

# QUA - RAE

*The Official Newsletter of the Radio Association of Erie*

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## Meeting Place Changed

Reminder to all meeting goers, please note that the general membership meeting is now being held at the winter location. Until spring,

meetings will be held at the American Red Cross building on Pittsburgh Avenue at 7:00PM. See you there!

## Club Nominations - Election Info

It's that time again! The club elections will be held this Thursday, November 7th, 2002. Please be sure to remind all your fellow RAE members to be there for this. It's important to exercise your voting privileges.

The nominations are as follows:

President: KB3A

Vice President: N3RKO

Secretary: K3LD

Treasurer: KE3XR

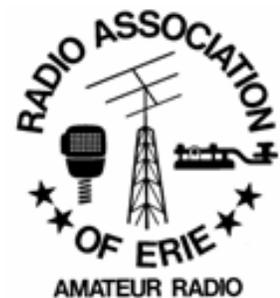
Board of Directors are:

*Just a quick note for all the readers. My email address has changed. My new email is: [rjl191@adelphia.net](mailto:rjl191@adelphia.net). Please change your address book to reflect the change. Email sent to the old address after the 1st of the year will not be accepted.*

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**Treasurer**

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**Secretary**

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## IMPORTANT DATES & TIMES

**Annual Election Meeting:**  
**Thursday, November 7, 2002**  
**7:00 PM**

**RAE club meetings are now  
being held at our winter  
location.**

**Location:**  
**American Red Cross**

**Board of Directors Meeting:**  
**Tuesday, October 29, 2002**

**Location:**  
**American Red Cross**

**REMINDER:**  
**Our Christmas Dinner Party is  
approaching.**  
**See page 4 for details.**

## A Message From Our VE Team

The RAE VE Team is no longer at Villa Maria. We are now at City Diner & Bakery/Panos Restaurant at 1523 East 38th Street, in Erie. Test Sessions are held on the first Saturday of each month at 8 A.M.

There is ample parking close to the building and our VE test sign is also out front and close to the building.

At our recent

*Special thanks to Norma and  
her team for spending their  
Saturday mornings  
promoting our hobby.  
THANK YOU !!*

test session, Michael Lapinski KA2SNY of Lakewood, N.Y. upgraded to Amateur Extra. It was fun also that an RAE Life member, Clarence Moser W3RLJ and his wife came in for breakfast while we were there. Although not in the same area, it did give us a change to have a short visit with them.

Our next test session will be on Saturday November, 2 at 8 A.M.

Norma W3CG

## Tickets, Tickets, Tickets...

**REMINDER: All ticket stubs, unsold tickets, and money is due at the General Membership meeting this Thursday, November 7th, 2002. NO EXCEPTIONS. The drawing for the winner of the 50/50 will**

**also be this Thursday. If your not going to make it to the member meeting, shame on you, because it's elections night. Please make sure Micky LaJohn receives your fundraiser materials BEFORE Thursday night.**

## General Meeting Minutes— August 1, 2002

Board Members Present: N3ZUD, N3LBI, KE3XR, N3FAW, N3RKO, and K3LD  
 Not present: N3BXL, N3ZNP, and KA3WYO

Meeting brought to order by President N3ZUD at 7:17, General Membership Meeting at the E.O.C.

Guest: Nick Slepkoﬀ- Director of Emergency Management on the Bayfront Bash. Nick commented on the EOC and how it turned out after all the work that has been completed. It use to be the EOC for the County, and remembers how it looked before. The Bayfront Bash was a joint exercise that was a year and a half in the making, (prior to 911) The key of the 911 was command structure which was set up in the Towers that were destroyed. 2nd was communications wasn't up to date. It is essential that all players have the ability to talk to each other. And they wanted to find the weaknesses. Once they get all the information in they will get together and work up a program, plan policies, and equipment required. N3HPR said he wanted the drill to be off the cuff and assign people on the fly, that would be the real situation. Net controls were busy, but some areas were not. In a real event communications will be chaos. Hospitals are one area of concern. Nick Slepkoﬀ coordinating emergencies would encompass a lot of areas. The recovery stage could take a long time. Awareness for

people responding to an event is essential for they could become a target too. They have trained since last year 3,000 police and firemen etc. in terrorism.

