

QUARAE

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Field Day

Get out of the Ham Shack and enjoy the sights and sounds of RAE Field Day 2008 in the great outdoors!

Do you remember when RAE field day activities were not held at the clubhouse? But at places like WB3KGT's QTH, Zuck Park, Vo-Tech, Walczak Park, Harborcreek Community Park, The Boy Scout Building, Penn State Behrend, Fairview Evergreen Nursery. This year the RAE is going back in time and leaving the clubhouse this year. Whether you are No-Code Technician or an Extra, stop by this year's field days site to see what is going on at Field Day 2008. This year's Field Day site

will be located on the grounds of the Fairfield Fire Department located at the intersections of East Lake Road and Walbridge Road in Harborcreek Township.

Field Day commences at 2 PM Saturday, June 28th and will run for 24 hours non-stop.

We plan on running a class 3A or 4A Station. A nice thing about Fairfield Fire Hall is that the property is a bit larger than that of the clubhouse. Maybe the QRM may not be as bad.

This year we will need a few more hands in the setup and teardown phase. Setup will take place on Friday June 27th and

Saturday June 28th. If you would like to help, please contact Field Day Chair:

Doug; AD4UL at 453-2915, on the 61 repeater, or via Email at ad4ul@arrl.net.

Also watch the listserv as we get closer to Field Day Weekend!

73!



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CLUB REPEATERS

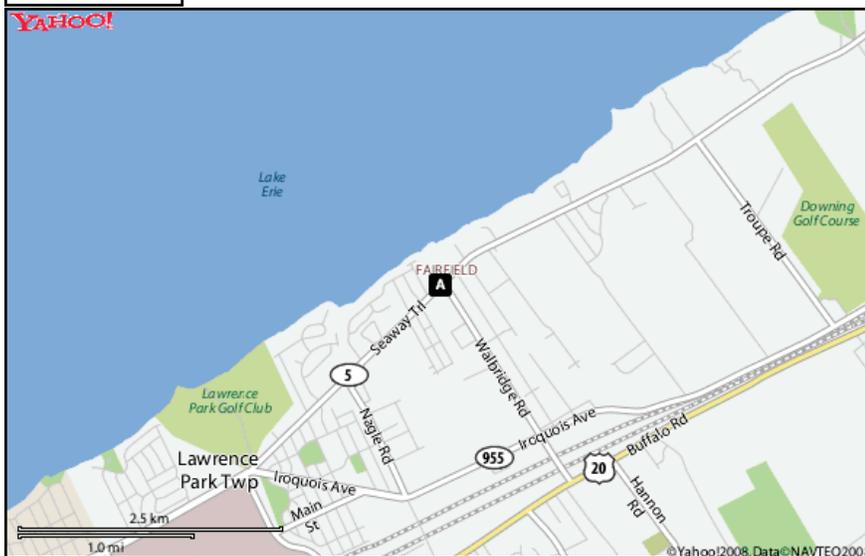
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ANNOUNCEMENTS BOARD

- KB3RDO is now the new editor of the QUARAE. Thanks!
- Do you have a quick radio announcement? Place it here! Contact Nicholas Seelinger at contacts listed in back.
- Amateur Radio Classes! Get your license! More details inside.
- A letter from the new editor inside!
- The next Radio Association of Erie Club Meeting will be June 5th at 7 PM. Location is the clubhouse.
- Hope to see you there!
- Take a look at the new calendar of events section!

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Map to Event



A = Fairfield Fire Department

ROUTE 20 WEST / PA 5 WEST GOES TO ERIE, PA.

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ARES/RACES/SkyWarn Net Tips...

On May 18th's Erie County ARES/RACES/SkyWarn net, SkyWarn Emergency Coordinator Brian Zentis (KA3JVX) made a few remarks on how you should check-in, especially in the case of severe weather or emergencies. Here, we will provide you with a recap of all his statements and the proper ways to check-in and handle traffic.

1. When making contact with net control use only your suffix phonetically (such as JVX). Then once recognized, give your full callsign to properly identify and give all information.
2. Give your position in plain language. It's relatively new but the reason behind this is that it helps us understand where you are so we don't have to refer to our maps for grid positions.
3. On Sunday Night Training nets; where you are as far as municipality (such as SW Erie or SE Millcreek or Union City) is

good enough for a location.

