

QUA-RAE

The Official Newsletter of the Radio Association of Erie



July 2002

Reminders:

General Meeting

Thursday, July 11

Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 23

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Field Day 2002—Success

"I'M AMAIZED", "I'M IMPRESSED", "WHAT A GREAT JOB", "DIDN'T THINK THE OLD PLACE COULD BE SPRUCED UP LIKE THIS", "I HAD MORE FUN AT FIELD DAY THAN I COULD HAVE EVER IMAGINED".....and on, and on, and on, the accolades came forth from visitors and participants to the Field Day event put on by our own R.A.E. this year.

We operated 4A this year, with contacts, on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters. We had some special visitors, Bernie Fuller N3EFN, Director of the Atlantic Division of the ARRL (also a RAE member), and Nick Sleptzoff, Director of the Erie County Emergency Management Agency. There were some old timers that came over to see the EOC and the Field Day event. George, W3ZQS; Dick, W3PIX; Woody, WA3ANA; Bob K3SBU; Rick WA3MKT; Lee, K3VLQ; and Brian, K3USC and from the great State of New

York, Fred, N2LXD, just to name a few.

Some special thanks to those who worked so hard getting things ready for Field Days, Bob, KC2HVX, Micki, KE3XR, Steve, N3SRD, Matt, KB3CAT, Dennis, KA3WYO for the use of the generator, and many more!

It was great! As board chairman, A BIG THANKS! I can't remember a time in my history with the club, (10+ years), of so much energy and enthusiasm and support for the club. There are other things that have happened this year too, that should all make us proud and happy. I'll list a few:

Improvements to the E.O.C. building: Hats off to all those contributors who helped. Thanks!

Diligent work on the repeaters and improvements to the same: Thanks!

Participation in Public Service Events: Thanks!

To the Hero's from the Mother's March, on that stormy afternoon: Thanks!

We have some upcoming events that will need some volunteers:

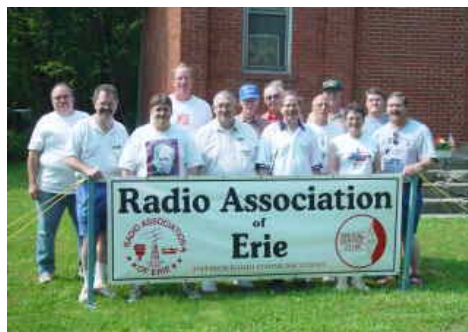
The last currently scheduled event, the March of Dimes "PADDLE ERIE" event on Presque Isle Bay. LOTS'A FUN! (August 24, 2002 - Contact Jack Haven, N3RKO)

J.O.T.A. (Boy Scouts, Jamboree on the Air, in October) - Be there for the Scouts!

If my words sound enthusiastic, that's because the club has caught ENTHUSIAM!

KEEP IT UP!

'73, Bob, N3LBI



Getting Inside of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

RAE Officers—2002

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Before

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Board Moves In

On June 26, 2002, the RAE board members officially held their first board meeting at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

The meeting was attended by Bob, N3LBI; Dianne, K3LD; Dennis, KB3WYO; Bob, N3FAW; Ron, N3BXL; & Jack N3RKO. The board met around the table recently donated by N3IQ.



It was decided that future board meetings will be held there except during the winter months.

The photo shows the front of the building.

Special Service Club Performs Three Times Over

The Radio Association of Erie performs outstandingly at three past events.

The MS Walk in downtown Erie, was completed safely with the assistance of local hams on Sunday, May 19. Those are: N3ZUD, KE3XR, KC2HVX, N3LBI, N3FAW, N3RKO, N3PGA, AD4UL, N3SRD, AA3WT, WB3DOM, and WB3IGK.

A BIG thanks goes to the following R.A.E. Members who made the Edinboro Triathlon

the success it was on Saturday, June 1st. They are: WB3DOM, AD4UL, N3LBI, WB3IGK, KB3CAT, K3LD, KB3A, KB3B, KA3CTF, KB3DAF, N3BZL, N3EOY, N3PGA, N3RKO, KB3HRZ, and KB3ALU.