Guest continued: KA3FZN, Tom, KB3ABM, Jeremy, N2PCR, Charlie and N2PCN, Herb

Secretary's report- K3LD: motion to accept the minutes that were printed in the QuaRae...  
 Motion: K3GJK Second: N3SRD

Treasurer's report- KE3XR: report given. Ron (N3BXL) has applied to Verizon again for the \$500 grant for community service.

\*\*\* 50/50 tickets need to be in by November 7th general meeting the drawing will be done then.

\*\*\* Elections are during the next general meeting.

Board of Directors report- Bob (N3LBI) - Elections - nomination forms are in the QuaRae and 2 signatures from members are required. HF antenna is up due to the efforts of N3RKO checking out and bringing to the board information on Cushcraft A3S, tri-band antenna, rotor CD45 ILI with box, support MSLD and Belman 940S cable which Jack contacted AES and had it shipped by that Thursday and they put it up during the weekend. Also a silver box for the rotor wire has been put in the EOC so that during contest there is enough coax and when the EOC is used for

meetings it can be removed.

Membership- N3FAW: 164 members

Contest- N3LBI- Nittany Amateur Radio Club is asking for a donation of \$35.00 for a plaque for the PA QSO Party. Motion KB3B 2nd K3GJK all in favor

AD4UL- there will be 2 radios set up at the EOC for PA QSO

QuaRae: KC2HVX (Bob) Wants to know of anyone not getting a QuaRae let him know at KC2HVX@hotmail.com Bob is planning on 6 pages again this month. Anyone with items for sale let him know.

Public Service- N3RKO- Jack received from the March of Dimes a thank you for all the help for Paddle Erie. She wrote that it gave her peace knowing that a great group was handling the communications.

Also Jack had the last drawing for a picture of the year for those who helped with the events winner KE3XR

Jack thanked all that participated.

Thanks to Jack for handling all the details for all the events this year. Great Job Jack! Jack has once again volunteered for next year.

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## Christmas Dinner Party



Ho Ho Ho...

Another year has past. Christmas is approaching faster and faster and before you

know it, you'll be spending time around the table with friends and family. The month of December brings about the Radio Association of Erie's Annual Christmas Dinner Party. This year is no different than any of the last. Now, even though I haven't yet been a RAE Christmas Party, I know from fellow Hams it's a fabulous event! I would encourage club members to keep the night open, so that we can reflect on the year past.

~ Bob LaPlaca KC2HVX

### General Information

**Place:** *Shrine Club*  
**Date:** *Saturday, December 21, 2002*  
**Time:** *6:00 PM for Cocktails*  
**Dinner:** *6:30 PM*

The menu and cost has yet to be determined. It will be confirmed with the caterer shortly. Please stay tuned for further information on the 9:00PM Sunday Net on the 146.610 repeater.

Also look for a special email or postal mailing for menu selection and RSVP instructions. Hope to see ya there!



## 'Tis' the season to be generous...

**The RAE would like to remind our readers that a receipt for donations is available.**

### DONATIONS INFORMATION

The Radio Association of Erie (RAE) is, according to the Internal Revenue Service, a Section 501(C)3 tax-exempt corporation. As such, donations of funds or equipment can be income tax deductible. Consultation with a tax profes-

sional is advisable. A suitable receipt for tax purposes is available: contact our Treasure Micky KE3XR (or any RAE officer).

Recently we received a beautiful TenTec radio from an old time member. (Not a silent key.)



If you have something that you no longer use and are willing to part with it, please send your donation information to the QuaRae

Editor Bob LaPlaca, KC2HVX. Email—[rjl191@adelphia.net](mailto:rjl191@adelphia.net).

## Meeting Minutes— continued...

VE- K3LD- Saturday Nov. 2 and Dec 7 will be at Panos on 38 St. East Saturday October 19 and November 16 at 12:30 at Gannon

Skywarn: N3EOY nothing

ARES/RACES: N3HPR nothing

New: N3LBI- ARRL ballots are in the mail make sure you vote. N3EFN told Bob that Jamboree

on the Air will be in Mercer County Saturday Oct. 19, try to go down there.