If there was actual severe weather and a report had to be relayed over the radio—give your exact position like an intersection (such as 26th and State). That way, your location is in plain language and people who are listening in on scanners during the severe weather event know if severe weather is actually heading their way (as most listeners would not understand the grid system, and it saves time from having to refer to the grid system in emergencies).

We ask that you follow these tips not only during the Sunday Evening training net but ***especially*** during severe weather.

4. Be concise; say as much as you can with as few word as possible. This way, more people can get more information passed much more quickly.

5. As in the Part 97 rules, use the lowest power possible to carry out the conversation.
6. Be patient; users with a higher wattage output may "walk-on" you, or both amateur's can be sounded as both speaking at one time over the radio.

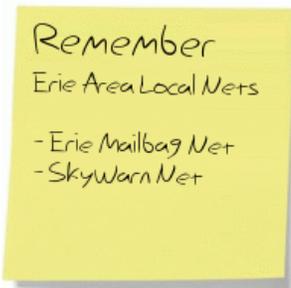
This was quoted from Brian Zentis from a recording of the Erie County ARES/RACES/SkyWarn net on Sunday, May 18th, 2008.

We ask that you use these tips when on the net— and especially during emergencies.

Thanks,
ARES/RACES/SkyWarn EC Team

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Editor of the QuarAE

Erie Area 2-Meter Nets...



The Erie Area Mailbag Net is hosted Monday through Friday at 8 PM Local Time on the W3GV 146.610 repeater and the WA3UC 146.700 repeater. All amateurs are encouraged and are welcome to check-in and participate!

The Erie County ARES/RACES/SkyWarn Net is a local training net

hosted every Sunday evening at 9 PM Local Time on the W3GV 146.610 and 146.820 repeaters as well as the WA3UC 146.700 repeater. Only Erie County ARES/RACES/SkyWarn members are allowed to participate. Visitor check-ins will be provided later on in the net. All are welcome to listen and participate.

There are several other nets in the Erie Area although these are the most common 2-Meter nets. Please join us!

The more check-ins the better!

Meeting Minutes

RAE General Membership Meeting Minutes
Saturday, May 3rd, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President KE3V at 11:05 AM.

Board Members present: KE3V, N3NKV, AD4UL

Not Present: N3ZNP, KB3BAM, KB3CAT, K3LD, KB3NAT

Guests: KB3GYR and KB5ELV

Upgrades: None

Silent Keys: A moment of silence was taken in memory of KE3V's father KA3AED who became silent key recently.

Secretary's Report: N3NKV asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the April meeting as printed in the QUARAE. Motion made by WB3DOM. Seconded by N3LBI. All in Favor.

Board Report: Topics Discussed included: Field Day, Equipment Insurance, Directories, Computers for Clubhouse, Transfer of repeater coordination to the Red Cross Club.

Treasurer's Report: KD3D provided the treasurer's report.

Committee Reports:

Membership: KD3D mentioned that we have reached over the 100 mark this year.

Public Service: AD4UL made a motion that the club provide communications for the following events:

Sunday May 18th – MS Walk along the Bayfront

Saturday May 31st – Edinboro Triathlon

Education: K3UFG discussed starting another class for getting VE Accreditation and the upcoming no-code Tech class starting on May 22nd.

Repeater: N3APP mentioned that we have been having some malicious interference issues and that he has had to turn the 61 repeater off. N3APP gave update of how the repeater is setup at the new 911 center. He said that it is running on separate antennas without duplexers.

Clubhouse: KE3V reported the stairs are done thanks to N3ZNP, KB3JZL, and KB3NAT.

Newsletter: N3NKV announced that effective the end of June he would be stepping down as newsletter editor. He is looking for a replacement.

Old Business:

Field Day: KE3V mentioned that Field Day would take place on June 28th and 29th at Fairfield Hose Company on East Lake Road.

Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

AD4UL made a motion that the Field Day committee be allocated \$250 for supplies for field day. Supplies needed include: 400 feet of coax and connectors and other odds and ends. Seconded by N3LBI. Motion Carried. N3NKV said he would purchase some of the items at the Dayton Hamvention.

Clubhouse Stations: WB3DOM mentioned that W3STK's Kenwood station that was previously at the VA is now at the club house and is now replacing the FT-100.