The last event was a 100 Mile Bike Tour. Eight members gave up a VERY Nice day...Sunday 9 June... to help out the Multiple Sclerosis Society. They are: N3BXL, N3FAW, N3LBI, N3PGA, AD4UL, KB3ALU, KC2HVX, and N3RKO.

A special thanks to the club members who took time out of their busy schedules to participate in all those events!

The last special service event is Paddle Erie in late August. If you want to help please call Jack Haven 824-4309. Your help is appreciated!



General Meeting Minutes—June 6, 2002

General Membership Meeting

Board Members Present: N3ZUD, N3LBI, N3FAW, N3RKO, N3BXL, KE3XR, N3ZNP, & K3LD.

Not present: KA3WYO.

Meeting brought to order by President N3ZUD at 7:10.

Presentation by Pam Massi for MS Walk.

New Members: Mike Edwards (W6FCQ) & Paul Edwards (N3SQB).

Secretary's report— K3LD: Minutes were read. Motion to accept by N3HPR & N3LBI.

Treasurer's report- KE3XR: report given.

Board of Directors report— N3LBI: Gordon Edwards from Zap-A-Snack was there. Motion to sell the pizzas by KB3CAT & N3ZUD.

Membership— N3FAW: 163

Members

Contesting— KB3A: N/A

QuaRae— KC2HVX: Bob LaPlaca, myself, will be the new editor of the newsletter.

Public Service— N3RKO: Paddle Erie is August 24th. Two photos were raffled off to whomever worked the MS Walk & Edinboro Triathlon. WB3DOM & N3EOY won the raffle.

VE— W3CG: The ARRL VE team #306 will be moving to Panos/City Diner & Bakery 1523 East 38th St., Erie Pa 16510.

EOC— N3SRD: Signs for "No Trespassing are up. Doug, AD4UL, has been taking care of mowing the property. A NEW mower was donated by N3HPR. Thanks Tom! Water is working! Fencing off the tower has been completed.

Skywarn-N3HPR: Received an e-mail from NWS CLE. Several other did also.

ARES/RACES— N3HPR: Wednesday August 28 will be the Airport Drill. Sunday Morning September 15 will be the Bayfront Bash Drill on terrorism. All participants must have a valid ARES ID badge. Contact Tom, Dave, or Joe if you haven't go one yet.

New Business: KB3CAT & N3LBI chaired the Field Day event which was held at the EOC. N3RKO donated a small refrigerator to the EOC along with a complete HF station for use at Field Day's, classes, & demonstrations. N3IQ donated a table.

Motion to adjourn by N3LBI & N3RKO at 8:55pm.

50/50: KB3CAT won \$19.00.

Next Months meeting will be at the EOC on July 11 at 7pm. **Please bring a lawn chair to sit!**

Submitted by K3LD

N3EOY is accepting requests for Auto-Dial numbers for the 146.61 repeater telephone system.

If you do not presently have an AD number for your home telephone number, contact Bob N3FAW (866-3027) who is collecting new numbers for N3EOY.

Having an Auto-Dial number enables entering only 2 or 3 digits to dial your home via the repeater.

The privilege is for RAE members only. (See page 49 of the RAE directory)

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Image Central-*featuring the EOC*

Beginning this month, the RAE will announce the start of an Official EOC website. Amateur radio enthusiast Bob LaPlaca KC2HVX, puts another effort forward by designing and building a website dedicated to the EOC.

The new site will host photos at it's Image Central Photo Gallery. Photos courtesy of Jack N3RKO and Steve N3SRD. It will also feature updates on the remodeling project as well as general news updates.

The site will be temporarily hosted by Bob LaPlaca, cour-

tesy of Penn State University. Visit the website at:

personal.psu.edu/rj1191/RAEEOC/index.htm.

A link will be created on the RAE club site in the future.

More coming soon!

