD4UL

PS: A couple of the new folks have been looking for some "Elmering" regarding equipment and classes, so if you can help them out please do. THANKS

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

Correction to last month's article on the Ripley Hamfest. The restaurant in Ripley is called Meeter's rather than Meeker's.

Radio Association of Erie Club Meeting – March 7 at 7 PM the Red Cross Building



Program TBA

December General Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Radio Association of Erie was held on 6 December 2012 at the Erie Chapter of the American Red Cross. President AD4UL opened the meeting at 1900.

Presentation was about grounding given by N3BXL.

New hams-none

Visitors-KB3DPM & WB3DEL

Secretary's report was given-motion made by KB3THU to accept the minutes, it was seconded and passed, motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by N3SRF. November balances were reported. 2013 budget was accepted. Proposed spending for the club was discussed. Quotes for the well repair were to be sought by KB3THU. Proposed getting a bus together from the club to a trip to Dayton in May.

Membership-KB3DPM & WB3DEL accepted

Repeaters-plan to go out to the 82 site was planned for the next day.

Public service-checks were still outstanding, no public service events scheduled now

Website-new changes are coming

Clubhouse-Shelter is on location

Contesting-10 meter contest upcoming

Two dates for the Christmas Party- Jan 12th & 19th. Harborcreek Station One. Three meat buffet \$16.00 per person 6:30 start. Door prizes.

Boat regatta-question of whether we get a booth or not on the Bayfront during the event.

Motion to adjourn at 2023

Flea Speak: **This rig puts out a BIG signal - It's 50 kHz wide.**

January General Meeting Minutes

The was no meeting in January. We had the Christmas Party Instead.

Flea Speak: **This is a really good CW rig - It doesn't work on SSB.**

February General Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Radio Association of Erie was held February 7 2013 at the Erie Chapter of the American Red Cross. President AD4UL via skype and the secretary were present. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 1904.

Club projects were discussed at great length. A list was provided by WB3IFD (attached). Two projects were marked off the list. Prioritization of the list was put in order.

Motion by N8WXQ for the purchase of 4 ge radios for the 440 link to be used for echolink, a new 440 antenna and a spare arcom controller, rack mount, and 3 port audio delay board. It was seconded, discussed, carried. Motion passed.

Motion made by N3SRF to accept new members KB3ZVH & KB3ZSF. It was seconded, carried, motion passed.

Website-will be refurbished soon

New Hams-KB3ZVH & KB3ZSF

Silent Keys-none

Treasurer's report-given by N3SRF December and January's report read.

New business-group called on the impeachment/recall procedures for N3NKV. Motion made by KB3THU to impeach said member as per by-laws section K subsection 4. It was seconded, discussed. Vote was given to the board members, 5 in favor, 2 opposed. Motion carried.

Repeaters- KB3CAT gave his report. Thanked members (KB3THU, WA3MKT and others) for their help on keeping both repeaters in good working order. Antenna at the 82 site needs to be inspected.

Public Service-nothing as of yet, but went thru some calendar dates

Contesting-W3GV won the MDC QSO Non-MDC Club category. Contest is in September.

Secretary's report- Motion made by KB3CAT to accept as published. It was seconded and approved. Motion carried

50/50- KB3ZVH (donated back-thank you)

Motion to adjourn (by everyone) at 2030

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14.313 MHZ Shenanigans

From the ARRL Newsletter: On February 25, the FCC issued a *Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture (NAL)* in the amount of \$10,000 to Jared A. Bruegman, ex-KC0IQN, of Bolivar, Missouri. The FCC said that Bruegman "apparently and willfully violated Section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by operating an unlicensed radio transmitter on the frequency 14.312 MHz in Bolivar, Missouri." Bruegman -- who does not

currently hold an Amateur Radio license -- was operating in the phone portion of the 20 meter band that is assigned to the Amateur Radio Service on a primary basis; his Amateur Radio license expired in 2010. As a former Technician class licensee, he did not have privileges to operate in that portion of the 20 meter band when he held an Amateur Radio license.



In December 2012, the FCC's office in Kansas City received a complaint from an Amateur Radio operator, reporting

interference on 14.312 MHz. Upon investigation, agents from that office heard a male voice transmitting on the frequency 14.312 MHz. Using direction finding equipment, the agents located the source of the radio frequency transmissions to a transmitting antenna mounted on a pole next to Bruegman's residence. The agents determined that the signals on 14.312 MHz exceeded the limits for operation under Part 15 of the Commission's rules and therefore a license was required to transmit. The agents further discovered that Bruegman did not hold a license to operate a radio transmitter on 14.312 MHz at or near that location.

The agents determined that the source of the transmissions was coming from an unlicensed radio transmitter from a bedroom in Bruegman's residence. "Mr Bruegman was the only person present in the bedroom and the only male in the residence during the inspection," the *NAL*

stated. "Mr Bruegman admitted to the agents that he owned the radio transmitter. The agents observed that the transmitter was turned on and tuned to 14.311 MHz. Mr Bruegman told the agents that he had no current Commission licenses, but that he previously held an Amateur Radio license, call sign KC0IQN. Mr Bruegman told the agents he would remove the microphone from his transmitter and only use it as a receiver."

Section 503(b) of the Communications Act provides that "any person who willfully or repeatedly fails to comply substantially with the terms and conditions of any license, or willfully or repeatedly fails to comply with any of the provisions of the Act or of any rule, regulation, or order issued by the Commission thereunder, shall be liable for a forfeiture penalty." In addition, Bruegman was found to be in violation of Section 301 of the Communications Act, stating that "no person shall use or operate any apparatus for the transmission of energy or communications or signals by radio within the United States, except under and in accordance with the Act and with a license granted under the provisions of the Act."

Bruegman has until March 27, 2013 to pay the forfeiture in full, or file a written statement seeking its reduction or cancellation.

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Ham Radio Calendar

March 7 – Radio Association of Erie General Meeting Thursday, at 7 PM at the Red Cross Building.

March 9 – Idaho QSO Party. See www.idahoarrrl.info/qsoparty/rules.htm

March 9 – Wisconsin QSO Party. See www.warac.org/wqp/wiqp_rules.htm

March 12 -- Wattsburg Wireless Association Meeting, Tuesday at 7 PM.

March 14 - Skywarn Training, Thursday 6:30 PM at St. Brigids, 383 Arch Street, Meadville, PA 16335

March 14 – Union City Club Meeting.

March 16 – VE Amateur Radio Examinations Saturday 9 AM at the Wattsburg Wireless Association at the Greene Township Bldg on Tate Road

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day. Buy your favorite Leprechaun a green beer and a HT.

March 26 – Skywarn Training, Tuesday 6:30 PM at Hamot Hospital Auditorium, 201 State Street, Erie, PA 16550

March 30 – CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. See <http://www.cqwp.com/rules.htm>

March 31 – Easter. Buy your favorite bunny a HT.

April 5 – Corry Club Meeting

April 6 – Missouri QSO Party. See www.w0ma.org/mo_qsoparty.htm

A successful OM is one who makes more money than his XYL can spend. A successful YL is one who can find such a man!