50/50: Winner: KB3PPC Merlene \$8.50

Motion to Adjourn made by WB3DOM. Seconded by AD4UL. Motion carried at 11:30 AM.

*Respectfully Submitted,
John Lis
Radio Association of Erie Secretary*

**Food, Prizes,
Foxhunts,
Talk-ins, VE
Exams and
much more
at Erie's
Very Own
Hamfest!**

Erie's Very Own Hamfest!

The 7th Annual North-west Pennsylvania Hamfest is Saturday July 12th at the Greene Township Municipal Building (WWA Club).

Hamfest to start at 7 AM with prizes including:

Main Prize: 2 Meter HT
Talk-in Prize: 25A Astron.

Entrance fee is \$5 and anyone under age 16 is free. Tailgating and vendor spaces available.

Opportunities to take your license exam!

Outdoor picnic area along with two foxhunts.

Great food and talk-ins

on the 146.700 WA3UC repeater. In all—good fun and local Erie area hams will be there!

More info soon.



User Repeater Codes

Repeater Notes

- Linking capabilities to either the 700 or 820 repeater remain active for 15 minutes and then the link is closed.
- Autopatching capabilities are not available from the 61 Repeater.
- The standard PL for most repeaters in the Erie Co. and surrounding areas is 186.2 by the Rptr Council.

	Command	Function
W3GV REPEATER 146.6100	AB	Repeater Identifier followed by Time (12 Hr.)
	AB2	Repeater Identifier followed by GMT Time (12 Hr.)
	ABC	Repeater Identifier followed by Date
	*700	Bring up link to the WA3UC 146.700 Repeater
	#700	Bring down link to the WA3UC 146.700 Repeater
	*820	Bring up link to the 146.820 Repeater
	#820	Bring down link to the 146.820 Repeater
	*0 Enter Keys	Read back all DTMF Tones keyed-in to repeater

June 2008 Area Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 RAE Club Meeting at 7 PM	6	7 MS Bike-a-thon
8	9	10 WWA Club Meeting at 7 PM	11	12 UCWA Club Meeting	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 License Examinations
22	23	24	25	26	27 City of Corry Emergency Drill	28 FIELD DAY
29 FIELD DAY	30	ERIE AREA MAILBAG NET: M—F AT 8 PM ON 146.610 / 146.700 (WA3UC) ARES/RACES/SKYWARN NET: SUNDAY AT 9 PM ON ALL REPEATERS.				

Contact the Editor: GranTurismo3101@hotmail.com

Schedule of Events

- Radio Association of Erie Club Meeting on the 5th of Thursday at 7 PM. Will be at the clubhouse.
- The Wattsburg Wireless Association has it's monthly Radio Examinations for obtaining or upgrading a license. Exams start at 9 AM.
- Field day is hosted every year in June. It's on the 28th and 29th of this year.
- Your event can be posted on the calendar. Just contact the editor!
- Union City Wireless Association meeting in the park at Willow and Bridge St.
- MS Bike-a-thon on June 7th. Contact Doug, AD4UL for more info.
- Schedule is subject to change.

Letter from the Editor

First off, let me say that it is an honor being the editor of the QUARAE newsletter. I will strive to provide a clean and up-to-date newsletter for our outstanding amateur radio licensees and members of the Radio Association of Erie.

You may have noticed the new layout of the newsletter, so I hope everyone enjoys it. The front page will have an announcements board along with major news to minor news in rank by page. A calendar of events can be located on this page. Your event can be posted here.

If you would like your "radio related" event to be posted in the calendar, or an an-

nouncement on the announcement board, contact the new editor.

I would like members to consider submitting articles of interest, stories, tips and tricks, etc... for everyone who reads these newsletters to read, enjoy and learn from. I will keep the same requirements here like John did:

Articles must be submitted by the 23rd of each month. Articles can be typed, emailed, and can include photos and graphics. If you would like to send an article by the mail, please allow time for it to be republished.

If the article wasn't written or created by yourself, please

cite your sources on where you obtained your article, such as magazine name, volume, issue, etc. If it was obtained on the web, please provide a URL.

Finally, with that aside—let me introduce myself. I am a newly licensed amateur radio operator and my primary interests are radio communications, computers and law enforcement.

I do hope that readers enjoy the new layout and format and that something will be learned with each issue.

*Submitted by:
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KB3RDO
Editor of the QuaRAE*

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