N3SRD- Thanked Bob N3FAW for playing a big part in getting the beam up. He got a cherry picker out there at the expense of Bob.

Elections: N3LBI- nominations on the floor. None

Good of the Order: KE3XR- need to work on Xmas party. N3LBI will check into places.

50/50 raffle \$16.50 N3PCR donated it back to club

Motion to adjourn: NI3Q Sec- ond: KC2HVX

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 Submitted by K3LD

## Surfin': News for Ham-Bent Nerds

By Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU  
Contributing Editor  
November 2, 2002

Chris Karpinsky, AA1VL, recently developed the neoamateur.org Web site. His goals for the site are to identify and encourage technological development in Amateur Radio. He wants the site to become a reference point for all the latest advances in the various ham radio niches including software-defined radios (SDRs), digital modes, networking, etc.

Chris commented, "A problem I have found in the past is that I've stumbled across (by accident) many great projects people have done..." So, he thought it would be a good thing to develop a Slashdot-type news site just for Amateur Radio technology scoop. (The Slashdot site bills itself as the Web site of "News for Nerds. Stuff that matters." I highly rec-

The screenshot shows the homepage of neoamateur.org. At the top, it says "neoamateur.org the bleeding edge of Amateur Radio technology" and "Nov 01, 2002 - 09:46 AM". There is a search bar on the right. The main content area features a "Welcome to neoamateur.org!" message, followed by a news article titled "Yo - Microwave Activity Day this weekend" with a photo of a microwave antenna. Below that is another article titled "Hamlib, because a common API is a good thing" with a photo of a man's face. At the bottom, there is a "Build your own SDR" article. The right sidebar contains a "Today's Poll" with radio-related options, a "Results | Polls" section, and a "Latest Links" section with various radio-related links.

ommend that you check it out if you have not done so already.)

Like the Slashdot Web site, neoamateur features synopses of the latest news with links that permit you read the whole story. And like Slashdot, neoamateur is a good looking and well-designed site that is easy to navigate.

Chris is trying to make neoamateur a collaborative place where the site visitors develop much of the site content. Therefore, Chris encourages visitors to submit comments, news, links, etc.

Until next time, keep on surfen'

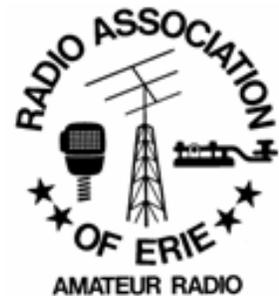
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## Check out what your fellow Hams have to offer!

### *For Sale...*

#### HP 3200C Flatbed Scanner

- Parallel Interface
- 1200 x 1200 dpi and 9600 dpi (enhanced with included HP software)
- Have Extra CD with Win XP drivers
- Capable of larger than 8.5" x 11" scans
- Power Supply included

\$35.00

Matthew Steger  
n3ntj@earthlink.net

### *I want...*

The RAE Club is looking for a piece of equipment that you might just have... If you have a **220 Transceiver** we would like to hear from you!!

Please contact *Steve LaJohn*.  
Email- slajohn@adelphia.net  
Home- 774-0363  
Pager- 879-7723

### *Can we trade?*

If have something that you would like to trade, just drop me a note at my NEW email account. It's rjl191@adelphia.net.

For those that don't have email and would like to contribute to the ad listings or write an article for the QuaRae you can contact me by phone. My local phone is: 897-9872. My pager number is: 878-6652. Paging me is preferred since I am out and about most of the day. Just dial the number, wait for the tones, then dial your home phone number, and I'll call you back ASAP.

### *For Sale...*

#### HEATHKIT DX-100

For AM use and a nice collectable! Cabinet unassembled still in box.

Make an offer to Paul W3QPP  
868-5519

### *For Sale...*

#### Alinco DJ196 2M HT

- Includes supplied accessories & 12V power cord.
- 6 months old

\$90.00  
Marty Fox N3EPU  
881-1668

### *I want...*

12V Car Charger for the Kenwood TR2600 HT

Marty Fox N3EPU  
881-1668